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# INVESTING IN ONE ANOTHER

I CAN'T SHAKE THIS CONCEPT AND GROWING UNDERSTANDING OF INVESTING IN ONE ANOTHER. SO... I'LL JUST TAKE SOME TIME AND WRITE ABOUT IT!

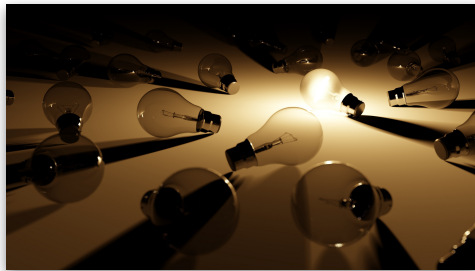
I'LL START WITH THIS... FAMILY.

FAMILY HAS MANY FACES, MANY SHAPES AND SIZES.

I HAVE FOUND THAT TRUE FAMILY IS WHERE YOU FIND YOUR BELONGING. WHERE WE FIND A PLACE TO REST, TO FEAST, TO GRIEVE AND TO GROW...

FOR ME, FAMILY HAS BEEN A PLACE OF WAKING UP, AND DOING SO IN SAFETY AND UNCONDITIONAL LOVE.

I WOULD LOVE TO SAY THAT MY FAMILY OF BIRTH HAS BEEN THIS FOR ME IN ENTIRETY, BUT THEY HAVEN'T. IT SEEMS THAT FAMILY IS FOUND IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE, WITH ALL TYPES OF PEOPLE, FOR ALL DIFFERENT REASONS AND PURPOSES. NO ONE IS CAST OFF OR THROWN AWAY, BUT AS I DEVELOP AND CHANGE SO DOES THE PEOPLE WHO CROSS MY PATHS AND BECOME THIS SACRED EMBODIMENT THAT IS FAMILY.



LET ME KNOW IF THIS IS YOUR EXPERIENCE...

EVERY RELATIONSHIP I HAVE EVER BEEN IN BEGAN AS A SEED. LIKE A NEW BEGINNING. AS WE CHOSE TO COME IN CLOSER TO ONE ANOTHER, THIS SEED OF RELATIONSHIP GREW.

FOR EXAMPLE, I USED TO SAY I AM AN OPEN BOOK, ASK ME ANYTHING, I'LL TELL YOU ANYTHING. BUT WHEN I CAME IN CLOSER TO YESHUA I SAW HOW THIS MINDSET WAS A DISSERVICE TO ME.

TO KNOW ABOUT SOMEONE OR SOMETHING DOES NOT MEAN I KNOW THEM INTIMATELY, OR PERSONALLY. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO CONCEPT, CRAFT, OR WHATEVER, INTIMATELY.

TO KNOW SOMETHING OR SOMEONE MEANS I MUST EXPERIENCE THEM. BECAUSE WHEN I EXPERIENCE, IT IS HERE THAT I BECOME. THEIR INFLUENCE, THEIR ENERGY AND LIFE BEGINS TO TRANSFORM ME AND I BEGIN TO BECOME A BIT MORE LIKE THEM AND THEY LIKE ME. ANYTHING THAT IS WORTH ANYTHING IS THE LIFE WE BECOME AS WE MOVE CLOSER INTO TWO BECOMING ONE. AND WHATEVER IS SUPERFICIAL OR EMPTY NATURALLY FADES AWAY.

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GOODNESS, HOW CAN WE INVEST IN ONE ANOTHER AS WE JOURNEY TOGETHER?

MAYBE OUR BEGINNING IS A SIMPLE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF BEING IN THE SAME ROOM. WHATEVER THIS ROOM OR PLACE MAY BE. A SMILE TENDS TO FOLLOW.

AND THEN MAYBE IT MOVES INTO SLOWING OUR OWN THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS IN ORDER TO HEAR ANOTHER PERSON'S LIFE THROUGH WORDS THAT REALLY MEAN MUCH MORE THAN WHAT IS BEING SAID. \*IF WE COULD REMEMBER THAT A HUMAN IS MORE VAST AND DEEPER THAN WE COULD EVER IMAGINE, WE MAY SEE THAT ONE WORD CONTAINS MORE LIFE WITHIN IT THAN A SIMPLE 1 DIMENSIONAL DEFINITION\*

THEN, POSSIBLY, WE MAY BEGIN TO EXPERIENCE A FLICKER OF CONNECTION FROM A PLACE WHERE THOUGHT AND EMOTION DARE NOT TREAD.

AND JUST MAYBE OUR IDEA OF RELATIONSHIP OR LOVE BEGINS TO FIND FRESH MEANING. NEW FACES, NEW NAMES, WIDER SPHERE OF POSSIBILITY.

AND SOMEHOW, FAMILY, BELONGING AND INVESTMENT GO HAND-IN-HAND



IT IS A GIFT TO FIND SOMEONE WHO WILL SLOW DOWN IN THEIR OWN LIFE IN ORDER TO SEE INTO YOURS. HOLD THEM CLOSE, BUT NOT TOO TIGHTLY THAT THEY MAY CHOKE. LET US GIVE ONE ANOTHER SPACE TO GROW, DEVELOP, TEST WATERS AND EXPLORE.

SINCERELY YOURS,

MANDY 