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Jesus – My Restorer

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As they say, long time no see...it has been quite long since the last time I shared something with you in the previous website – www.selamwesenay.org. When I saw this new website, I thought it would be a good opportunity to use this occasion to share my thoughts with you. It is not easy to get such a wonderful platform for sharing the word of God with brothers and sisters in Christ. May God bless all of those who worked tirelessly for this website to get up and running.

To come back to my point, I want to start with a simple question. I want you to think before you answer the question. Who is Jesus to you right now? Let me say it in a different way. If you were asked what would you prefer to call Jesus in one or two words, what would you call Him? I am sure Jesus can be related to us in different ways at different times, situations or stages of our lives. He can be our Lord, Saviour, God, best friend, comforter, rock, father, mother, fortress, shield,... the list is endless.

As you will agree with me, all of us pass through dark moments in our spiritual lives. I was having one of those moments in the last two to three years. Thank God, God never leave us alone even when we are passing through the shallow of death because of our stubbornness. Like the father of the prodigal son (Luke 15), He always looks forward to the day when we are coming back to His house and wants to give us back what we lost in our wandering.

Do you remember the story about the “foot steps in the sand”? For those of you who do not know the story, it is a story about a man having a flash of his life in his dreams. In all the way, there were two footsteps, one his own and the other Jesus'. He was mesmerized when he noticed that in all of his difficult moments of his life, he could only see one pair of footsteps. He asked Jesus, why did you leave me alone in times I need you the most? And Jesus answered, my dear son those footsteps were mine not yours. I was carrying you. Jesus will never leave us; never will He forsake us (Hebrew 13:5).

“He restores my soul...” (Psalm 23:3)

In this psalm, David manages to express beautifully how God is perfect in the business of restoration. Restoration involves bringing back the initial beauty of an old building, architecture, art work or anything for that matter. Psalm 23 perfectly fits with the actions of father of the prodigal son after his lost son was found. He restores the lost dignity of his beloved son. He never waits for his son even to list all his wrongdoings and ask for forgiveness. He accepted his son just as he is, with all his failures, wastefulness and sins. How amazing is our father. He has given us the right to be called His sons and daughters (1 John 3:1). It is not our good deeds, it is just His unconditional love that always restore us.

So, right now I want to call Jesus my restorer. Yes!!! He truly is my RESTORER!!! Would you like Him to be your restorer? He is ready. Come just as you are.

God bless.

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