

PRAYER & FASTING - DAY 5



COME OUT OF HIDING

Father,

You already know where I am.

You know the places where I have hidden because I was afraid, ashamed, confused, stubborn, or simply unwilling to look honestly at what was happening in my own heart. You know what I have defended, minimized, justified, blamed on someone else, or tried to cover.

And still, You call to me:

“Where are you?”

Lord, help me answer You honestly.

I don't want to hide behind explanations. I don't want to compare myself to someone else so I can feel better about what needs Your attention in me. I don't want to bring You a resume of everything I've done right when what You are asking for is simply the truth.

Give me the humility to say, **“God, have mercy on me.”**

Show me what I need to confess, and give me the courage not only to confess it but to renounce it—to turn away from what is separating me from You and turn my whole heart back toward You.

Teach me to shuv—to return.

When shame tells me to hide, remind me that You give **more grace**.

When fear tells me to stay in the shadows, help me **qom**—to stand in Your light and allow You to grow what cannot grow while I keep it hidden.

Teach me what deserves my resistance. I do not want to resist Your voice while surrendering to the voices that drive me away from You. Help me stand against deception, accusation, pride, fear, and anything else that tells me distance from You is safer than nearness.

Instead, teach me to **karav—to draw near**.

I submit myself to You.

I turn toward You.

I come near to You.

And Father, as I seek You, help me recognize the beautiful truth that You have already been seeking me.

You came into the garden.

You called into the hiding place.

You asked where I was.

Your grace was already there.

Let me know Your **chen**—Your grace and favor—not as permission to remain unchanged, but as the safety that allows me to tell You the truth and be transformed by it.

And let there be **anag—delight** in our relationship. Restore the joy of simply being near You. Teach me to know Your heart, not only Your commands.

Today I am coming out of hiding.

Here I am, Lord.

This is where I am.

And I trust Your heart enough to let You meet me here.

Amen.

