

ZOE & LMORE

Living with Purpose and Passion

What are you longing for?

“My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.”
Psalm 84:2 (NIV)

I love consigning with and shopping in consignment shops. I think it's a great way to de-clutter our closets, and receive store credit in order to purchase items I would not ordinarily be able to afford. Recently while browsing the racks in my favorite shop I couldn't help but notice the interaction taking place next to me. A mom and daughter were squealing with delight as they spied an elegant party dress. “Look mom, it's my size and the color is perfect for my upcoming bridal shower. I've been searching for a dress made by this designer for months, and here it is!”

“You're right honey, we've searched every store in town without any success until now!” the mom replied.

Not hearing her mom's reply, the bride to be grabbed the dress and ran to the fitting room. After a few moments, she emerged from the fitting room, dancing and twirling in the designer dress that looked as if it had been fashioned just for her. The mom nodded her approval and even joined the celebration with a few twirls of her own. “That was an easy sale,” I thought to myself watching the two of them dance with joy. My thought was interrupted as quickly as the celebration ended when the mom noticed the price tag. The mom blurted out, “Twenty dollars?” “I'm not paying twenty dollars, for a designer dress.”

The daughter's dancing stopped in mid twirl; her face stained with tears. Knowing her mother well, the daughter shuffled back to the fitting room, removed the lovely designer dress and the two of them exited the shop.

I couldn't believe what I had just witnessed. Weren't the two of them just dancing and twirling for joy at finding the designer dress they had spent time months longing for? Was this mom really going to let twenty dollars stand in the way of fulfilling their desire? "Wait, come back." I said. "I'll give you the twenty dollars; let me buy the dress for your daughter." There was no response and they drove away.

How often do we spend our time and energy searching high and low for something just to reject it when we finally get what we've been longing for? We find fault, make excuses just to continue searching in vain.

The Old Testament prophet Isaiah said, "He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem." (Isaiah 53:3 NIV) The apostle John stated, "He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him." (John 1:1 NIV)

When faced with the perfect solution to all of life's longings, Pharisees and everyday people found fault with Jesus, made excuses and rejected the perfect Son of God.

Friend, are you searching for the perfect "something" to satisfy the longing in your soul? Jesus Christ, the perfect Savior fulfills our longings and I invite you to end your search and your excuses. Accept His invitation to be satisfied and rejoice that you have found what you've been longing for.

Dear Lord, I want to stop finding fault, making excuses and rejecting you. Thank you that in Jesus Christ I have everything my soul has been longing for. I accept your invitation for a life with Christ where the desires of my heart are satisfied. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Application Steps:

Write down verses on desiring God and put your name in each one. Pray them every day this week and experience His contentment in all things.

Reflections:

Make a commitment to stop finding fault and making excuses to reject Jesus.

Power Verses:

"For he satisfies the thirsty, and fills the hungry with good things." Psalm 107:9 (NIV)

"Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you." Psalm 73:25 (NIV)