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lukaNkulunkulu Ngawe



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ISINGENISO



Ngiyakholwa okuyikho abantu abakudingayo kakhulukazi yisambulela esimathupha mayelana lothando luka Nkulunkulu ngamunye ngamunye. Kuyikuzwisisa lokhu okusipha isisekelo sokuba munye, lobudlelwano obuseduze laye njalo lokuba likholwa kuKristu elinqobayo. Akudingeki “lwazi lwenqondo” mayelana ngothando luka Nkulunkulu; sidinga isambulelo sothando lwakhe ezinhliziyweni zethu. NguMoya Oyingcwele kuphela ongasipha lokho, ekwenza lapho uma lathi sizidla ngalolo thando, uma sinanzelela uthando luka Nkulunkulu empilweni zethu, njalo sidinga lesa sambulelo elizwini elilotshiweyo lika Nkulunkulu lango kuthandaza. Ukwamukela ukuba uNkulunkulu wathanda umhlaba wonke ngokweneleyo wasethumela uJesu ukuzo fela izono zomuntu wonke kulula kanjalo. Kodwa ukukholwa ukuba uNkulunkulu uyakuthanda kakhulu okokuthi wayengamthumela uJesu ukuthi azofela wena wedwa emhlabeni kungani kunzima ukukwamukela.

Ngemva kweminyaka yokuba ngumkristu odangeleyo, ngafinyelela ekwamukeleni uthando lukaNkulunkulu alalo kimi. UNkulunkulu wangambulela lokhu ngomusa ngo Moya OyiNgcwele, uthando lwakhe oluqonde mina uqobolwami. Lesi sambulelo esiyisiqukoqela sesiguqule impilo yami yonke kanye lobudlelwano bami naye. Umthandazo wami yikuba, usabala lolu gwalo, uthole isambulelo sothando lukaNkulunkulu kuwe. Ngakho ngiyakukhuthaza ukuba uziphe isikhathi sokulubala,

njalo ulusebenzise lukukhokhelele ekuzwisiseni uthando luka Nkulunkulu esilubona eBhayibhilini, lokuzidla unakane ngemibhalo lemicabango esiyithola emakhasini alandelayo.

UNkulunkulu uyakuthanda kakhulu! Njalo ufuna wazi njalo uhlanganele lothando lwakhe nsukuzonke, kugoqela impilo yakho yonke, njengalokho wangenzela mina. Ngakho ngikwethulela lolu gwalo ngokuzehlisa, ngisazi ukuba angisilutho uma ngingalaye uThixo, njalo loba yisiphi isambulelo loba ukuzwisisa engilakho eliZwini lakhe kungumusawakhe nje kuphela.

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UNKULUNKULU UYAKUTHANDA!

“Ngoba uNkulunkulu walithanda ilizwe kangaka waze wanikela ngeNdodana yakhe ezelwe yodwa, ukuba loba ngubani okholwa kuyo angabhubhi kodwa abe lokuphila okunaphakade”

- John 3 vesi 16

uNkulunkulu ufuna imuli. Ufuna ukuba nguBaba wethu. Sadalelwa ukuba sibe lobudlelwano laye sibe ngamadodana lamadodakazi akhe; siphila impilo ephuphumayo uKrestu afela ukuba siyifumane. Lokhu kutsho ukuthi ufuna ukuba sikhangelele ngakuye, seyame kuye, simthande, simvumele laye asithande. uNkulunkulu ufuna simethembe njalo sifinyelele kuye nxa silezidingo. Ufuna ubudlelwano lomunye lomunye wethu. Abanye bethu sisuka sicabange uJohane isahluko 3 vesi 16, ngendlela ebanzi kakhulu. Yebo ye, ngiyazi uJesu wafela umhlaba kodwa umhlaba wona asibantu abanengi. Wafela omunye lomunye. Wakufela wena. Iqiniso yikuthi aluba wawuwedwa emhlabeni, wayelokhu engakufela uJesu. Wayezakumela ukuhlukunyezwa esenzela wena. iNkosi iyalithanda njalo uthando lwayo lunaphakade, bala (uJeremiya Isahluko 31 vesi 3)

Kwelinye ilanga ngitshayela, uNkulunkulu wakhulumisana

lami esithi “Joyce uluhlamvu lwelihlo lami. Isitha seza khonapho khonapho sathi akusikho na ukuzikhukhumeza lokho? Wena uzenza ubani? Ngasengicabanga ukuthi akufanelanga ukuthi ngicabange ngaleyo ndlela. Ukunanzelela ukuthi siqakathekile njalo silezipho ezimangalisayo, amathalenta, lokwenelisa okuhambelana lendlela esicabanga ngayo. Kodwa iqiniso yikuthi sonke sidalwe nguBaba okuhlukileyo. uNkulunkulu uyathanda imihlobo lemihlobo yikho wasidala sehlukana. Kusitsho ukuthi kakuthakazeleli ukuthi uzifanise lomunye, uzame ukuba njengabo. Uqakathekile kuye unjengoba wakudala. Ngasengicabanga owesifazana omiyo lapho okuthengiswa khona ama aphula. Wakhangekhangela abesedobha elibukeka ngcono kulamanye. Ngazwisisa umbiko kaNkulunkulu wokuthi mina ngangiyileso sithelo esibukeka kuhle kuye, i ‘apple’ eliqakathekileyo. uNkulunkulu ukhangela omunye lomunye wethu njalo. Kungayisikho ukuthi uthi uqakathekile kulabo bonke abantu. Uthi sonke siqakathekile.

uNkulunkulu uyatsho ezwini lakhe njalo izwi lakhe ngelethu sonke. Uyimhlamvu yelihlo likaNkulunkulu. Ngesikhathi leso kangibambelelanga kulokho uNkulunkulu ayengitshela khona ngenxa yokuthi kwakungathi akulunganga ukuba lemicabangano emihle ngami. Ngemva kwamalanga amabili, ngavula uMahubo isahluko 17vesi8, ungijonge umbhalo othi “Ngigcine njengenhlamvu yelihlo, ungifihle emthunzini wempiko zakho” (NKJV). Ngatsho ukuba bekunguNkulunkulu sibili. “Ngiluhlamvu lwelihlo lakhe”.

Lokhu kwangenza ngezwa ngiqakathekile okwamagama sonke isikhathi ngicabanga ngakho. Uyazi na ukuthi uligugu kuNkulunkulu njalo ufuna ukuba uzizwe uqakathekile, uligugu, njalo uthandekile.

Abantu balokulangazelela ukuthandwa enhlizweni zabo. uNkulunkulu wasenzela leyo ndlela. Inengi liyakholwa ukuba uNkulunkulu uyawuthanda umhlaba lokuthi uyayithanda indodana yakhe uJesu, kodwa kube nzima ukukholwa ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyabathanda bona mathupha. Kukanti izwi lisifundisa ukuba yena uyasithanda njengoba ethanda uJesu. uJohane sahluko 3 vesi 16 iyasitshengisa lokhu.

Njalo ufuna ukuthela uthando lwakhe lezibusiso ezimpilweni zethu ngendlela othanda ngayo lobusisa ngayo uJesu.

uJohane isahluko 5 vesi 20 ithi, “Ngoba uyise uyayithanda indodana, uyayitshengisa konke akwenzayo yena; njalo uzayitshengisa imisebenzi emikhulu kulale, ukuze lina limangale uNkulunkulu ufuna ukusimangaza ngemisebenzi emikhulu azayenza ukuze sibe lentokozo.”

Siyabala imibhalo kodwa siyakhutha lokhu uNkulunkulu afuna ukusenzela khona. Kodwa ikakhulu afuna ukukwenza ngathi. Ufuna sibheke imisebenzi emikhulu ayenza ngoJesu njalo sikholwe ukuthi ulangazelela ukwenza okukhulu ngathi.

Ku Johane isahluko 14 vesi 12, uJesu uthi, “Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile ngithi kini; okholwa kimi, imisebenzi engiyenzayo uzayenza; ngoba mina ngiya kuBaba”.

uNkulunkulu uyenzela abantu into ezinengi nsuku zonke ngoba uyabathanda kodwa abakuboni. Umzekeliso, cabanga ukuthi insuku zonke ilanga liyaphuma, liphumela mina lawe. Amaluba ayabhuluba ngemihlobo lemihlobo kubukeke kuhle kithi. uNkulunkulu usidalele umhlaba omuhle kakhulu njalo ufuna ukuba siwukholise.

uGenesisi 1 uthi uNkulunkulu wapha umuntu amandla watsho ukuba asebenzise okusemhlabeni.

Izulu nxa libuya ngesikhathi salo, linela wena. uDeteronomi isahluko 7 vesi 9 ithi “Ngakho yazi ukuthi iNkosi uNkulunkulu othembekileyo; ogcina isivumelwano lomusa kubo abathandayo labagcina imilayo yakhe, kuze kube sezizukulwaneni eziyinkulungwane. Uthando lukaNkulunkulu alupheli.” Inengi lethu sicabanga ukuthi sesidine uNkulunkulu ngokwehluleka kwethu lamaphutha ethu, kodwa asikhoni ukukwenza lokhu. Ngaze wenzeni ngeke uqede uthando lwakhe kuwe. Uthando yinto uNkulunkulu ayenzayo, uNkulunkulu luthando.

Nxa ucabanga ukuthi ungumuntu omubi njalo ngeke uthandwe nguNkulunkulu, uyabe uyalahleka. Akulamgodi otshona okukuthi uNkulunkulu ngeke akufinyelele khona akukhiphe. Ulecebo lokukwakha njalo. Kakuxoleli izono kuphela, uma ucela kuye ngobuqotho, kodwa uyazikhohlwa azisuse izono njengalokho impumalanga itshiyene lentshonalanga (bala uMahubo 103 vesi 10-12).

Ungatsho uthi “Ngamamukela uJesu enhliziyweni yami, njalo ngiyamthanda” Kodwa ke ngikubuze, ukholwa okungakanani ukuba UThixo uyakuthanda?

Uthando olungela mkhawulo, olungakhethiyo uthando luka Thixo lungumbiko olula, njalo luyisi sekelo sakuqala asibeka empilweni yakho ukuze uzwisise konke okunye. Ngiyakholwa luyisiqalo sokusiliswa konke ezimpilweni zethu.

Loba yini ongayifunda, uyicwayisise okungakanani, udingisise izinto zikaNkulunkulu, uma usehluleka ukwamukela iqiniso lokuba uyakuthanda ngomusa kakhulukazi, awusoze ufike ndawo

ekuhambeni kwakho laye. Siyamukela kuvela kuNkulunkulu ngokukholwa, kodwa lalo ukholo lusebenza ngothando (bala uGalathiya 5vesi6). Ngakho, ngaphandle kokwamukela uthando luka Nkulunkulu asingeki samukele loba yini.

Uthando luka Nkulunkulu luyasenelisa njalo ukuba siphile singela kwesaba (bala uJohane 4 vesi 18), oluyilona siqokoqela senjabulo empilweni lokugcwalisa ikusasa lethu.

Ungalwamukela ngenkululeko na uthando lwakhe? Aluthengiswa; ngeke uluthenge ngokwenza imisebenzi emihle...ongakwenza kuphela yikwamukela, wamukele, njalo wamukelise.

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KAMBE NGILUNGILE OKWANELEYO NA?

“Ithemba elinje kalidanisi, kaliyangisi, ngoba uthando lukaNkulunkulu lutheliwe enhliziyweni zethu ngoMoya Oyingcwele esimphiweyo. Ngoba sisesebuthakathaka (singelawo amandla wokuzinceda) ngesikhathi esifaneleyo uKristu wafela ababi. Ngoba kunzima ukuba umuntu afele olungileyo, kodwa mhlawumbe kungaba khona olesibindi sokufela omuhle. Kodwa uNkulunkulu uqinisa uthando lwakhe kithi ngalokhu ukuthi uKristu wasifela siseseyizoni. Ngakho kakhuluke, lokhu sesilungisiwe ngegazi lakhe, sizakusiliswa ngaye olakeni lukaNkulunkulu. Ngoba uba, lapho siseyizitha, sazuza ukubuyisana loNkulunkulu ngokufa kweNdodana yakhe, ikakhulu, lokhu sesizuze ukubuyisana, sizakusiliswa ngokuphila kwayo.”

- KwabaseRoma 5 vesi 5-10

Kulula ukukholwa ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyasithanda nxa lathi singasoze sone. Uhlupho ngalokhu yikuthi abantu abanengi kabazithandi, njalo lokhu kubangela ukuthi bazizwe sengathi uNkulunkulu mhlawumbe laye akabathandi.

Kodwa lithi iBhayibhili, “Uyini umuntu ukuba umkhumbule wena?” Amahubo 8 vesi 4. Siyizidalwa zikaNkulunkulu, ngenye indlela uyasithanda ngoba uyasithanda. Uluthando – funda incwadi kaJohane wakuqala 4 vesi 16. UNkulunkulu uyasithanda ngoba efuna.

Uyakuthanda ngoba uligugu. Lokhu kuchaza ukuthi wena wahlukile njalo awujwayelekanga. Akumelanga ufane lami, njalo mina akumelanga ngifane lawe. Uzadana nxa uzahlala uzilinganisa labanye njalo uncintisana labo. Lokhu kunika isitha ithuba lokukutshela ukuthi kawuphelelanga. Iqiniso yikuthi kuNkulunkulu kakudingi kuphelela. UJesu wapheliswa endaweni yakho. Wahlawula izono zakho njalo wajeziswa endaweni yakho. Ibhayibhili lithi nxa uJesu wakuthanda okokuthi angakufela, lungakanani uthando lwakhe kuwe njengoba wakulungisa ngegazi lakhe. (funda kwabaseRoma 5 vesi 8-9). Uyakuthanda mpela okwaneleyo aze amboze impambeko zakho ozenza nsukuzonke njalo uyakugezisa ekungalungeni.

Nanku umzekeliso wokuthi uNkulunkulu uwabona njani amaphutha lokwehluleka kwethu. Akubone untombazana oleminyaka yokuzalwa emithathu kumbe emine, ohlala ekhangele unina esenza imisebenzi yangekhaya. Uyamthanda unina kakhulu okokuthi uyathatha inkonxa yamanzi lesikorobho aqonde ifasitela elingaphambi kwendlu. Alikorobhe ifasitela kahle, abesehlikihla ngamaphepha ifasitela licine lisiba lemijulujulu langonindwa ngesepa, lapho umntwana esebenzise ilembu likamama elithenjiweyo. Angene endlini, ngelizwi lakhe elincinyane, eliminandi, athi, “Mama mama! Sengigezisile ifasitela lakho. Ngenze umsebenzi omuhle. Ngiyakuthanda mama!”

Umama olothando athi, “Wenze into enhle. Ngiyabonga

ngokungisiza.” Kuthi nxa umntwana eseyedlala, agezise ingcekeza esefasiteleni. Ngemva kwezikhathi akhuthaze indodakazi yakhe ukuthi kumele icele uncedo ukuze ifunde ukwenza into eqondileyo.

Yikho uNkulunkulu asenzela khona. Uyenelisa ukuthi kukho konke usebenza okuhle lalabo abamthandayo uNkulunkulu, ababiziweyo ngokwecebo lakhe (funda kwabaseRoma 8 vesi 28). Nxa usenza okupheleleyo ngendlela oyaziyo, yikho kuphela uNkulunkulu akukhangeleleyo kuwe. Uyenelisa njalo uzakusiza ekwenzeni ingqubelaphambili ungaqhubeka umdinga. Uzakuguqula ufane lomfanekiso wakhe, ukhule enkazimulweni. (funda kwabaseKorinte besibili 3 vesi 18).

Ngoba lowo uNkulunkulu amthumileyo ukhuluma amazwi kaNkulunkulu, ngoba kaniki uMoya ngesilinganiso. Uyise uyayithanda iNdodana, unikele izinto zonke esandleni sayo – uJohane3 vesi 34-35.

Kwelinye ilanga ngifundisisa lindima, ngakhala ngentokozo senginanzelele ukuthi uNkulunkulu akasiphi uMoya ngesilinganiso. Yena akaphongukuncweba lokhu lalokhuyana. Yena olamandla okwenza okukhulu kakhulu ukwedlula konke esikucelayo lesikunakanayo (kwabase Efesu 3 vesi 20).

uDeterenomi 7 vesi 6-7 uNkulunkulu uthi, “Ngoba lingabantu abangcwele eNkosini uNkulunkulu wenu, ilikhethile ukuba libe ligugu kuyo phakathi kwazo zonke izizwe ezasemhlabeni. INkosi kayilithandanga, kayilikhethanga ngoba lalibanengi kuzo zonke ezinye izizwe, ngoba lalibalutshwana kulazo zonke.”

Lokhu kuyinto ethokozisayo, “Ngikuphe uthando lwami, njalo ngakutshela ukuthi ungwele. Ngakutshela ukuthi uligugu. Ngakukhetha, hatshi ngokuthi uphelele ngakuwe, kodwa ngokuthi

ngiyakuthanda.” Uyakwazi na ukuthi uNkulunkulu ufuna wenzeni namhlanje? Ufuna wamukele uthando lwakhe. Yekela ukutshela uNkulunkulu okungaqondanga ngawe; vele kawumumangalisi. Uhlezi esazi konke ngawe, kugoqela lamaphutha wonke owawuzawenza, ekungenisa ebudlelwaneni laye.

Uhlupho olukhulu inengi lethu esilalo, ngolokuthi kasizithandi. Ngenxa yalokho kasikholwa ukuthi uNkulunkulu noma omunye umuntu angasithanda. Ngakhoke sicabanga ukuthi bangakwenza njani na? mina ngonakele kangaka. Nxa uzibona njengomuntu omubi, kuyimvama ukuthi uzakuziphatha ngaleyondlela. Iqiniso yikuthi ungazake uphakame ukwedlula lokho ozibona uyikho khona.

Uhlupho lwami olukhulu lwalungelokuthi ngangingazithandi, ngangichitha isikhathi esinengi ngizama ukuzintshintsha ukuze ngibe yilokhu engangicabanga ukuthi ngibeyikho khona. Ngokomzekeliso, ngangicabanga ukuthi ngangikhuluma kakhulu, ngakhoke ngangizama ukuthula. Kodwa ngingathula, ngangidangala, ngithundubale, njalo abantu babethanda ukubakwazi ukuthi kungani ngithule. Ngibesengicabanga ukuthi lithe ngiyakhuluma kakhulu ngakho ngizama ukuthi ngingakhulumi kakhulu. Tshiyani lami.

Okweminyaka eminengi ngedlula phakathi kwemimo efana lale kodwa ngangilokhu ngingena ebunzimeni ngokukhuluma ngoba ngangizama ukuzintshintsha. Usathani wayehlala elindele ukungitshela ngobubi bami kusosonke isikhathi kungenzakala ngoba ehlezi esebenza ukusenza sizizwe silecala njalo sizisola. Ngakho ngiyaqedisisa ukuthi ukukholwa ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyakuthanda wena wonile kungabanzima.

UNkulunkulu ufuna wena ukhululeke ekuzizweni ulecala

njalo ulahliwe, kodwa udinga ukholo lesibindi ukuze ukhululeke.

Uyakwazi na ukuthi ungaze uzizwe ulecala okukhulu okungakanani, kungazake kuhlawulele lokukodwa owakwenzayo kumbe owawungakwenza kubi? Ngizakuphinda. Ukukholwa ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyakuthanda wena wonile, kakulula.

Khathesi usathane uzazama ukukhulumeza ngemicabango ngobubi bakho. “Usukwenzile kathesi,” uzakutsho. “Uzibona ungubani wena? UNkulunkulu akasoze akubusise, ubungenza ngcono. Ungazake utshele muntu ngoJesu kathesi. Ngeke akusebenzise uNkulunkulu. Njalo kasoze aphenandle imithandazo yakho. Akula lutho ongalwenza kuhle.”

Yikho lapho okudingeka ukukholwa kuNkulunkulu njalo lesibindi sokuphakama uthi, “Baba, ngonile, ngicela ungithethelele. Ngiyaxolisa kakhulu ngalokhu engikwenzileyo, njalo ngicela intethelelo yakho.” Kuqondile lakho ukuthi umphenandle usathane. Umkhumbuze ukuthi uJesu wahlawulela izono zakho njalo usuthethelelwe, wakhululwa ecaleni lokuzisola. Amandla ezwi likaNkulunkulu asebenza empilweni yakho azakwakha ukholo lwakho lethemba kuye. Usungakholisa-ke impilo ubeyisibusiso kwabanye.

Ungabe uzibuza ukuthi kungani ngihlala ngisenza iphutha elifanayo kanenginengi. Lami ngangikwenza lokho, ngaze ngakhetha ukwekela ukuzisola ngakho. Ungakhetha ukwekela uphila ulecala njalo uzisola ngokona kwakho, kuzakunceda ukuthi ungaze wakwenza. Ukuzicala lokuzisola kuyakwenza ubandezeleke njalo udangale uze ufike esibangeni sokwehluleka ukukhululeka.

Kuyabangela ukuthi ubebuthakathaka njalo uhlale uwela

esonweni lula. Yikho kumele ubelesibindi ngokwamukela isipho esivela kuNkulunkulu esokuthethelelwa lokumelana ngokuzisola.

Kusamele ukhethe ukuphila ngokholo ngalokho okukhulunywa nguNkulunkulu ezwini lakhe njalo wale ukuhlala uzicala. Isitha sizakuthi, “Utsho’ ukuthi awusoze uzisole ngalokho? Ngani, kumele uzisole okwesikhatshana. Imbi kakhulu lento oyenzileyo.”

Kodwa wena okumele ukutsho yilokhu, “Hatshi, kangisoze, kangiye kuzisola ngakho lakancane.” Ubusuthandaza kuNkulunkulu ukuze akusize njalo akuphe umusa wokuthi ukhohlwe ngakho uqhubekele phambili. Usaqala ukukwenza lokhu, kungaba nzima, kodwa kuzakuya kusiba lula.

Encwadini ka Isaya isahluko 53, siyafunda ukuthi uJesu wathwala izono zethu, wathwala lobubi kugoqela ukulahlwa. Usathane akafuni ukhululeke ekulahlweni. Ngani? Ngoba nxa ulahliwe, ungazake ngeqiniso wamkele uthando lukaNkulunkulu. Ukulahlwa kuyakwehlukanisa loNkulunkulu njalo ungeke ukholise ubukhona bakhe. Kuyakususa ekukhangeleni kuNkulunkulu, ubusuzikhangela wena.

Ungaphila ukhululekile ekuzisoleni ngokukholwa ukuthi nxa uNkulunkulu wathi umusa wakhe uyanelisa ukumboza izono zakho zonke, wayeqinisile. Uyakuthanda, njalo umusa lokuthethelela kwakhe yizipho kuwe. Zamukele lamuhla nje!

3



UTHANDO YIBUDLELWANO

“Ngakho-ke siyalwazi, sikholwe kuloluthando uNkulunkulu alalo kithi, uNkulunkulu uluthando, lo ohlala othandweni uhlala kuNkulunkulu, loNkulunkulu uhlala kuye:”

- UJohane wakuqala 4 vesi 16.

Njengoba umbhalo usitsho, uNkulunkulu uluthando, njalo ufuna sazi, sinanzelele njalo siqaphele uthando lwakhe. Manje ungaqaphela njani uthando lukaNkulunkulu? Akukhethelekile ukuthi ukuthanda okungakanani, nxa ungaluqaphelanga uthando lwakhe, akusoze kusize ngalutho. Cabanga ngokuthi kumnandi njani nxa umuntu ekuvezela uthando olunengi.

Nxa usazi ukuthi uyathandwa, kukupha ukuqiniseka. UNkulunkulu uyakuthanda njalo ufuna ukukuzezela lolothando. Uyasinxusa ngamunye ngamunye ukuthi sibe lobudlelwano laye obuseduze njalo obukhulu. Ufuna simnxuse kukho khonke esikwenzayo. Njalo ufuna sixoxisane laye njengalokhu esikwenza labangane bethu. Ulobudlelwano obuqotho, obuseduze na loNkulunkulu?

Nxa sizalwa kutsha, ubudlelwano bethu loNkulunkulu kabuhle

bujule. Kusamele sibukhulise ngendlela efana lesiyenza lomuntu wonke nje. Mina ngaba ngumKristu okweminyaka eminengi ngingaka qinisi uhambo lwami loNkulunkulu. Ngangihamba esontweni ngelanga leSonto, ngincedisa ngomsebenzi ngingadingi kuholiswa, kodwa uNkulunkulu wayengayisiyo inziki yempilo yami. Kathesi sekuyinto engiyicabanga kuqala ekuseni, ngicine ngayo futhi ebusuku. Siyahambisana ilanga lonke, njalo kakukho engikufunayo okwedlula ukumkhonza lokumthabisa uNkulunkulu wami.

Umuntu wonke ulegodi ngaphakathi kwakhe elingagcwaliswa nguNkulunkulu kuphela. Akukho esikuloyisayo kumbe esingakwenza okungagcwalisa lindawo. Ngiyakukhuthaza ukuthi uzibuze; “Mina ngiqiniseke okungakanani ngobudlelwano bami loNkulunkulu? Ngizimisele na ukuthi uNkulunkulu lentando yakhe kukhokhele empilweni yami. Ngingatsho na njengoPawuli encwadini yeMisebenzi 17 vesi 28, “Ngoba sisila, sihambe, sihlale ngaye”?

UNkulunkulu uyakuthanda, njalo uqakathekile kuye. Wakudala ukuze ube lobudlelwano laye. Lesi yiso isiloyiso sakhe esikhulu njalo yintando yakhe epheleleyo ngawe. Uyanyenzeza enhliziyweni yakho nsukuzonke ethi, “Uvuka njani, ngiyakuthanda.” Nxa ubungamuzwa ekutsho lokho kuwe, uzaqala ukulalela njalo ukholwe na?

Umngane wami wabona umfanekiso kaBaba engena ezindlini zabantu eMelika besavuka ekuseni. Wangena elungele ukudlelana lokukhulumisana labo. Wazihlalela esihlalweni esasingaphansi kwetafula. Abantu bavuka, beza, behamba, beza behamba. Babelokhu besithi kuNkulunkulu, “Ngezikhathi, hlala khonapho okwesikhatshana, Nkulunkulu, ngingaqeda lokhu engikwenzayo,

ngizakhulumisana lawe. Ngizakudlelana lawe ngezikhathi, Nkulunkulu, mbayimbayi, Nkulunkulu, mbayimbayi, Nkulunkulu.

Latshona ilanga. UNkulunkulu wasuka emizini yabo elokudana ngoba akekho owazakhulumisana laye ngalolosuku. Wonke umuntu wayesenza okuthiwa kuqakathekile baze bamswelela isikhathi uNkulunkulu.

Ungaphathani uze umswelele isikhathi uNkulunkulu. Nxa ungelaso isikhathi sokuthandaza kumbe ukuchitha isikhathi loNkulunkulu, kutsho ukuthi ubambekile. Thola isikhathi sokumtshela uNkulunkulu ukuthi umthanda okungakanani. Konke kuzakwedlula kusale uNkulunkulu kuphela. Yikho lokho. Nxa ungela budlelwano laye kathesi, uzaphelelwa yisikhathi.

Ubaba wami usanda kwedlula, njalo ngiyathokoza ukubika ukuthi wamamukela uJesu njengomsindisi okweminyaka phose emithathu engakafi. Lanxa ubaba waya ezulwini, walikhutha ithuba lokuphila impilo yokunqoba ekaNkulunkulu. Wayeziphilela yena. Ungaze wafika ekucineni kwempilo yakho uzisole ngokuthi wachitha isikhathi ezintweni ezivele zingelancedo. Isikhathi yisipho esiligugu esivela kuNkulunkulu njalo kumele sinanzelele ukuthi sisisebenzisa njani. Uyabona, singaze sihambe, kasiphenduki. Isikhathi esiphiwe uNkulunkulu siletha imivuzo emangalisayo, ezinye izinto ziletha intokozo eyize njalo ayila nzuzo.

Ngiyakucebisa ukuthi wenze isinqumo sokuchitha umnyaka olandelayo ukhangele ethandweni lukaNkulunkulu, ufundisisa imbhalo ngothando, ukuze ufunde ukwamukela uthando lwakhe. Uthando lukaNkulunkulu luletha ukuphelela, ukuthula, intokozo lesifutha ngempilo. UNkulunkulu ufuna sichelese njalo sikholise ukuba ngabantwabakhe. Fundisisa imbhalo ngoNkulunkulu,

ubemazi ngcono. UJohane 4 vesi 16 “Ngakho-ke siyalwazi, sikholwe kuloluthando uNkulunkulu alalo kithi. UNkulunkulu ukuthando, lohlala ethandweni uhlala kuNkulunkulu, loNkulunkulu uhlala kuye.”

Ungezwa sengathi kawuthandwa uvuka ekuseni, mhlawumbe kawulawo amandla, njalo uyabona ukuthi uzadangala ilanga lonke, nanzi indaba ezimnandi, ungaguqula umumo wakho ngokukhuluma amazwi okholo, akhuthazayo. Phumisela uthi, “UNkulunkulu uyangithanda kakhulu. Ngililuba lelihlo lakhe, njalo unghilelele okuhle.” Nxa uzakhuluma ngoNkulunkulu lezwi lakhe, endaweni yenhlupho lokuthi uzwa njani, ungaluntshinsha usuku lwakho. Kumele ukhulume wedwa njalo unanzelele ukuthi usingathwe luthando lukaNkulunkulu. Ibhayibhili lithi uNkulunkulu ulomfanekiso wakho.

“Ngiyabathanda kakhulu. Khangela abantwabami, basezandleni zami.” Isaya 49 vesi 16. Liyisikhumbuzo kusosonke isikhathi ukuthi uyalithanda njalo uyalangazelela ubudlelwano lani, likhumbule ukumbonga uNkulunkulu, likhulise ubudlelwano obuqhubekela phambili laye. Kwesinye isikhathi ungekela konke okwenzayo, uthathe ithuba lokumbonga uNkulunkulu ukuthi uyamazi njalo lokuthi yena uyamangalisa kangani. Chelesa njalo umthande uNkulunkulu. UJohane wakuqala 4 vesi 16-17 uthi, “UNkulunkulu uluthando, lo ohlala othandweni uhlala kuNkulunkulu, loNkulunkulu uhlala kuye. Uthando luphelelisiwe kithi ukuze sibe lesibindi mhla wosuku lokuthonisiswa”. Ukwazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyakuthanda kukupha ithemba lokuqiniseka ekuthembakaleni kwakhe.

Izithembiso zakho zonke alazo ziza ngokumvumela ukuthi akuthande uNkulunkulu ukunqoba isono, ukuthula enhliziyweni,

ukusiliswa, impilo egcwele izipho zakhe, kunye lentokozo.

Lokhu kungeza ngokuvumela ukuthi uNkulunkulu akuthande kuphela. Kanenginengi siyakuphendulela lokhu, sithi thina yithi okumele simthande uNkulunkulu. Mina ngikholwa ukuthi, okwakuqala, umvumele uNkulunkulu akuthande. Kangikholwa ukuthi ungaveza uthando lwakho kuNkulunkulu ngaphandle umvumele ukuthi akuthande. Ibhayibhili lithi siyathanda ngoba yena wasithanda kuqala. (funda incwadi kaJohane yakuqala 4 vesi 19).

Nxa sesizazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyasithanda njalo semukele uthando lwakhe, siyenelisa ukuthi lathi simthande. Sidlelane laye. Ungabe umangala ukuthi singadlalani njani loNkulunkulu? Wathi engitshela ukuthi ngibe lobudlelwano laye uNkulunkulu ngazihlalela phansi ngasengisith, “Kwenziwani keNkulunkulu?” ngangingazi ukuthi ngidlelane njani laye uNkulunkulu ngoba ngalesosikhathi, ngangingazi ukuthi ungithanda okungakanani, njalo ngingaqedisisi ukuthi ufuna ngibe ngumngane wakhe oseduze. Ngisachitha isikhathi laye, ngikhuleka, ngifunda izwi kwesinye isikhathi ngizithulela ebukhoneni bakhe, ngafunda ukukholisa ubudlelwano loNkulunkulu. Ngifuna ukukhuthaza ukuthi uthathe inyathela, lawe uqalise. Muphe ithuba uNkulunkulu, uzakufundisa ukudlelana laye. Kangisoze ngikuphe indlela ethile eyokudlelana loNkulunkulu. Kangifuni ube loluhlu lwamanyathela. Ngifuna uholwe nguMoya Oyingcwele. UNkulunkulu ufuna uhlaliseke kuye njengalokhu sifunda kwabaseEfesu 3 vesi 17, ukuthi inhliziyo yakho yindlu kaKristu.

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UTHANDO, ITHEMBA LOKHOLO

“Ngoba kuKristu kakusizi lutho ukusoka lokungasoki, kodwa kuphela ukukholwa okusebenza ngothando”

- KwabaseGalathiya 5 vesi 6

Inengi lethu sichitha isikhathi esinengi sizama ukuba lokholo. Siyazi ukuthi nxa singelalo ukholo kunzima ukumthabisa uNkulunkulu (kwabaseHebheru 11 vesi 6) ngakho siyasebenza njalo silwise ukuthi sibe lokholo olunengi.

Kuza ngokwanjulwelwa okuvela kuNkulunkulu kuphela. Ngingeke ngikufundise ukholo, kodwa ngingakufundisa indlela zokholo njalo ngikwenze ululambele okuzabangela wenze noma yini ukuze uluthole. Ukholo luyisandla esifinyelelayo njalo samukele okuvela kuNkulunkulu.

Kusamele sekele ukulwisa kanzima sidinga ukholo ukuze sithabise uNkulunkulu, sithathe lesosikhathi lemizamo, sisichithe loNkulunkulu, simthanda njalo sisamukela uthando lwakhe.

2 KwabaseKorinte 5 vesi 7 ithi, “Ngoba sihamba ngokukholwa, kasihambi ngokubona.” Kwelinye ilanga ngifunda lumbhalo ngezwa uNkulunkulu ekhulumisana lami ngezinto ezimqoka.

Wangitshengisa ukuthi kayisikho ukufuna kwami kumbe ukuhamba kwami ngokholo, okusebenzayo. Lumbhalo uthi ngizakwenelisa ukuhamba ngokholo kusiya ngokuthi lukholo bani engilalo ngobudlelwano bani loNkulunkulu.

Mana, ucabange ngakho lokhu. Uzibuze ngokuthi uzwani ngobudlelwano bakho loNkulunkulu. Umuntu ozibona elungile phambi kukaNkulunkulu angeke ahambe ngokholo. Senziwe saba yikuluga kukaNkulunkulu ngokuzinikela kukaJesu Kristu (2 KwabaseKorinte 5 vesi 21). Ukulunga kwethu akuyi ngalokhu esakwenzayo kumbe esizakwenza, kodwa ngalokhu okwenziwa ngu Jesu. Ngakho umuntu okholwa ukuthi yena akalancedo njalo uNkulunkulu akamthandi, ngeke ahambe ngokholo.

kwabaseGalathiya 5 vesi 6. Ukukholwa kusebenza ngothando. Abantu abanengi bacabanga ukuthi umbhalo lo utsho ukuthi nxa bangenelisa ukuthanda abanye abantu, ukholo lwabo luzobasebenzela njalo bazakwamukela abakufunayo kuvela kuNkulunkulu. Lanxa uNkulunkulu efuna ukuthi sihambe ethandweni, lokhu kakwenzakali size simvumele ukuthi asithande. Kulula: singazake siphe ulutho okungamelanga siluphe. Ngizamile okweminyaka eminengi ukuhamba ngothando lwabantu ngoba ngangisazi ukuthi ngumlayo kaNkulunkulu, kodwa ngehluleka kanenginengi ngaze ngemukela uthando lukaNkulunkulu olungela mithetho.

Nxa ukuzizwa ngcono kwami kuqhela, ngangisenelisa ukufinyelela abantu ngothando oluqotho ngamandla. Nxa usazi mpela ukuthi uNkulunkulu ukuthanda okunganani, awusoze ube lohlupho ekwamukeleni okuvela kuNkulunkulu langokuhlanganyelwa kwezidingo zakho. Isizatho abantu abanengi besehluleka ukwamukela yikuthi kabakholwa impela

ngokupheleleyo, ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyabathanda njalo ufuna ukuhlanganyela izidingo zabo njalo ababusise.

Ungathi wena, “Ngiyafuna ukukukholwa lokho, kodwa njani? Ulalo uthando lukaNkulunkulu ngaphakathi kwakho, njalo okumele ukwenze yikuqala ukunanzelela nxa ekwambulela. Ibhayibhili lithi, “Siyamthanda, ngoba yena wasithanda kuqala.” (1 Johane 4 vesi 19). Ngabe kakwenzakali ukuthi umthande uNkulunkulu kungayisikho ukuthi ulesiqiniseko sokuthi wakuthanda kuqala.

Uthando lukaNkulunkulu lusenzelisiwe yakho, lutshonile ngaphakathi kwakho. Uzakwazi lokhu ungaqala ukuzibona ngendlela akubona ngayo. Uthi yena, uyamangalisa, umuhle, uyabukeka, ulezipho njalo uligugu kuye. UNkulunkulu uyakuthanda.

Akekho emhlabeni wonke ozakuthanda ngendlela uNkulunkulu akuthanda ngayo. Ungajula ekuzindleni ngothando lukaNkulunkulu, uzajula ekweneliseni ukukhulula ukholo lwakho njalo uzayiphila impilo akuhlelele yona.

Awudingi omunye umuntu ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu, kodwa uzakupha abanye abantu ozakuphila labo. Iqiniso yikuthi ngabe kuyikuthi kakukho omunye umuntu ngaphandle kwakho loNkulunkulu, ubuzaziphilela. UNkulunkulu uzakuba ngumngane wakho oseduze lawe ukwedlula bonke. Ungenzi iphutha lokumcela ukuthi akwenzele nje izinto, umcele ukuthi yena abonakale empilweni yakho. Umcele akugcwalise ngakho konke ukugcwala kwakhe (kwabaseEfesu 3 amavesi 16-19).

UNkulunkulu uyakuthanda njalo ufuna ukuhlanganyela izidingo zakho njalo agcwalisise iziloyiso zenzelisiwe yakho.

Ungazithokozisa eNkosini, izakunika lezozinto ngendlela yayo njalo ngesikhathi sayo (Amahubo 37 vesi 4). UNkulunkulu watshela uAbrahama ukuthi uzakumbusisa njalo amenze abe yisibusiso kwabanye. Yikho uNkulunkulu afuna ukukwenzela khona, kodwa kumele ukukholwe. Khulula ukholo lwakho, njalo ukholwe kuzo zonke izithembiso zikaNkulunkulu ngoba ngezakho.

Ukholo luqathaniswa lemisebenzi yenyama

Umusa ungachazwa njengesiloyiso sikaNkulunkulu sokusebenzisa amandla akhe empilweni yakho ukuze ahlanganyele lezidingo zakho zonke. Njengalokhu uNkulunkulu, ngomusa, wakupha ukholo olweneleyo ukuze usindiswe, ngokunjalo, ngenxa yothando, uyakupha ukholo lokukholwela ezinye izinto ozifunayo kumbe ozidingayo. Ungabe ufuna ukuthi abathandekayo bakho bamamukele uKristu, kodwa iqiniso yikuthi ungazake wenze noma ngubani athande uNkulunkulu. Ungathandaza umcele uNkulunkulu athinte inhliziyi zabo, kodwa ungazake ukwenze kwenzakale ngeyakho imisebenzi.

Imisebenzi yomzimba, kumbe izinto esizama ukuzenza ngawethu amandla, kuso sonke isikhathi zisenza sizizwe sidangele ngoba sizama ukwenza ulutho olungenziwa nguNkulunkulu kuphela. Siyasebenza singatholi impumela enhle. Okumele sikwenze yikuzehlisa phambi kukaNkulunkulu sicele uncedo lwakhe. iBhayibhili lithi kuncwadi ka 1 Petro 5 vesi 5 uNkulunkulu ngokwakhe, uyamelana, aphazamise, njalo anqobe abazigqajayo, kodwa uyapha umusa wakhe (isibusiso) kulabo abazehlisileyo.

Umusa kaNkulunkulu uqakatheke kakhulu empilweni zethu. Sasindiswa ngomusa ngokukholwa, njalo ngokwendlela esasindiswa ngayo, yiyo okumele siziphathe ngayo okwamalanga

empilo zethu wonke – ngomusa kaNkulunkulu ngokukholwa! Ungavele ubelaso lesisisekelo sothando lukaNkulunkulu empilweni yakho, usungaqala ukumethemba. Ungahamba ngokholo hatshi ngokwamehlo. Uzakubakwazi enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi uNkulunkulu wethembekile ekugcineni izithembiso zakhe.

Kuphathelene ngeBhayibhili lomhlobo ochazakabanzi (i Amplified), ukholo “yikweyama okubantu bakho obupheleleyo kuNkulunkulu ngethemba eliqotho lokuqiniseka emandleni akhe, ukuhlakanipha lokulunga” (kwabaseKolose 1 vesi 4). Usamvumela uNkulunkulu ukuthi akuthande, uzanelisa ukukwenza khonokho. Nxa ubudlelwano bakho obubanzi loNkulunkulu bukhula, ukholo lwakho luyaqhela. Uzabona uNkulunkulu esenza izinto ezibalulekileyo kuwe njalo ngawe, futhi ezenzela lawe, kodwa konke kuqala ngokuthola isambulelo sothando lwakhe. UNkulunkulu uyakuthanda! Ungaze wakuthandabuza lokhu, ngitsho.

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UKUKHULULWA EKWESABENI

“Kakukho ukwesaba othandweni, kodwa uthando olukhule lwaphelela kuyaxotshela ngaphandle ukwesaba njalo lucitshe wonke umzila wokwesaba. Ngoba ukwesaba kuza lomcabango wesijeziso, njalo lowo owesabayo akakafiki ezingeni lothando olupheleleyo”

- incwadi ka 1 Johane 4 vesi 18.

Singafika esigabeni lapho siqhuba nje kuhle ekholweni simthemba uNkulunkulu njalo siqinisekile ukuthi uyasithanda.

Dukuduku, isitha sithumele ulutho oluzasihlasela. Imimo empilweni zethu – lezo zinto ezimbi ezenzakala kithi – zingalimaza ukholo lwethu okungazake kwenzakale. Abanye abantu abala hlupho ngokumkholwa uNkulunkulu ukuthi uyabathanda kuze kuthi imimo yenze sengathi akabathandi.

Yikho lapho isitha esingena khona ngokwesaba lokuzicala ukuze sikwehlukanise lento ezakunceda – uthando lukaNkulunkulu.

“Yebo, kuyini kelokhu?” uyatsho, “Bengithi uNkulunkulu ukuthi uyabathanda. Kungani izinto ezimbi zisenzakala kuwe? Kukhona

okubi okwenzileyo. UNkulunkulu ukuzondele.”

Kulula ezikhathini zokuzanywa lokukhahlanyezwa, izikhathi ezingathi kawuphathekanga, ukuthi uphelelwe yikuqiniseka kuNkulunkulu. UNkulunkulu akenzi kuzozonke izikhathi izinto ngendlela langesikhathi esicabanga ukuthi akwenze. Ulohlelo olukhulu kakhulu ukwedlula olwethu. Ufuna ukuguqula thina ukwedlula ukuguqula imimo yethu. Njalo kanengi usebenzisa imimo ebuhlungu ukwakha ukholo lwethu kuye njalo asincedise ukufunda ukwethemba yena yedwa. Ngalezi zikhathi kungenzakala ukuthi singaqedisise okungabe kusenzakala njalo siwele kalula emjibileni wokucabanga ukuthi uNkulunkulu akasithandi. Yikho lapho okumele sikhumbule incwadi yabaseRoma 8 vesi 35-39, ethi akukho okuzakusahlukanisa lothando luka Nkulunkulu njalo singaphezu kwabanqobi ngoKristu uJesu. Into enhle kulazo zonke esingayenza nxa silobunzima yikuphumisela sithi, “Nkulunkulu, ngiyazi ukuthi uyangithanda, njalo ngiyakholwa lokhu kuzasebenzela ebuhleni bami.”

Kwesinye isikhathi uNkulunkulu uyalindela ukusikhulula nxa sesicabanga ukuthi uvele usephuzile. Uyamkhumbula uLazaro? Wayegula, kodwa uJesu walindela waze wafa andubana ayemnceda losendo lwakhe. UMaritha watshela uJesu ukuthi usephuze kakhulu, kodwa yena wayesazi xathu ukuthi wenzani, njalo uLazaro wavuswa kwabafuleyo ngendlela eyakhazimulisa uNkulunkulu kakhulu. UNkulunkulu angaphambana lokuhlela kwethu, kodwa akasoze waphuza. Ngesikhathi ulohlupho empilweni yakho, gxila kuNkulunkulu, ukholo lwakho luzakuvuselelwa. Ungazewavumela ukwesaba lokudidana kukuntshontshele uthando lwakho kuNkulunkulu.

Incwadi ka 1Johane 4 vesi 18 yindima elamandla. “Uthando

olupheleleyo luyaxotsha ukwesaba”. Ngazidla, ngazidla ngalumbhalo, ngizama ukuwucukungula, kwelinye ilanga ngawuzwisisa: uthando olupheleleyo luyaxotsha ukwesaba, njalo uNkulunkulu nguye olothando olupheleleyo. Nxa usazi ukuthi lolothando luphelele njani kuwe, awusoze uvumele ukwesaba kukubuse.

Lanxa ungezwa ukwesaba, uzaqhubeka, usiyaphambili loNkulunkulu ngoba usazi ukuthi uhlala elawe kusosonke isikhathi.

Kakwenzakali ukuthi wesabe ukwehluleka nxa usazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyakuthanda. Ukhululekile ukuzama ukwenza izinto ngoba usazi ukuthi uthando lukaNkulunkulu lokukwamukela kwakhe kakuyi ngokuthi uqhuba njani. Ungazake wehluleke nxa umi kuNkulunkulu. Yinye indlela ongehluleka ngayo, nxa uthembele kuwe. Kungenzakala izinto zingahambi ngokuhlela kwakho, kodwa zizakuphumelela ungala ukhangele kuNkulunkulu.

Nxa usazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyakuthanda, awuyikwesaba ukwehluleka, ukulahlwa, ukuswela, izolo, ikusasa noma yini. Uthando lukaNkulunkulu lukhulu okokuthi luyembesa yonke into. Ucabanga ukuthi uNkulunkulu ofanayo owakusindisayo njalo wakukhulula uzakwenza uzizwe njengalowo owehlulekayo? Uzakutshiya ungela sizo na? USatan yisitha semiphefumulo yethu. Ulisela njalo ngumqambi wamanga, kodwa uJesu ufuna sibe lempilo ephuphumayo njalo siyikhoholise (funda incwadi kaJohane 10 vesi 10).

Ebhayibhilini elichaza kabanzi, umhlobo weAmplified, incwadi ka 1Johane 4 vesi 18 ithi: “Kakukho ukwesaba othandweni, kodwa

uthando olukhule lwaphelela luyaxotshela ngaphandle ukwesaba njalo lucitshe wonke umzila wokwesaba. Ngoba ukwesaba kuza lomcabango wesijeziso, njalo lowo owesabayo akakafiki ezingeni lothando olupheleleyo.” Khonapho uNkulunkulu eqeda kungisiza ngokuqedisisa ukuthi uthando lwakhe luyaxotsha ukwesaba, kwadingeka ukuthi ngihle ngilusebenzise lolulwazi. Sasihlutshwa yimota. Sacabangela ukuthi umtshina wamagiya ususifa njalo singelayo imali yokuthenga omunye. Ngakho saqhubeka siyisebenzisa limota, silethemba lokuthi kayiyikufa.

Ngezwa uNkulunkulu ekhuthaza inhliziyi yami ngokusa kwelinye lamalanga ngalamazwi, **“Joyce, chitha usuku ungithanda, njalo ungivumele ngikuthande. Akudingakali ukuthi wenze noma yini.”**

Akudingakali ukuthi ube ngumama wokholo olukhulu. Okumele ukwenze yikuhlala phakathi kothando lwami.” Ngakhoke, ngangihlebelela, ngimbumbela izingoma uNkulunkulu njalo ngizikholisela.

Dukuduku, ngezwa umkami esegarajini yemota, sekwedlule imizuzu engamatshumi amane lanhlanu eseye emsebenzini! Wavula umnyango wasesithi, “ngehlulekile ukuntshintsha amagiya emota. Kuzamele siyihambise iyelungiswa.” Ngavala umnyango ngaqala ukuhleka. Kakusiyonto engangiyayenza kwamanye amalanga, njalo kakusiyonto enganquma nginanzelele ngalesosikhathi. Kwenzakala nje. Ngokuthi ngangivumela uNkulunkulu angithande ngaleso sikhathi, ngenelisa ukuhleka ngiphakathi kwesikhathi esinzima. Ukuhlala ethandweni lukaNkulunkulu kuyavula umnyango ukuze ukholo luphume kuwe endaweni yokwesaba. Ngaqalake ukuhleka, kwakulukholo lokho. Ngahleka ngoba phakathi kwami ngangisazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu

uyasithanda njalo wayezasipha esasikufuna.

UAbrahama wahleka uhleko lokholo. Lapho uNkulunkulu esiza kuye wasemtshela ukuthi uzakuba lendodana, uAbrahama wahleka. Wayesazi ukuthi kwakungeke kwenzakale ngokwemvelo, ukuthi yena loSarah babengaba lomntwana, kodwa wamkholwa uNkulunkulu, intokozo yakhe yaphuphuma yabaluhleko.

Ngiyakholwa ukuthi singasebenza kanjalo kuyavula umnyango ukuze uNkulunkulu asisize ngendlela ezimangalisayo. Ngubani ongacabanga ukuhleka nxa elohlupho? Ibhayibhili lithi uNkulunkulu uyahlala emazulwini njalo ahleke izitha zakhe (Amahubo 2 vesi 4). Nxa uNkulunkulu engakwenza, lathi singakwenza. Qhubeka uhleke uhleko lokholo. Kuvele uNkulunkulu uyakuthanda. Njalo nxa uNkulunkulu elawe ngubani ongamelana lawe?

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UTHANDO LUYAFINYELELA

“Njalo silawo lumlayo ovela kuNkulunkulu; wokuthi othanda uNkulunkulu kamthande umfowabo (umzalwane wakhe)”

- incwadi ka 1Johane 4 vesi 21.

Ungumntaka Nkulunkulu obalulekileyo. Uyakutshela lokhu encwadini kaDuteronomi 7 vesi 6.

Nxa usazi mpela ukuthi uqakathekile kuNkulunkulu njalo ubusuphila lentokozo lokuqiniseka okulethwa yilokhu, kuzabangela ukuthi uthinte ophila labo ngendlela ezinhle. Uzakuphila ubobotheka, usazi ukuthi ngiyathandwa. Yonke into ihamba kahle empilweni yami. Ngingabusisa abanye ngothando engilwamukela kuNkulunkulu. Ungahlala uthabile lapha oyakhona njalo intokozo yakho ibusise abanye. Amahubo 100 vesi 2 ithi, “ikhonzeni iNkosi ngokujabula.”

Singaqala ukwazi ukuthi siqakatheke okungakanani ehlelweni lukaNkulunkulu, ukucabanga lokuziphatha kwethu kumi phezu kwalesi sambulelo, singatshela abanye ngo Kristu njalo sitshengise uthando lwakhe ngendlela ezizadonsela abantu kuNkulunkulu. Uthando lukaNkulunkulu lugeleza kuwe, luzabangela ukuthi

unanzelele izidingo zabanye abantu njalo ubazwele. Uthando lwakhe ngaphakathi kwakho luzakukhulula ekwesabeni njalo awuyikwesaba ukufinyelela abanye ngothando. Awusoze wesabe ukulahlwa kumbe ukusetshenziswa; uthando lukaNkulunkulu olungaphakathi kwakho luzabona izidingo zabanye luzame ukubafinyelela.

UNkulunkulu ufuna ukukholwe nxa ethi uzakwenza imisebenzi emikhulu ngawe ngoba uJesu ephila kuwe. Methembe njalo ukholwe. UNkulunkulu ufuna ukukusebenzisa ukuthanda lokunceda abanye. Khumbula ukuthi uthando lukaNkulunkulu olupheleleyo luyaxotsha ukwesaba, ngakhoke ungavumeli ukwesaba kubangele ukuthi ungangambi ngokholo. Kanenginengi sengema “eliweni lokholo”, sengizakwenza okwesabekayo, sengathi uNkulunkulu wayesithi, “Qhubeka Joyce, qhubeka. Ngizakwenza into ezinkulu ngawe. Qhubeka.” Kusosonke isikhathi ngithatha inyathela lokholo, uNkulunkulu akaze wangidanisa.

Uyakwazi ukuthi kungani ngingakhathali ngokuthatha inyathela lokholo? Njalo ngehluleke? Ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyangithanda. Uyangithanda, njalo uyazi ukuthi ngiyamthanda, ngomusa wakhe sengimisele impilo yami ngaye. Nxa usenze lokhu, umthanda uNkulunkulu, usazi ukuthi uyakuthanda, akula hlupho ongeke wehluleka ukulunqoba ngoKristu.

Nxa uloyisa ngeqiniso ukusiza abantu, uNkulunkulu uzakuphathisa ubasize. Akudingakali ukuthi ube lokwenelisa okunengi, zinikele kuNkulunkulu kuphela, yena uzenza okuzalandela. Ungezwa sengathi amathalenta akho akatsho lutho, kwesinye isikhathi okudelekayo yikho okusebenzayo kakhulu.

Ungaze waphila impilo yokuzinakekela wena wedwa, ucabanga ngokuhlanganyela izidingo zakho. Tshela uNkulunkulu lokhu okuswelayo kumbe okudingayo ubusukhangela kuye ukwenzela ukuthi umuzwe uMoya Oyingcwele nxa esekuhola ekufinyeleleni lokubusisa abanye.

Okwenza kwenzakale kwabanye, uNkulunkulu uzakwenza kwenzakale kuwe. Nxa ulembewu, khumbula ukuyihlanyela hatshi ukuyidla. Lokhu kutsho ukuthi nxa usafinyelela kwabanye, uNkulunkulu uyamukela imbewu yakho ilethe isivuno osiloyisayo empilweni yakho.

Wonke umuntu uyafuna ukuphumelela, kodwa sisamele siqedisise ukuthi ukuphumelela kweqiniso yikuphi na. mina ngithanda ukuchaza njengokuthi yikwenelisa ukusebenzisa ukwanelisa ukavela kuNkulunkulu ekuhlanganeleni lesidingo sonke somuntu ohlangana laye. Uthando lukaNkulunkulu luzakupha ukwanelisa ukuqakathekisa izidingo zabanye. Ucabanga ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyakuthanda sibili okokuthi angakwenza wenelise ukufinyelela ngothando, lakulabo abangani kabathandeki, abahluphayo, labangabongiyo. Akudingi ukuzithiba kakhulu ukuthanda umuntu okuthandayo lawe.

Kodwa sibe lawo umusa kaNkulunkulu osanelisa ukuthanda labo abangathandekiyo. Uthando lukaNkulunkulu olugelezayo kithi luzakwenza lokho ngoba lona lungayi ngemithetho. Sipiwa kungela mbadalo njalo lathi singapha kungela kubhadalisa.

Uthando kalwehluleki kumbe ukukhalala abantu. Kungathatha umnyaka kumbe emihlanu. Kungathatha iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, kodwa kufanele lokhu. Nxa ufica kunzima ukubekezela lokuthanda umuntu onzima ukuthanda, khumbula izikhathi uNkulunkulu aqhubeke ekuthanda esakulindele ukuze

umvele ukuthi akuntshintshe.

Incwadi yabase 1Korinte 13; iyasitshela ukuthi uthando luyabekezela, lulobubele njalo kaluzikhukhumezi. Kaluzifuneli okwalo, kalucunuki kumbe ukuba lezikhwili. Lezi yizo impawu uJesu asipha ngazo uthando lwakhe lathi singazikhwabitha senzele abanye abezwa ubuhlungu obufanayo. Abalahlekileyo belambele uthando lukaNkulunkulu.

uNkulunkulu uyakuthanda njalo uthanda bonke abantu abaphila lawe. Uyabathanda, besindisiwe kumbe hatshi, njalo ufuna ukukusebenzisa njengesitsha sokuthwala uthando lwakhe.

Ungesabi ukuthatha inyathela. Uthando lukaNkulunkulu luyakukhulula ekwesabeni lokucalwa, njalo ukuphile ukwenelisa ukuthanda. Zimisele ukwaba uthando lukaNkulunkulu labanye. Ungaqala ngokuba ngumngane labantu. Ukwenze kube ngumlandu wakho ukuba ngumngane njalo ube yisibusiso ebantwini kuyoyonke indawo oya kuyo.

Ungatshengisa uthando ngokuba lomusa nje, ikakhulu emntwini ongela bangane kumbe odangeleyo. Nxusa abantu lidle ukudla ngekhaya. Nxusa abantu bakuvakatshela nje ngakwakho. Xhawula abantu njalo ubobotheke. Umgone umuntu kumbe umtshela amazwi akhuthazayo. Nceda ngokubambekayo okufana lokuthi umgadise imota yakho nxa ehamba ngenyawo. Finyelela emntwini omutsha emsebenzini ube nguwe omtshengisa indawo. Kukhona uNkulunkulu afuna umenzele khona. Kungakhangeleka sengathi kuncane kumbe kakuqakathekanga kuwe, kodwa kuqakathekile kuNkulunkulu. Abantu baqakathekile kuNkulunkulu. Bakhona abantu abangafinyelelwa nguwe kuphela. Cela uNkulunkulu akuvezele indlela zokufinyelela ngothando lwakhe, uzakufundisa.

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UTHANDO LUKA NKULUNKULU LUZAKUGUQULA

“Uthando lukulokhu, kungesikho ukuba thina samthanda uNkulunkulu, kodwa ukuba wasithanda yena, wathumela iNdodana yakhe ukuba ibe yinhlawulo yezono zethu.”

- 1Johane 4 vesi 10

UNkulunkulu uyasithanda, kodwa asazi kumbe inengi lethu liyaqedisisa ubukhulu bothando lwakhe kumbe ukuthi usithanda okungakanani. UNkulunkulu wangivezela, ngifundisisa ngalindaba, ukuthi nga siyazwisisa, ngaphakathi kwethu, ukuthi usithanda okungakanani, nga siziphatha ngokwahlukileyo kulokhu esikwenzayo isikhathi esinengi.

Zindle ngothando lukaNkulunkulu okuqondane lawe. Kuzakuguqula lokhu. Nxa kukhona ongakuthandiyo ngawe, ngempela usazi njalo ukholwa ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyakuthanda lanxa usalindile ukuthi akusebenze, kuzakunceda ukuze ukholise loluhambo. Ungaphongukuhlala nje udaniswe ngamaphutha akho, kungenzeka ukuthi ungaguquki. Khumbula ukuthi uNkulunkulu usebenza ngokholo njalo ukholo uqobo lusenza singene ekuthuleni

kukaNkulunkulu (funda amaHebheru 4).

Sengathi banengi abantu abangazithandiyo. Kabazithandi nje njalo kungenzeka ukuthi bayazizona. Nxa ulwisana ngokuthi uzizwa njani ngifuna ukukukhumbuza ukuthi ungazizona izinto ozenzayo, kodwa ungaze wazizona wena.

UJesu wakufela ngenxa yothando lwakhe olukhulu akuthanda ngalo njalo ufuna ukuthi usamukele lesi siph o esiligugu.

Ibhayibhili lithi, “Umuntu ubayilokhu azibona eyikho khona enhliziyweni” – (Izaga 23 vesi 7).

Nxa ungazizwa kahle ngawe, kusosonke isikhathi, uzicala njalo unganzeleli ukuthi uligugu elinjani, awusoze ubelokuthula lentokozo kaNkulunkulu njalo ukucabanga lezenzo zakho zizakuveza lokhu. Konke lokhu kungenxa yokuthi awukemukeli enhliziyweni yakho, iqiniso elilamandla, eliguqula impilo, ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyakuthanda ukwedlula okucabangelayo. UNkulunkulu ufuna uchithe isikhathi laye nsukuzonke. Lokho kuzakuguqula.

Nxa engakhokheli empilweni yakho uNkulunkulu, umbeka endaweni lapho angasoze enelise khona ukwenza lokhu afuna ukukwenzela khona. Yisikhathi osichitha ensitha loNkulunkulu, umthanda nje njalo umvumela ukuthi akuthande lawe, esizakwenza ukuthi uqine, ubelesibindi njalo ukhule. Banengi abantu abacatshayo njalo bengathathi isikhathi sokwakha ubudlelwano babo loNkulunkulu. Bayafuna ukuba lobudlelwano laye, kodwa kabazithibi ukuze bakhulise imikhuba yokufundisisa ilizwi lokuthandaza. Nxa ulohlupho ngalokhu, thandaza, umcele uNkulunkulu akusize ukuba uqale umkhuba wokuchitha isikhathi laye nsukuzonke. Lokhu kuyinto emqoka ukwedlula konke

esingakwenza.

Uthando lukaNkulunkulu luzakuguqula. Usedlula ethandweni lakhe, uzalunanzelela njalo ukuqaphele ngamalanga lemhla, uthole iziloyiso zakho sezintshintshile. Uzafuna ukuba njengoJesu, yena okuthandayo. Ukwazi lokukhulisa isimo sikaNkulunkulu empilweni zethu. Kumele kube ngeyinye yezinto esiziqakathisayo.

UPauli wathi injongo ayemi kuyo kwakuyikubamazi uKristu lamandla okuvuka kwakhe (abaseFiliphi 3 vesi 10). Linanzelele ukuthi uPauli wathi kwakumele ame. Ngithanda ukulikhuthaza ukuthi liqinise ngobudlelwano benu loNkulunkulu. Ungabaphansi kukaNkulunkulu njengokufisa kwakho. Kuya ngokuthi uzimisele ukuchitha isikhathi esingakanani. Ibhayibhili lithi thina siyizithunywa zikaNkulunkulu njalo yena uyawuncenga umhlaba ngathi (2 KwabaseKorinte 5 vesi 20). Lumbhalo uhlala uthinta inhliziyo yami njalo ungibangela ukuthi nginanzelele ukuqakatheka kokulandela ukuholwa nguMoya Oyingcwele okaNkulunkulu esasebenza kithi, esiguqula njalo esibumba ngokwenjongo kaNkulunkulu. Uthando lukaNkulunkulu luyathelwa ezinhliziyweni zethu ngoMoya Oyingcwele (funda kwabaseRoma 5 vesi 5). Lwamukele, lukholise njalo uluvumele lukuguqule.

UMTHANDAZO WOSINDISO



UNkulunkulu uyakuthanda njalo ufuna ukuba lobudlelwano obuseduze lawe. Nxa ungakamamkeli uJesu Kristu njengomsindisi, ungakwenza lokhu kathesi. Umvulele inhliziyo yakho ukhuleke lumkhuleko...

“Baba, ngiyazi ukuthi ngonile phambi kwakho. Ngicela ungithethelele. Ngigezise ngibemsulwa, ngiyathembisa ukuthembela kuKristu indodana yakho. Ngiyakholwa ukuthi wangifela. Wathwala isono sami ngokufa esiphambanweni. Ngiyakholwa ukuthi wavuswa kwabafileyo. Nginyanikela impilo yami kuJesu kathesi nje.

Ngiyabonga Baba ngesipho sakho esokuthethelelwa, lesempilo engapheliyo. Ngicela ungisize ukuze ngiphilele wena. Ngegama likaJesu, Ameni”.

Njengoba usuthandazile kusukela enhliziyweni, uNkulunkulu usekwamukele, wakugeza njalo wakukhulula ekuthunjweni kwemfa kamoya. Thatha isikhathi sokubala lokufundisisa imibhalo njalo ucele uNkulunkulu akhulumisane lawe usahambisana laye kuloluhambo empilweni yakho entsha.

UJohane 3 vesi 16

Kwabase Efesu 1 vesi 4

1 Johane 1 vesi 9

1 Johane 15 vesi 1

Kwabase 1Korinte 15 vesi 3-4

Kwabase Efesu 2 vesi 8-9

1 Johane 4 vesi 14

1 Johane 5 vesi 1,12-13

Khuleka ucele uNkulunkulu akusize uthole ibandla elikholwa ibhayibhili ukuze ukhuthazeke, ukhule kubudlelwano bakho

loKristu. UNkulunkulu uhleli elawe kusonke isikhathi. Uzakukhokhela ngosuku ngosuku njalo uzakutshengisa ukuthi limpilo ephuphumayo akugcinele yona ungayiphila njani.

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