

"Can I call you 'friend'?"

"No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you 'friends'..." (John 15:15a)

My precious child,

Do not let your heart be troubled or discouraged, for I am NEARER to you than at any time in the past. I am bringing you into a place of STABILITY and CONSISTENCY (firmness) where you will not be moved or overcome. I will hold you firmly in My righteous right hand regardless of what you are feeling. You do not need to always see My face to know that I am nearer. Believe My Word that says I never leave or forsake you. In fact, you can reach for My hand by faith in moments when you feel that I am far away. Embrace Me with all your heart, and let Me give you a personal revelation of who I AM. Push aside the distractions of the world, and follow harder after Me. I AM always anticipating your return to our SECRET PLACE.

Did you know that not all My servants are actually close friends? Some are merely (simply) doing their duty, spending time with Me out of

obligation, when what I really want is intimacy, where I can tell you My SECRETS and My PLANS, talking with you about anything and everything. I can't do that with servants, but I can do that with friends. Will you be My friend, and come into the SECRET PLACE where we can just be ourselves and talk? Will you linger (to stay on in a place longer than is usual) awhile and not be in a hurry to leave? I long (desire) for those moments...I'm lonely for your company. Where are you, My dove?

