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Already Given

True spirituality is not a search for perfection or control or the door to the next world; it is a search for divine union now. The great discovery is always that what we are searching for has already been given! I did not find it; it found me. It is Jacob's shout of Eureka! at the foot of his ladder to heaven in Genesis 28:16-17 ~ Richard Rohr, "The Naked Now: Learning to See as the Mystics See"

Towards the end of the Wizard of Oz movie, do you remember the scene where Dorothy is talking about what she has learned in Oz? And then we find her saying, "there's no place like home, there's no place like home..." and suddenly she finds herself back home. Like Dorothy, we go looking for something that we feel we lack, only to discover we were carrying hidden treasure the whole time, and that we could return home whenever we wanted.

Spiritual questing, divine union, coming home to ourselves and to God is a little like that...we suddenly realize that what we seek and need so desperately is already given to us, we just didn't know it. Jesus invites us to walk with him on the water, invites us to put out our nets into deeper waters, invites us to oneness, to stillness, to breathe.

Spirit is not interested in our trying to be perfect, in our trying to batten down all the hatches and control all the possibilities of our lives, nor in forsaking the realities and experiences of this life for the one to come.

Spirit is whispering in your ear today, "Let yourself be found, what you seek is right here but you will not be able to manage, orchestrate or control what I have waiting for you." Let go, relax, breathe...I am right here...

Prayer: Spirit of the Living God, I open myself to you. Awaken me to your presence, your power and your love. I want to be found by you today. Give me eyes to see and ears to hear. Amen.