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**WORD WITH
SHARAD AND PREMA**



WITH ARMS WIDE OPEN

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

In this present fast-food and instant coffee age everyone is seem to be very busy. Seldom people have time for others. Parents are so busy in earning bread that they do not have enough time for their children. Even ministers of God are so busy in the God's business that they cannot give time for others. This world is become busiest place. And moreover now at this present time this so called-pandemic is very helpful for them who do not have time for others.

Being a busiest person Jesus had time for others. He was so busy in day time and night time he used to be with his Father in prayer. Not only that I believe that he was easily approachable and assessable person by anyone, literate, illiterate, poor, rich, educated, non-educated etc.

1). Nicodemus a Pharisees a ruler of the Jews: He came at night with some valuable question to discuss with Jesus. Jesus welcomed him at night, (John 3 1-2). Jesus cleared his spiritual doubt at night. Jesus did not send him away telling it is late night and I must go to bed, come tomorrow morning.

2). A sinner woman: Jesus was in one of the Pharisees house to eat. A woman who was a sinner in the eyes of people came in and stood at Jesus' feet behind him. She weeping and began to wash his feet with tears and wipe them with her hairs and kissed and anointed them with the ointment, (Luke 7:36-39).

I would like to mention here that Jesus did not care about what was he people's opinion about the lady. He just allowed her to complete her work of worship. In the eyes of people she was a sinner, outcast, rejected by the people. Even the host, Simon a Pharisee said in his heart, if this man were a prophet he would know that this woman is a sinner and would thrust her out, (Luke 7:39). The act of the woman did not embarrassed Jesus at any cost, he was so inclusive here.

I well remembered the words of Jesus, rather the answer of the question of the people on this particular matter of exclusion, "For even the Son of came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

Pharisees and Scribes murmured against Jesus that he was receiving sinners and eating with them. Jesus was moving with any one who felt undesirable or unwanted, lepers, Gentiles, Tax Collectors and the poor and persecuted and sinners. How could he do that? **Because of his love for them!** Jesus did not care what people were thinking about him when he embrace the unloved and unworthy. He was approachable to everyone. His arms were wide open to everyone to embarrass.

The pride, egoism and superiority are great obstacle for love. But humility opens the way to love the unloved.

When we walk in love with everyone the obstacle of superiority is replaced by compassion, generosity, and kindness and then we become approachable to anyone who feels left out or unwanted.

May our good Lord continue to bless you, your families and work of your hands! Prema and I love you so dearly and pray for you daily! Write us for we love to hear from you!

Remember, **Jesus is Lord** and take with you **the Word of God and Faith**, excellent traveling Companions. (Psalms 119:105; II Corinthians 5:7).

PRAY FOR US