
Bethany Retreats

At home - sitting at the feet of Yeshua

Luke 10: 38-39

In the course of their journey he came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking.

Listen, God love...

Listen, God love everything you love - and a mess of stuff you don't. But more than anything else, God love admiration.... I think it pisses God off if you walk by the colour purple in a field somewhere and you don't notice it. (Alice Walker from *The Colour Purple*) quoted in *The Heron Dance Book of Love and Gratitude*. p6.

Helen Keller

I believe that God is in me as the sun is in the colour and fragrance of a flower - the Light in my darkness, the Voice in my silence. From *The Heron Dance Book of Love and Gratitude*. p47

About the Retreats

Bethany Retreats offer an invitation to experience a silent directed retreat at home. Like



Mary who sat at the Lord's feet in her own home at Bethany, you are invited to do the same by gazing softly at your surroundings, listening with the ears of your heart to the scriptures, and doing any other spiritual exercises such as walking, contemplative photography, which will give you an opportunity to 'taste and see' that the Lord is good in your own home environment.

The picture above captures exquisite beauty in an ordinary puddle of water, rocks and leaves which have fallen from surrounding trees. In the Gospel of Thomas, Yeshua says "*Split the wood - I am there; lift the stone and you find me there*". The intimate presence as well as the omnipresence of Christ is to be found everywhere. (Matthew Fox *Christian Mystics*, 11) There is no need to go away from where we are - Christ is to be found everywhere, even in a puddle of water in which dead leaves have fallen among the rocks.

In the silence of your own home space, you are invited to respond to the invitation of Yeshua to "come and see". (Jn 1:38)





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Format & Costs

4 day retreat \$200

6 day retreat \$300

8 day retreat \$400

Resources

- Prayer resources provided
- 1 hour spiritual direction every day

Bookings

- Phone or email Dale. Contact details above

Soul Song

The spirit within you is a river.
Its sacred bathing place is
contemplation;
Its waters are truth;
Its banks are holiness;
Its waves are love.
Hitopadesa. (From: *Soul: Heart,
mind, body spirit.*)

Be Still and Know the I am God



One night I went for a walk...

One night I went for a walk by the sea along the empty shore. It was not gay, but neither was it sad - it was - beautiful. The deep blue sky was flecked with clouds of blue deeper than the fundamental blue of intense cobalt, and others of a clearer blue, like the blue whiteness of the Milky Way In the blue depth the stars were sparkling, greenish, yellow, white, pink, more brilliant, more sparkling gemlike that at home - even in Paris” opals you might call them, emeralds, lapis lazuli, rubies, sapphires. The sea was very deep ultramarine - the shore a sort of violet and faint russet as I saw it, and on the dunes (they are about seventeen feet high) some bushes Prussian blue. *Vincent Van Gogh from a letter to his brother Theo, June 1888.*

From The Heron Dance Book of Love and Gratitude. p33

The world is charged with the Grandeur of God
It shines out like the shining from shook foil.....

Gerald Manly Hopkins