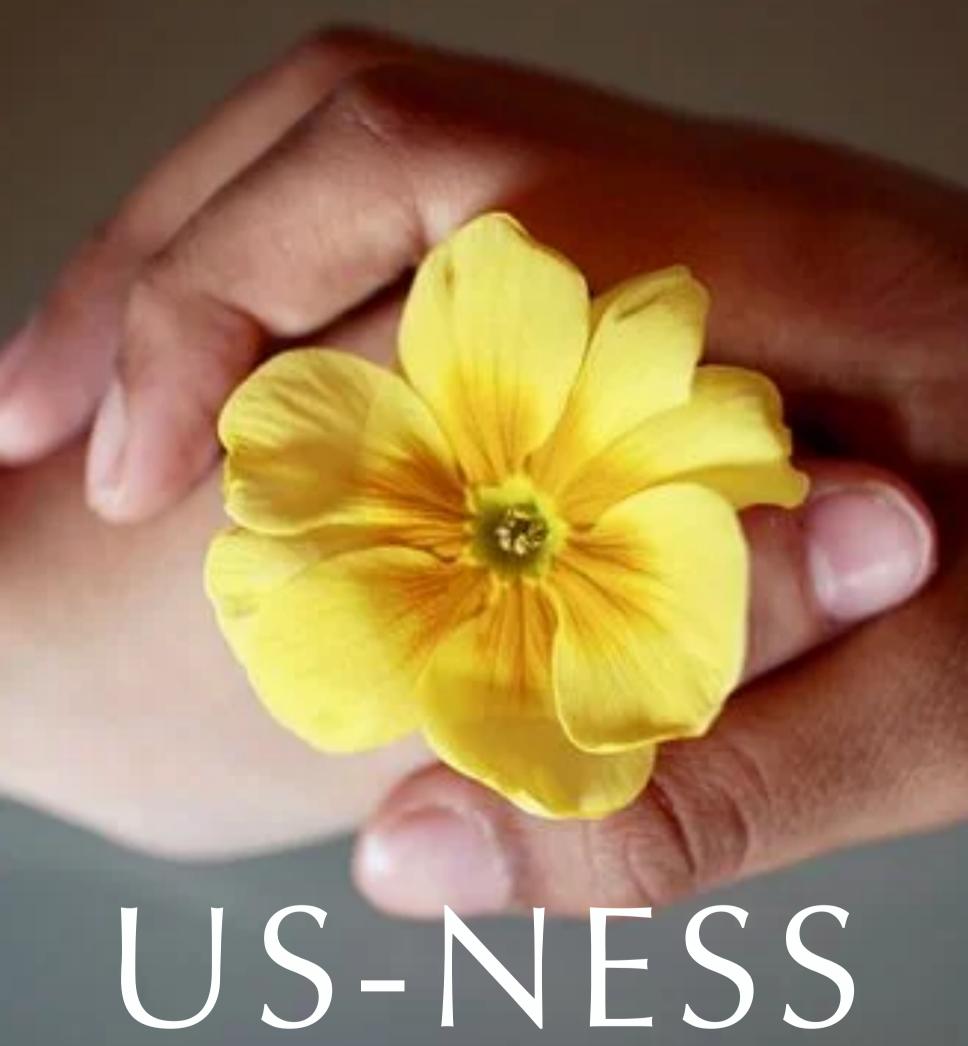
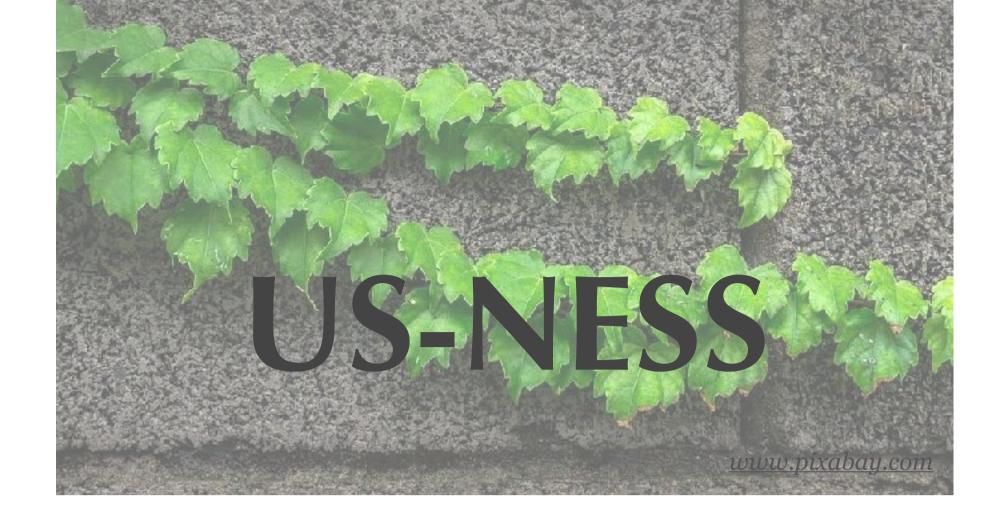
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God (&) Humanity



The MYSTERY of one-ness born out of promise of celebrating God never leaving us.

"For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection,"

Romans 6:5 (NAS77 emphasis mine)



I had a dream. One which is all too real for many. Linda and I were driving to the airport. She was going on a trip. We were late but having one off our usual deep US-NESS conversations about life and people. You know, how they are not like us. As we ventured on, we came to a corner when she interrupted one of my epiphanies instructing me to pull over.

I sensed something was wrong. Once parked, she turned to me looking me eye to eye and said, "I'm leaving you." She paused as I gasped realizing this was not a joke. I responded with another gasp for breath. She got out. I cried after trying to maintain our US-NESS, "You'll miss your flight." She looked at me like a stranger and said, "I'm leaving YOU.' Not waiting for a response she turned and walked away.

Fortunately I had an early morning bathroom call and awoke from this nightmare. It was 5:30 AM and after doing what I had to do I

returned to my bed to try and shake off this palpable corrosive pain and emptiness.

Had I been living with a fraud for 52 years. Had any of the promises been real? Had I fallen for duplicity, a liar, and a thief. She had taken my heart with no way to return it. I had traded my heart for an US-NESS that simply disappeared because one of us had some life agenda that did not include the other.

After several minutes things got worse. Not with Linda, she was still sleeping, but I grew to realize the very pain I had felt was not mine and Linda was not the culprit. I had the privilege to sense Jesus's pain. Years ago I had felt the pain of His love being rejected. To my surprise there was not much difference.

My soul had been expanded by my union with Linda, but in the dream I saw the child of our union, that US-NESS, evaporate. The promise of 'the two shall become one' had become a lie. The ability to destroy that union had lived on in the form of selfishness lurking in some dark, damp, forgotten corner. Even as I pen this, I shiver at the revelation that whatever union I have with God based on my soul's or flesh's ability to maintain it is sure to vanish.

The mystery of union that manifested out of thin air, Christ, will never leave you nor forsake you. That clause, *forsake you*, means He will never give up trusting the US-NESS to overpower the desire to live a 'just-me-ness'.

In the dream I had no power to chase Linda down. Her heart had vanished from view. But our God has sought us out when we had no need for some US-NESS and wooed us to Himself discovering His eternal kindnesses and mercies. He has the ability to keep that which He has sought out and captured in the first place. He has the power to be on every street corner you my pass and with heart out and full of immeasurable riches unrelentingly offering the treasure of His Person. His agenda is to create an US-NESS that seems to have always existed.

An US-NESS left to you is sure to be rejected by you for your sense of a just-me-ness. Why? Because you want to rule your heart and walk in the dark instead of walking in the light.

In the dream, as Linda walked away, I lost my reason to live. She had rejected me. Once awake, my history spoke the truth. He has never left me.



From the desk of your friend in Christ Jesus,

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