INGUQU YAKHO KWEZEMALI

Amandla Okunyaniseka

GARY KEESEE

Sihlobo esithandekayo kuKristu,

Ngumthandazo wethu ukuba ufumane esi sixhobo sokufunda siyintsikelelo nenkuthazo kuwe! Nceda uzive ukhululekile ukwabelana ngale nto kunye nabahlobo bakho, usapho, kunye namalungu ecawe yakho. Ungaya ku FLNFree.com ukukhuphela iikopi ezongezelelweyo kunye neemfundiso zasimahla ngolwimi lwakho.

UThixo uyakuthanda kwaye unesicwangciso esimangalisayo ngobomi bakho! Ukufunda indlela obusebenza ngayo uBukumkani bukaThixo kwatshintsha ubomi bethu baba ngcono, kwaye siyathemba ukuba buza kwenza okufanayo nakuwe!

Ngothando kuKristu

P.S. Khumbula ukuya kwi*website* yethu yokukhuphela simahla FLNFree.com ukukhuphela iimfundiso zasimahla ngolwimi lwakho!

INGUQU YAKHO KWEZEMALI

Amandla Okunyaniseka

GARY KEESEE

Your Financial Revolution,
The Power of Allegiance. Xhosa. By Gary Keesee
© Gary Keesee, 2023

Originally published in English
ISBN: 978-1-945930-03-4

Faith Life Now
P.O. Box 779
New Albany, OH 43054, USA

You can reach Faith Life Now Ministries on the Internet at
FaithLifeNow.com

Inguqu Yakho Kwezemali,
Amandla Okunyaniseka. Xhosa. By Gary Keesee
© Gary Keesee, 2023

Iqale yabhalwa ngeSingesi
ISBN: 978-1-945930-03-4

Faith Life Now
P.O. Box 779
New Albany, OH 43054, USA

Ungafikelela kwiFaith Life Now Ministries kwi intanethi ku
FaithLifeNow.com

IMIXHOLO

AMAZWI OKUVULA......5

INTSHAYELELO......7

SAHLUKO 1: Ubukumkani......21

SAHLUKO 2: Inkungu Eluhlaza......69

SAHLUKO 3: Nceda Nkosi, Yiba Nenceba!......79

SAHLUKO 4: Intlanzi Enkulu......113

SAHLUKO 5: Ibilukhetho Lukabani?......125

SAHLUKO 6: Intsikelelo yeNkosi......167

SAHLUKO 7: Umnyango......189

SAHLUKO 8: Amandla Okunyaniseka......199

SAHLUKO 9: Uyabondla!......209

SAHLUKO 10: Qokelela, Ungabili!......225

SAHLUKO 11: Ukubhabha Kulula Kunokuhamba!......233

AMAZWI OKUVULA

Bendifuna ukubhala ngohambo athe uThixo waluthatha kunye nam noDrenda iminyaka embalwa ngoku. Ubomi bethu buye batshintsha kakhulu! Siyibonile yonke imimangaliso eyenziwa nguYesu eBhayibhileni yenzeka phambi kwamehlo ethu kule minyaka idlulileyo: kuvuswa abafileyo; abafe umzimba bephakama, bahambe, babuyele emsebenzini ngosuku olulandelayo; abantu abaninzi baphiliswa; kwaye imali ibuyiselwa kumakhulu amawaka abantu. Kodwa eyona mimangaliso mikhulu siyibonileyo yenzeka kwintsapho yethu nakubomi bethu bobuqu.

Injongo yam kukusa kuhambo, uhambo lokufumanisa endithemba luya kutshintsha ubomi bakho njengoko lenzile kobam. Ibali alinakubaliswa kwincwadi enye. Le yeyokuqala kuthotho lweencwadi eziya kukukhokelela kwinguqu yakho kwezemali kwaye iyakuqala ukutyhila iimfihlakalo zoBukumkani bukaThixo obutshintshe ubomi bam. Kum, luhambo olunika imincili kwaye olungasokuze luphele. Siya kuqhubeka sifunda sonke! Ulwazi loBukumkani alupheli.

Ndiyambulela kakhulu uThixo. Iinceba Zakhe zintsha imihla ngemihla, unomonde kwaye uyaxolela, Usikhokelela endleleni yosindiso. Andinakusa kolu hambo ndingakhange ndiqale ndithethe ngomfazi wam omangalisayo, uDrenda. Yayiyintliziyo yakhe ngoThixo nothando lwakhe kunye nomonde kum okwandinika isibindi sokujongana nobuthathaka bam kwaye ndifune uThixo

ukufumana iimpendulo endandizifuna ngamandla. Kungovuyo olukhulu ukuba ndabelane nani:

Inguqu Yakho Kwezemali
Amandla Okunyaniseka

INTSHAYELELO

Ndivinjiwe uxolo; ndilibele ukuba yintoni na impumelelo.
— Izililo 3:17

Ndivuke ndisazi ukuba kukho into engalunganga, engalunganga kakhulu! Uloyiko olukhulu lwayijikeleza ingqondo yam njengoko ndandivuka. Bendingaluva ulwimi lwam. Izandla, imilenze kunye necala lobuso bam lalingqingqisholo. Ndavusa uDrenda ndasokola ukumxelela ukuba kuqhubeka ntoni njengoko ubuso bam bonke nolwimi bezingavumi ukusebenzisana nam. Ndiye ndaqaphela ukuba intliziyo yam yayibetha ngokukhawuleza kwaye ndiphefumla nzima njengoko ndimxelela imeko yam. Wavuka kwangoko waqalisa ukundithandazela. Ngokucothayo, iimvakalelo ezingaqhelekanga nezoloyiko zehla. Ndiphinde ndangqengqa ebhedini wabe uDrenda esithi uza kundiphathela into etyiwayo. Ndandibhidekile ndisoyika into yayisenzeka emzimbeni wam njengoko ndandingqengqile ndithandaza. Uvalo lalumana lufika kum; uloyiko endingazange ndaluva ngaphambili ebomini bam laluhlasela ingqondo yam.

Ityala endandiphila phantsi kwalo kunye nokufuna imali rhoqo kwagcina uloyiko njengenxalenye eyisisiqhelo yobomi bam bemihla ngemihla. Ndandiphantsi konxinzelelo olukhulu kule minyaka imbalwa idlulileyo malunga nokudodobala kwemeko yam yezemali. Ndandikwintengiso yekhomishini kwaye ndandingayenzi imali. Sasiqeshe indlu encinci yaseplasini yangee 1800 ekhangeleka

ngathi ayizange ihlaziywe oko yakhiwayo. Ndicinga ukuba ndiyayibaxa apha nje kancinci, kodwa indlu ibingekho kakuhle. Iifreyimu zeefestile zazinezikhewu kuzo apho izityalo zazikhula kuzo ukuya kwigumbi lethu lokuhlala. Iifestile ezininzi zazophukile, kwaye sasizincamathelise ngekhadibhodi kunye neteyiphu yokudibanisa. Nangona ingahoywanga, uDrenda wakwazi ukuyenza ikhaya lethu. Kodwa nangobuchule bakhe obumangalisayo, asikwazanga ukugqumа inyani yokuba kwakukho iingxaki ezininzi ezinzulu ngendlu.

Yonke into esasinayo yayikwimeko efanayo—yophukile! Zombini iimoto zethu zazindala, zineemayile ezingaphezu ko 200,000 kuzo, kwaye zazingahambi. Amakhwenkwe ethu amabini elala koomandlalo abalahlwa likhaya labalupheleyo, ikhaphethi ekumgangatho wegumbi labo lokulala yayifunyenwe ecaleni kwendlela kwinkunkuma. Iivenkile zamasekeni yayiyindlela yokuphila, kwaye sasiboleka kuye nabani na esasicinga ukuba angasinceda. Sasiphandela emlomeni suku ngalunye, sifumana into yokuthengisa, sikhangela indlela yokuphila, kwaye sinethemba lokuba ingomso liya kuba ngcono.

Amakhadi am okuthenga ngetyala alishumi acinyiweyo kwiinyanga ezidlulileyo, kunye nemali-mboleko zam ezintathu zeenkampani, ezazikwipesenti engu 28, zanikelwa kwabaqokeleli. Iintlawulo zam zemoto (ewe, bendisatyala iimoto zam ezindala kakhulu) zazihlala zisemva iintsuku eziyi 120 kwaye ziphantse zihluthwe. Lonke ityala endandinalo lalisemva. Bendityala i-IRS imali, kananjalo bandimangalela irhafu esemva, befuna ukuthimba ndinde ndihlawule. Mna noDrenda sasityala abazali bethu i$26,000, kwaye babediniwe kukusinceda. Ifriji yethu yayingafane igcwale kukutya. Umbane wethu wawusoloko ugrogriswa ngokucinywa

yinkampani yombane, ngamanye amaxesha rhoqo ngenyanga. Kwaye ndandifikelele esiphelweni sentambo yam yeemvakalelo.

Ngoku uxinzelelo belusenza into emzimbeni wam endandingayiqondi. Emva kokubonana noogqirha abaliqela, bathi bendihlaselwa luloyiko baza bandinika amayeza okuthomalalisa uxinzelelo. Ngelishwa olu hlaselo loloyiko lwaqhubeka lukhula rhoqo ukuya kufika kwinqanaba apho ndandisoyika ukuyishiya indlu yam.

Kule mihla yoloyiko, ndiye ndafuna iimpendulo, ndaqala ukuqaphela ukuba ukutya okuthile, okuneswekile, istatshi, okanye *icaffeine*, kundithumela kolunye uhlaselo loloyiko. Ngoku ndandisoyika ukutya kwaye ndandinesazela ngayo yonke into endiyityayo. Ubomi bam baba bobukhoboka kangangokuba ngoku ndandingakwazi ukusebenza, nto leyo eyayenza yambi imeko yemali.

Umfazi wam wayecinga ukuba uza kuphulukana nomyeni wakhe, kwaye wandixelela kamva emva kokuba ndiphilile ukuba wayecwangcisa into awayeza kuyenza ukuze anakekele abantwana bethu. Ndakhala kuThixo ndifuna iimpendulo njengoko ndingenawo amava okanye ulwazi lwento endiyilwayo. Oogqirha babenamagama amakhulu ngento engalunganga kum, besithi ayinyangeki kwaye ndiza kutya amayeza ngonaphakade. Abanye oogqirha bathi ndandiza kuba nesifo seswekile, besithi ndiza kwenza umntu olungileyo wovavanyo njengoko esi sifo sisiya sikhula njengoko ndikhula.

Nangona ndandiliKristu, ndandingenawo amava emfazwe yomoya okanye indlela yokumelana notshaba. Enyanisweni, ngeli xesha ndandingekaqondi ukuba ndandisilwa nomoya wedemon. Bendicinga ukuba ndinengxaki nomzimba wenyama kwaye bendicela uThixo andiphilise. NjengeKristu, bendisazi ukuba

uThixo yimpendulo yam, kodwa ngelo xesha kwavakala ukuba uThixo wayekude kakhulu. Oogqirha bachonga isifo ngamagama ahlukeneyo ngenxa yemeko endandinayo, yonke inxulumene nengxaki yengqondo kwaye inyangeka kuphela ngokuthatha amayeza ahlukeneyo. Njengoko benditshilo ngaphambili, lwalungekho unyango, lunyango nje olwandinceda ndakwazi ukumelana nemeko yam yengqondo. Ndandifumana iziphumo ebezingalindelekanga ezivela emayezeni, nangona kunjalo, akazange andincede kwaphela. Enyanisweni, ndikholelwa ukuba ongeze ezinye iimpawu. Andenza ndaziva ngathi ndiphila kwinkungu, ndingcungcuthekiswa ziingcinga ezoyikekayo endingakwaziyo ukuzilawula. Ndandingenazo iimpendulo, kwaye kungekho nto indincedayo. Oku kwaqhubeka iiveki ezimbalwa, kwaye unxunguphalo lwam lwakhula njengoko iimpawu kunye noloyiko lwalubonakala luthatha ulawulo lobomi bam.

Kodwa ngobunye ubusuku, ndaba nempumelelo enkulu njengoko ndandifuna iimpendulo kuThixo. Ndafumana isitixo esikhulu senkululeko yam. Ndandisecaweni yam ndingene inkonzo yangoLwesithathu ebusuku. Ngexesha lokudumisa nonqulo, ndaba nohlaselo loloyiko-olukhulu. Ndandingazi ukuba ndenzeni. Ndandiphelelwe lithemba, kwaye ndandisazi ukuba ndiyawudinga umthandazo, ngoko ndaya phambili ecaweni. Nangona ndandiyiphazamisa ngokupheleleyo inkonzo, ndandingakhathali. Bendisiya kwicawe enkulu kwaye umfundisi wayengandazi buqu, kodwa omnye wabasebenzi okwiqela lokudumisa nonqulo wayendazi. Njengoko ndandirhubuluza ndisiya eqongeni ndiphelelwe lithemba, yonke into yema kwaye onke amehlo ajonga kum. Umsebenzi owayendazi waphendula ngokukhawuleza njengoko wayebona amagosa ezokhuseleko esiza ngaphambili ukuze andibambe.

Wathi xa echaza imeko yam kumfundisi, ndabona imbonakalo yomfundisi ithamba. Weza kum wandithandazela. Isihlobo sam saxelela umfundisi ukuba bendikhe ndagula. Umfundisi wandijonga wathi, "Unomoya wobulwelwe." Emva koko, wabeka izandla zakhe phezu kwentloko yam waza wayalela loo moya ukuba uhambe. Ngalo mzuzu, kwenzeka into emangalisayo—ndakhululeka. Okokuqala emva kweenyanga ndaziva ndiqhelekile, ndingenangcinga zingcungcuthekisayo, ndingenaloyiko, ndinoxolo olunzulu. Ukuthi ukuba ndandinombulelo ayizukuvakala ibonakalise indlela endiziva ngayo. Ukuthi bendinemincili bekungazukuyichaza indlela endiziva ngayo. Ndaziva ndinesiyezi, ndikhaphukhaphu njengentsiba, kwaye ndizele luvuyo.

Ukuphuma kwecawe, mna noDrenda saya e*Pizza Hut* nabanye abahlobo bethu siyobhiyoza. Ndithe ndisahleli ndisitya i*pizza*, ndikhumbula kwadlala ingoma kunomathotholo owayedlala, kwathi ngequbuliso, ndeva kwaloo mvakalelo igulisayo yokoyika ifika kum okwengubo—yayibuyile. Kwakhona, ngelo xesha ndandiqonda ukuba yayingumoya. Umfundisi wayethe ngumoya wobulwelwe, kodwa ndandingazi ukuba ithetha ukuthini kanye loo nto, kwaye ndandibhidekile kancinci. Ndandicinga ukuba ndiphilisiwe kuloo nkonzo, kodwa kuyabonakala ukuba andizange.

Kusuku olulandelayo ndaphinda ndalwisana nohlaselo loloyiko, kodwa andizange ndiyeke ukucinga ngento eyenzeke ecaweni kubusuku obungaphambili. Xa umfundisi endithandazela akazange athandazele ukuba ndiphile. Wayethabathe igunya phezu komoya. Into yokuba imeko yam yaphendula ngolo hlobo kumfundisi wam yayibonakala ibonisa ukuba mhlawumbi yayingumoya endaweni yesifo. (Kwakhona, uyabona indlela endingekakhuli ngayo kuKristu ukuba ndingayiqondi le nto.) Ngelo xesha, ndandingazi kangako

ngemfazwe yomoya, kodwa ndandisazi ukuba iidemon ziyinyani. Ndabona elinye.

Kwiminyaka yam yokuvelisa ndandiphethe enye yeevenkile ezimbini ze*pizza* abazali bam ababenazo. Ngobunye ubusuku, kwangena indoda eyandixelela ukuba iqhuba imvuselelo ezantsi kwestrato kwicawe yasekuhlaleni yamaWisile. Wandimema ukuba ndihle ndiye kuzimasa. Wagqibezela isimemo sakhe ngale binzana, "uYesu usenza kwa ezazinto wayezenza eBhayibhileni." Ngoku, loo nto yatsala umdla wam. Ndikhuliswe ecaweni. Ndanikela ngentliziyo eNkosini *kwiVacation Bible School* xa ndandikwibanga lesihlanu. Kodwa andizange ndiwabone amandla kaThixo ephilisa umntu kuyo yonke loo minyaka, akukho nto yabamba ingqalelo yam apho ndandisazi ukuba nguThixo. Ngoko ke ubomi bam baphambuka eNkosini ngeminyaka yam yesikolo. Rhoqo emva kwethuba ngaloo minyaka ndandisenza isibophelelo esitsha sokuya ecaweni, kodwa umdla wam apho awuzange ubonakale uhleli. Kodwa lo mfo wayevakala ngokwahlukileyo. UYesu wayesenza kwa izinto wayezenza eBhayibhileni? Ndandinomdla wokubona into wayethetha ngayo. Abaqeshwa bam abaliqela babesiya kuloo cawe, kwaye bandikhuthaza ukuba ndiphume, ngoko ndagqiba kwelokuba ndiye.

Ngobusuku bokuqala ndilapho, ndabuva ubukho bukaThixo ngendlela endingazange ndabuva ngaphambili. Kwakubonakala ngathi ndandibuva ngokwenene ubukho bukaThixo; babubambeka. Umyalezo owanikwa yile ndoda wawunamandla, kwaye xa wabuza ukuba kukho nabani na ofuna ukuzinikezela okanye ukunikezela kwakhona ubomi bakhe kuYesu, ndaphakamisa isandla sam. Wowu! Bobunye ubusuku obu. Ndavuya kakhulu. Ndandifuna ukuxelela wonke umntu indlela amkhulu ngayo uThixo.

Ngezo ntsuku, kwakungekho intanethi, kungekho *CD* okanye

amakhasethi, kwaye sasinezitishi ezintathu kumabonakude wethu. Idolophu yethu yayincinci ngokunjalo, ngoko kwakungekho nto ingako yokwenza emva kweeyure. Ngoko ke abantu abavelisayo babeqhele ukuhlala kwivenkile ye*pizza* ukuzonwabisa kude kube sebusuku. Sasiqhele ukuvala ngo 1:00 kusasa ngoLwesihlanu nangoMgqibelo ebusuku, kwaye indawo yethu yokumisa iimoto yayizala ngabantu abavelisayo. Amaxesha amaninzi kwakufuneka ndibagxothe, njengoko babekwenza kube nzima kubathengi bam ukufumana indawo yokupaka. Kwakukho ngaphezu kobusuku obunye ukuba kwakufuneka kunqandwe imilo ngamapolisa kwaye abantwana bathunyelwe emakhaya. Kodwa ngoku bendinombono. Aba bantu bavelisayo babedinga ukuva ngoYesu. Ke ndiye ndaphuma ndabaxelela ukuba kukho abafuna ukuhlala ndizoba nesifundo seBhayibhile kwivenkile yepizza emva kokuba sivalile. Khumbula oku bekuya kuba malungo ngo 1:30 ekuseni, njengoko kwakufuneka sicoce size sivale ukususela ngo 1:00 ukuya ku 1:30 kusasa ndingazi ukuba kukho nabani kubo ozakuza, kodwa uyazi ukuba, abanye babo beza, kwaye abasebenzi bam abambalwa bahlala ngokunjalo. Ngobusuku bokuqala ndibambe intlanganiso, omnye wabantu abavelisayo owayelapho wathi ufuna ukukhonza uKristu kwaye wandibuza ukuba enze ntoni. Ngoku, oku kuveze ingxaki eyodwa kum njengoko ndandingayicinganga loo nto. Khumbula, ndandingazi nto ngeBhayibhile, kodwa ndandisifundile isibhalo esasibonakala siphendula izinto ezazindixhalabisa.

> *Baya kuthi bonke abasukuba belinqula igama leNkosi basindiswe.*
>
> — Izenzo 2:21

Yayibonakala ilula ngokwaneleyo, ngoko ke yile nto ndigqibe kwelokuba ndiza kuyenza. Iqela lalisele lihambile xa lo mntu uvelisayo weza kum ngalo mbuzo, ndathi makahlale phantsi esitulweni abize igama likaYesu. Ndandicinga ukuba yinto elula ukuyenza kodwa ndahlala apho malunga nemizuzu emibini, kwaye akazange athethe nto. Ngoko ke ndawuphinda umyalelo wam, ndicinga ukuba akandivanga. Akathetha. Ndiye ndaqaphela ukuba wayengcangcazela. Ndandimbona nakwindlela awayebonakala ngayo ukuba wayebonakala enengxaki yokukhupha elo gama emlomeni wakhe. Ngequbuliso, njengokugqabuka kwedama, walikhupha igama likaYesu, kwabakho uxolo ebusweni bakhe. Yasebenza! Ke yayiyindlela endenza ngayo qho umntu efuna ukunikela intliziyo yakhe eNkosini. Bendibacela bahlale esitulweni bathethe igama likaYesu. Phantse ngaphandle kokukhetha, babengenakulibiza igama ngoko nangoko. Babeqalisa ukungcangcazela, emva koko, kwakubonakala ngathi ngobunzima, ngequbuliso balibize, baze babe noxolo.

Ngenye imini ndisegumbini elingemva ndixova intlama, ndeva kunqonqozwa kumnyango wangasemva. Xa ndivula umnyango, ndaqaphela ukuba abantu ababini abavelisayo ababeme apho njengabantu abavelisayo endakhe ndathetha nabo ngaphambili ngoKristu. Ndabangenisa ngaphakathi, kwaye omnye wabo wathi ufuna ukunikela ngentliziyo yakhe kuThixo. Ndiye ndamhlalisa esitulweni; kwaye njengesiqhelo, waqala ukungcangcazela waza ekugqibeleni walibiza igama likaYesu. Xa ndijonga phezulu, ndabona ukuba omnye umntu ovelisayo ebebuye umva kum kwaye wayengaphaya kwegumbi esekoneni kwaye ebonakala ngathi sisilwanyana esivalelweyo. Wayezama ukugqobhoza edongeni ngokungathi ufuna ukuba kude kum. Yayingaqhelekanga le nto, kwaye ndandingenangcaciso yayo.

Ndithe ndisamile ndimjongile, ndavele ndanengcinga, "Ndiyazibuza ukuba lidemon eli." Ngoku, ndandingenawo amava ngeedemon, kodwa ndandifunde ngazo eBhayibhileni. Ngenene ndandingakwazi ukucinga ngenye ingcaciso ngezenzo zakhe ezingaqhelekanga. Ngoko ndathi, "Yesu, lidemon eli?" Kwangoko, ngathi isigqumathelo sitsalwa ngasemva, ndabona idemon lijinga ecaleni lalo mfo. Idemon lalimalunga neenyawo ezintathu ubude, kwaye lalincamathele kulo mfo. Abantu bahlala bendibuza, "Lalikhangeleka njani?" Lalingathi yinkawu kodwa lahlukile. Lalinoboya okwenkawu, lineengalo ezinde njengenkawu, kodwa linamehlo aqaqambileyo, abomvu kwaye libonakala ngathi lijijekile. Umzuzu ndiwabona la mehlo, ndiye ndakhwaza. Inzondo endandiyibona kula mehlo yayingaphaya kwamandla am. Eyona ndlela ingcono yokuchaza into endiyibonileyo kula mehlo iyakuba yintiyo ecacileyo, ekhupha intiyo eyayiphantse ibonakale. Ndaqonda ngomzuzwana nje ukuba le nto ayinayo inzondo kuphela kum kodwa inomsindo kakhulu kum.

Ndithini ngoku? Ndandingayazi ukuba ndenzeni ngoku sele ndiyibonile le nto. Kodwa ndiye ndacinga ukuba igama likaYesu lisingenisa eBukumkanini, limele ukuba negunya phezu kweli demon, ngoko ndathi ngokuvakalayo, "Egameni likaYesu." Kwangoko, isigqumathelo savaleka. Ukuba ukhumbula umabonakude wakudala omnyama namhlophe, xa uyicima, kwakukho isithunzi esimfiliba sento ubuyibukele sisiya siphela kancinci kwiscreen. Ke, yayikhangeleka njena le nto. Ngenene ndandingakwazi ukulibona, kodwa ndandisasibona isithunzi esimfiliba salo. Njengoko isigqumathelo sivaleka, inkwenkwe evelisayo yabaleka ngequbuliso iphuma kwisakhiwo.

Ke, ewe, ndandisazi ukuba iidemon zaziyinyani. Ndinqwenela

ukuba bendinokuthi ndakhe ndayiqonda ukuba ingxaki yam yayingumoya, ndajongana nayo kwaye ndahamba ngenkululeko ukusukela ngalamzuzu. Kodwa oko akuzange kwenzeke kwangoko. Kubuhlungu, emva kokuba secaweni yonke loo minyaka ukuba ngenene andizange ndithathe ixesha lokufunda ukuba ndingubani kuKristu kwaye ndifunde ukunyanzelisa amalungelo am asemthethweni ngokuchasene notshaba. Kodwa ngoku ndaye ndaqonda okanye ndirhanela ukuba inokuba ndijongene nomoya, ndakhuthazwa ukuba ndifunde indlela yokuwoyisa. Ndandisazi ngokwaneleyo ukuba ndazi ukuba idemon bekumele ukuba liphendule kwigunya lam, kodwa ndabhideka kuba alizange lenze njalo. Iintsuku ezimbalwa emva koko, ndiye ndafumana amava aqinisekileyo aqinisekisa ukuba ingxaki yam ngenene yayingumoya.

Ndandisegumbini lam lokulala ndithandaza ndikumoya kwaye ndandizimisele ukuchitha ixesha elaneleyo ndithandaza ukuze ndifumane impendulo malunga nokuba kuqhubeka ntoni. Ndithe xa ndithandaza, ngequbuliso ndaziva ndikhululwe ndaphinda ndakululeka njengaxa umfundisi wayendithandazela. Ndandikhululekile malunga neeyure ezimbini ngobo busuku ngaphambi kokuba iphinde ibuye, kodwa ngoku ndandiqinisekile ukuba yayingumoya njengoko wawuphendule umthandazo. Ndiphinde ndazama ukuthandaza kodwa akwenzeka nto. Ngoko ndaqalisa ukufunda nantoni na endinokuyifunda ngemfazwe yomoya ndaza ndachitha ixesha ndifunda ukuba ndingubani kuKristu. Kodwa into ayizange ihambe. Kanye ngelo xesha ndathi xa ndithandaza ndabona umoya uphendula kwelam igunya. Ndandixakiwe ndaqala ukubuza ngomdla eNkosini ukuba ndezeni. Nangona ndingazange ndikwazi ukukhululeka ngokupheleleyo, andizange ndibe nalo naluphi na uhlaselo loloyiko kwaye konke ukukhubazeka kwakungasekho.

Ngoko kwakukho uloyiso olukhulu olusele lukhona. Ndandisaliswa iingcinga ezingcungcuthekisayo kunye noxinzelelo lwengqondo, kodwa ndandiqinisekile ukuba ndiya ndisiba namandla. Ndandichitha ixesha yonke imihla ndiphononongo okuthethwa yiBhayibhile malunga negunya lethu kuKristu.

Ngenye imvakwemini ndandisilwa nomvandedwa oqhelekileyo woloyiko ngelixa ndisebenza eofisini yam. Ndazama ukuthandaza ndayalela umoya woloyiko ukuba uhambe kodwa akwenzeka nto, njengesiqhelo. Ngequbuliso, ndeva ilizwi leNkosi. Yathi mandiyalele ukuba umoya umke, ndenze njalo ngokuvakalayo, nangegunya. Yaphinda yathetha into kum eyatshintsha indlela endilijonga ngayo igunya lomoya. Ithe ndingahoyi iimvakalelo zam xa ndiyalela ukuba le nto ihambe, kodwa mandime Elizwini Lakhe, hayi kwinto endiyibonayo okanye endiyivayo. Ndandisebenza eofisini yam, ngoko ndandingenakuvela ndiphakame ndiqale ndigxothe umtyholi apho njengoko nabasebenzi bam babekhona. Ndaphakama ndaya egumbini lokuphumla ndatsho ngokuvakalayo, "Egameni likaYesu, ndiyakubopha, wena moya woloyiko. Into oyenzayo ayivumelekanga, kwaye ndikuyalela ukuba umke ngoku egameni likaYesu." Akwenzeka nto, andeva mahluko. Kodwa ndakhumbula into bendiyixelelwe yiNkosi, "Ungazihoyi iimvakalelo zakho."Ndiye ndabulela iNkosi ngegunya eyindinike lona phezu kwalo moya, ndaqala ndadumisa uThixo ukuba ndikhululekile. Ndabuyela eofisini yam ndabuyela emsebenzini. Ndithe ndisahleli edesikeni yam, noxa ndingeva nguquko, ndandisabulela iNkosi ngokuba ndikhululekile ngalo lonke ixesha uvalo luhlasela ingqondo yam. Ndithe ndisasebenza kwifayile yomthengi, ngequbuliso ndeva ubukho bukaThixo phezu kwam, kwaye ndabona ilifu elimnyama lindishiya ngokukhawuleza laza lanyamalala kwisilingi yeofisi yam.

Ndandikhululekile!

Laa moya wedemon woloyiko wawumkile, kwaye ukuba wayenokubuya, ndandiyazi indlela yokujongana nawo. Ndandivuya kakhulu! Ndatsalela uDrenda umnxeba ndamxelela ngale nto igqiba ukwenzeka. Wathi uza kufika kanye, sabhiyoza ngokutya isidlo sasemini ngaloo mini kwindawo yokutyela yamaTshayina (endiyithandayo). Bekuya kufuneka ndiphinde ukuma kwam ngokuchasene naloo moya woloyiko amaxesha amaninzi emva kwaloo mini njengoko iidemon zinganikezile ngokukhawuleza. Kwaye nangona idemon lalihambile, isiphithiphithi sezemali ebomini bam sasingahambanga. Ngoko uloyiko lwaluhlala luzama ukuzihlaziya engqondweni yam malunga nemali zam, kwaye kwafuneka ndifunde ukujongana nengqondo yam kunye nendlela yokuyigcina iseluxolweni.

Kukho amanye amadabi ekwafuneka ndiwalwe kwaye ndifunde ngawo ebomini bam, nezifundo ezininzi zomoya malunga noBukumkani ekusafuneka zifundwe, kodwa isizathu sokuba ndifune ukukuxelela eli bali kukwazisa ukuba ndiyayiqonda indlela uxinzelelo lwezemali oluchaphazela ngayo abantu kunye nobomi babo kwaye lubavule kuloyiko olungcungcuthekisayo.

Ndifuna ukuqinisekisa ukuba uyayazi ukuba nam ndidlule apho.

Ke akukhathaliseki nokuba ujongene naluphi na uhlobo lengxaki, likhona ithemba. Akwaba ngendazile ngoBukumkani bukaThixo kwangaphambili ebomini bam ngokuqinisekileyo. Kubuhlungu ukucinga ukuba mna noDrenda sasiphila kwisiphithiphithi sezemali kule minyaka isithoba xa kwakunganyanzelekanga ukuba sense njalo!

Ngelishwa, iingxaki zethu zezemali zazingekho ncinci; zazinkulu. Yayiyindlela esasiphila ngayo. Iminyaka elithoba yokucela ukuze

siphile, iinkumbulo zeziganeko ezihlazisayo kunye neemeko. Iziganeko endiya kuzilibala msinya. Sikelela umfazi wam! Wanyamezela izinto ezininzi ngaloo minyaka, yiyo loo nto namhlanje ndizama ukumsikelela nanini na ndikwazi.

Kanye njengokuba iNkosi kwafuneka indifundise indlela yokujongana nomoya wedemon, yaqalisa ukundifundisa indlela yokujongana nezimali zam ngokwembono yomoya. Into uThixo awayifundisa mna noDrenda, nento asibonise yona malunga nemali yethu, yayitshintsha ubomi kwaye kakhulu kangangokuba sizibophelele ekuchitheni ubomi bethu bonke sinceda abantu bafumane imigaqo efanayo.

Mna noDrenda sasuka ekubeni nganamali saya kuhlawula iimoto zethu ngemali, Sakha ikhaya lethu lamaphupha singasebenzisi ityala, saqala iinkampani ezininzi, kwaye saqala usasazo lwethu le mihla ngemihla kumabonakude *lweFixing the Money Thing* kwindawo zonke zehlabathi. UDrenda ukwaqale *iDrenda TV* esasazwa rhoqo ngeveki *kwinetwork yeABC Family* ukunceda iintsapho ukuba zazi indlela yokuphila ubomi nokukhuthaza abasetyhini. Seva ngathi uThixo wasikhokelela ukuba siqale *iFaith Life Church*, apho sifundisa amawaka abantu ngoBukumkani bukaThixo rhoqo ngeveki. Ngoku kuthatha izigidi ngonyaka ukwenza le nto siyenzayo, ngaphezu kwe $200,000 ngenyanga ukwenza nje i*TV* ngexesha lokubhalwa kwale ncwadi. Akukho nanye kwezi, ngokucacileyo, ibinokwenzeka ukuba uThixo ebengasifundisanga into emasinifundise yona kolu thotho lweencwadi. Andifuni ukuba ubone le ncwadi njengenye nje incwadi yezemali. Asiyiyo enye incwadi malunga nendlela ekufuneka ulwenze ngayo uhlahlo lwabiwo-mali, nangona oko mhlawumbi kufuneka kwaye kucetyiswa. Asiyonguqulelo yesiqhelo, "akukho ngeniso yaneleyo," ngoko singasusa ntoni.

Hayi, le yincwadi ngovukelo, imvukelo echasene nobukumkani bobumnyama kunye nentlupheko yabo efuthaniselayo. Yincwadi emalunga nokususa imiqobo yorhulumente orhwaphilizayo nokuthatha indlela entsha yobomi. Impendulo yam ibingelocebiso lezemali eliqhelekileyo. Ndifumanise ukuba ndidinga uhlengahlengiso olupheleleyo lwemali:

INGUQU KWEZEMALI!

SAHLUKO 1
UBUKUMKANI

Ndinixelele kwintshayelelo indlela ubomi bam babuphethwe ngayo luloyiko olungcungcuthekisayo. Ke ndikholelwa ukuba kubalulekile ukuba ndiqale uhambo lwethu kunye ngale ngxelo inye ekufuneka uyiqonde ngokwenene: UNGAFUNDI UKUHLALA UNOLOYIKO! Uloyiko luvula umnyango kuzo zonke iintlobo zeempembelelo zeedemon, ukudideka kunye noxinzelelo lwengqondo, njengoko sibonile nje ebomini bam kwaye kwenzeka kubomi bezigidi zabanye abantu. Ndikholwa ukuba ukwenzakala kwezemali yeyona nto ivula umnyango woloyiko kubomi babantu. Ndincede abantu ngokwam kwizimali zabo iminyaka eyi 34 ngenkampani yam yocwangciso lwezemali, kwaye ndafumanisa ukuba ayindim kuphela umntu owayenengxaki yemali okanye owayesilwa nemicimbi yezemali ebomini bakhe.

Enyanisweni, ngokusekwe kuphando lwam, ndifumanise ukuba i-23 pesenti yabemi baseAmerica abahlawuli nentlawulo encinci kwiimbophelelo zabo zamatyala kwaye ngokucothayo baya kungena ekulibaleni kwezemali.[1] Le yinxalenye yesine yelizwe! Amashumi

[1] Tracy Turner, "Debt Is People's Biggest Worry…Finance Problems Rank Higher Than Terrorism and Disasters." *The Columbus Dispatch, 2006.*

amane-anesixhenxe ezigidi, isinye kwisithandathu sabemi, sifumana izitampu zokutya, kwaye iintsapho ezisibhozo kwezilishumi ziphila ngamabona ndenzile.[2] Andizukuthetha ngetyala le 18 triliyoni leedola isizwe sethu elinalo kwaye elingasoze likwazi ukulihlawula. Andizukuyikhankanya izibophelelo zemali ezixabisa i-120 yetriliyoni zeedola ilizwe lethu elizibophelele kuzo ngaphandle kwendlela yenkxaso-mali ekhoyo yokuhlawula iindleko.[3]

Siphila kwilizwe elinemiba enzima yemali! Into endiyifumanise ebomini bam kukuba imiba yemali kunye noxinzelelo lwezemali yenza ukuphila ngoloyiko kube yindlela yobomi.

Kodwa zikhona iimpendulo! Ungakhululeka! IBhayibhile icacile ngalo mbandela: uYesu weza kushumayela iindaba ezilingileyo kumahlwempu!

> *UMoya weNkosi uYehova uphezu kwam; ngenxa yokuba uYehova endithambisele ukuba ndishumayele iindaba ezilungileyo kumahlwempu.*
>
> — UIsaya 61:1

Yintoni iindaba ezilungileyo kumntu olihlwempu? Ukuba angakhululeka! Namhlanje, usenokungabi nalwazi ngendlela enokwenzeka ngayo. Ngaxa lithile ebomini bam, ndaziva ndingenamandla kwaphela. Ingcinga yokuba ne $100 endingayityali mntu yayiyingcinga engaqhelekanga kum kangangokuba ndandingayihleka loo mbono ukuba yayingoyikeki kwaye ilusizi. Loo minyaka elithoba yokuphila kwindlela yokuphila yandikhathaza ngokweemvakalelo. Uxinzelelo lwezemali lusihlutha

[2] Brad Plumer, "*Why are 47 million Americans on food stamps? It's the recession — mostly." The Washington Post, 2013.*

[3] Glenn Kessler, "Does the Nation have 128 Trillion in Unfunded Liabilities." *Washington Post, 2013.*

yonke into elungileyo. Xa ndijonga ii*movie* zasekhaya zaloo minyaka, ndiba neentloni. Ubungandibona kwividiyo ndiphuma emotweni yam kwaye abantwana bam abaxabisekileyo bebaleka bezondibona emva kosuku olude eofisini. Babebaleka baze kum bandibambe umlenze babambelele, bekhwaza, "Molo, Tata!" Kwividiyo, andizange ndibaphendule okanye ndibajonge. Ndandicinezelekile kwaye ndityhafile kangangokuba ndandingazi nokuba yintoni ebalulekileyo.

"UMOYA WENKOSI UYEHOVA UPHEZU KWAM; NGENXA YOKUBA UYEHOVA ENDITHAMBISELE UKUBA NDISHUMAYELE IINDABA EZILUNGILEYO KUMAHLWEMPU."

— UISAYA 61:1

Isimo sam sengqondo ngoko sindikhumbuza into endayifunda kanye kwiklasi yokuqubha.

Ukuba umntu uyatshona kwaye ekhwaza ecela uncedo, lumka ukuba uya kumnceda. Ngoba? Ngenxa yokuba baxakeke kukusinda kangangokuba basenokukutsalela ngaphantsi ngaphandle kokufuna ukwenza njalo. Ndandinjalo ke, njenge*zombie* engabaziyo ubomi, ndiphila nje ndingenazo iimvakalelo. Njengomyeni, ndandisilela uvavanyo. Njengoyise, ndandisilela uvavanyo. Njengomboneleli, ndandisilela uvavanyo. Ubomi bam babuyindlela efanayo yokungabi namvakalelo, kungekho mbono, kunye nomfanekiso ongenathemba ngobomi.

IColumbus, Ohio, yayithengisa izindlu ezininzi kweza ntsuku. Izindlu bezivela kuyo yonke indawo ngenxa yoko, isixeko sethu sasibamba *iParade of Homes* iminyaka emininzi ilandelelana. Ukuba awuyazi ukuba yintoni leyo, mandicacise. *IParade of homes* liqela lamakhaya athile akhiwe ngabakhi abohlukeneyo ukubonisa

izitayile zabo ezizodwa kunye nobuchule babo, kunye nazo zonke izixhobo ezintsha kunye nenzinto ezongezekileyo eziyenza ibentle. Yayiyinto enkulu le, kuwo wonke umntu ohlala kule ngingqi kwaye yayisonwatyelwa ngamawaka abantu. Kodwa mna ndandiyoyika i*Parade of Homes*. Siphila kwintlupheko esasiphila kuyo, ndandingafuni uDrenda ayokuzijonga ezi zindlu. Ndandisele ndiziva kakubi ngokwaneleyo ngokusilela kwam kwezemali, ngokuqinisekileyo ndandingafuni ukuba umfazi wam azi ukuba kubi kangakanani na. Ngoku ndiyazi ukuba imbono yam ngale nto yayibubudenge, kodwa ngelo xesha, yayiyimbono yam leyo. Ndandisazi ukuba xa enokuya pha, wayeza kuyifuna. Ke unyaka nonyaka, ndathi, "Hayi!" Kodwa ekugqibeleni, ngomnye unyaka ndanikezela ndaza ndagqiba kwelokuba siye.

Izindlu, njengoko unokucinga, zazizukile. Zenza indlu yethu yesplasi encinci yangee 1800 yakhangeleka njengendlu egwetyiweyo elindele ukudilizwa. Emva kokuba sigqibe ukujonga izindlu ezimbalwa zokuqala kwaye njengoko sasihamba endleleni yokuhamba, ngokukhawuleza ndaqonda ukuba uDrenda wayengahambi ecaleni kwam. Ndajika ndajonga apho akhoyo, ndavele ndabuhlungu ndakumbona eme ngaphandle kwendlu ebesisandophuma kuyo. Iinyembezi zazisehla ebusweni bakhe. Ndabuyela kuye ndabuza umbuzo ongabhadlanga, "Yintoni engalunganga?"Ngokungathi ndandingayazi impendulo yalo mbuzo. Wavele wandijonga wabuza, "Ndingaba nayo nini indlu"?

Ingqondo yam yajikeleza, "Indlu? Efana na le? Zonke ezi zindlu zixabisa $500,000 uyokutsho kwi $700,000." Ndandisazama ukufumana indlela yokuhlawula intlawulo yerenti yenyanga eyi-$300 ibifuneka yendlu endala yaseplasini. Ndiyazi ukuba kulusizi, kodwa ndandingaboni indlela yokuphuma, kwaye

andizange ndinike ithemba kumfazi wam omhle, oxabisekileyo. Uloyiko nokusilela bekuyigqwetha ingqondo nembono yam. Yayingendim lo, kwenzeka ntoni kuvuyo lwam, kulonwabo lwam? Ndandibonakala ndingaboni ngaphaya koxinzelelo lwemali.

Yayingu 2:00 okanye 3:00 kusasa kwaye ndingakwazi ukulala. Iintlungu zaqala emhlathini nasebusweni ngokungathi ziinaliti, kwaye ndandisifuna ngamandla isiqabu. Iiyure ezingamashumi amathathu anesithandathu ngaphambili ndandiyoku nyanga izinyo ukuze ndinqande usulelo olwabangela ukuba ubuso bam budumbe okwebhaloni. Iintlungu nokungakhululeki kwakungakholeleki. Ndandithatha i*Tylenol* rhoqo kwiiyure ezine ngenxa yeentlungu, kodwa yayingabonakali inceda kangako. Njengoko ndandihleli kwigumbi lam lokuhlala, ndingakwazi ukulala kwaye ndisele enye idosi, ndiye ndajonga ibhokisi ye*Tylenol* ndafunda imiyalelo. Kungekhona ngenxa yokuba ndandingayazi indlela yokuthatha i*Tylenol* kodwa ngenxa yesithukuthezi, kanye njengokuba sonke siyifundile ibhokisi yepapa ngelixa sisitya ipapa yethu ekuseni. Kungekhona ngenxa yokuba sinomdla ngokwenene kodwa ngenxa yokuba kwenezeka nje ukuba ikho. Ewe, ewe, iipilisi eziyi-2 rhoqo kwiiyure eziyi-4, kodwa yaysithini? Kungabi ngaphezulu kweepilisi eziyi 10 kwisithuba seeyure eziyi-24? Ingqondo yam yakhawuleza yadibanisa inani leepilisi umntu anokuzitya xa ezithatha rhoqo ngeeyure eziyi-4, njengoko bendenzile kwiintsuku eziyi-2 ezidlulileyo, iipilisi eziyi—12 ngosuku, iipilisi eziyi-2 ngaphezu kwedosi ephezulu. Ngequbuliso, isisu sam saqina kwaye uloyiko lwandibamba.

Iminyaka esithoba ndiphila ndiphandela emlomeni, ndisilela njengomyeni, ndisilela njengoyise, nokusilela ekuboneleleni kuye kwandibangela ukuba ndibe buhlungu ngokweemvakalelo.

Oogqirha babendifake kumayeza okuthomalalisa uxinzelelo ukuzama ukundinceda. Kodwa akukho nto yayinceda. Ndihleli apho ngobo busuku ndinesifo sezinyo, ndingakhange ndilale iintsuku ezimbini, kwaye intlungu yayinzima kangangokuba ndandingakwazi ukulala. Ngoku ndifunda ibhokisi ye*Tylenol*, ndiye ndaqonda ukuba ndinenye into ekufuneka ndikhathazeke ngayo, ukutya ngaphezu komlinganiselo okunokwenzeka kwe*Tylenol*.

Ndandingazi ukuba ukutya ngaphezu komlinganiselo i*Tylenol* kwakuzakundenza ntoni, kodwa ndandiqinisekile ukuba yinto encinane kuba nabani na angayithenga kwikhawuntara. Ndicinge ukuba bekufuneke babeke izilumkiso kwibhokisi enje ukuze bathomalalise amagqwetha abo kwaye bahlale ngokweemfuno zabo zomthetho. Andikhange ndicinge ukuba ukuthatha iipilisi eziyi-2 ukodlulela kunokubangela umba omkhulu. Kodwa umoya woloyiko wayibamba ingqondo yam, wathatha lo nyani, waqala ukundizalisa ngeengcinga zokuba "kungathini." Ke ukuze ndikhulule ingqondo yam, ndacinga ukuba ndingatsalela umxeba i*Poison Control Centre* ukuze ndifumanise. Ndandiqinisekile ukuba babezakuthi ayiyo nto inkulu.

Kodwa inenekazi kwelinye icala lomnxeba lavakala liyingcali xa laliphendula. Wandibuza ukuba anganceda njani, ndaza ndamcacisela ukuba ndithathe i*Tylenol* rhoqo kwiiyure eziyi-4 kwisithuba seeyure eziyi-36 zidlulileyo, ngaloo ndlela ndithathe iipilisi eziyi-12 ngosuku endaweni ye-10 ekwakuthiwe mayingadlulwa. Ndamxelela ukuba nditsale umnxeba nje ndiqinisekisa ukuba ukuthatha ezo pilisi ziyi-2 ezongezelelweyo azizukwenza umonakalo omkhulu. Kuye kwathi cwaka, ndeva amaqosha ekhompyutha ecofwa. Ndiye ndeva la mazwi, kwaye ndicaphula kanye le nto wayeyithethile, "Mhlekazi, asizange sibe nomntu ophilayo owathatha loo dosi."Ndimve kakuhle?

Ngokuqinisekileyo akunjalo! Ndiye ndamcacisela kwakhona ukuba ndithathe iipilisi eziyi-2 ezongezelekileyo kwisithuba seeyure eziyi-24 kwaye ndiyenze le nto kangangeentsuku eziyi-2.

Ngeli xesha uphendule ngelizwi elibukhali, "Mhlekazi, njengoko benditshilo, asizange sibe nomntu ophilayo owathatha loo dosi." Ndikudinga kwigumbi likaxakeka NGOKU!" xa ndizama ukumcacisela kwakhona ukuba kwenzekeni, ekubeni ndiqinisekile ukuba kukho into engalunganga wayeyiva, wandinqanda wathi, "Noba uyaziqhuba uye esibhedlele okanye ndiya kuthumela inqwelo yezigulana. Ndandothukile! "Ndizakuqhuba ngokwam," ndathintitha. "Uya kwesiphi isibhedlele?" wabuza. Ndamxelela ndaxhoma umnxeba.

Ndema apho ndothukile. Ndandine ntlanganiso ebalulekile kakhulu ngo-9:00 ngalo ntsasa, kwaye ngoku kwakumalunga no-3:30 kusasa. Ndiye ndanyoshoza ndinyuka izi*steps* ndaya egumbini lam lokulala ndavusa uDrenda ndamxelela ukuba kwenzeke ntoni. Uye wandijonga ke ebonakala elusizi. Umyeni wakhe wayesenza izinto ezingaqhelekanga ngoku iinyanga ezimbalwa, kwaye wayediniwe kukugcina yonke into izolile, ngoku le nto? "Gary, yayizipilisi ezimbini kuphela ezigqithisileyo. Ngokuqinisekileyo wazi ngcono kunokukholelwa ukuba ziya kukubulala. Wathi, "batsalele umnxeba kwakhona."Kodwa uloyiko alunangqiqo kwaye luyangcungcuthekisa. Inenekazi lithe zingandibulala, kufuneka ndiye esibhedlele. Bendiyibona lambonakalo ithi, "inokuba uyadlala" emehlweni enkosikazi yam xa ndijika ndiphuma kwigumbi lokulala.

Njengoko ndandiqhuba ndisiya esibhedlele, amadoda amabini awayenxibe iidyasi ezimhlophe ababelinde ngaphandle komnyango wegumbi likaxakeka. Ndithe xa ndifika ndimisa imoto, beza kum bathi, "unguGary Keesee?" bandikhawulezisa bandisa kwigumbi

lonyango. Ndithe xa ndidlula kwibhodi yegumbi likaxakeka, ndabona igama lam sele libhaliwe kuyo. Ibisithi, "Gary Keesee—utye ngaphezu komlinganiselo." Ndandingayikholwa. Ukwenza ibali elide libe lufutshane, uthe ugqirha akuthatha isampuli yegazi lam, wangena wathi, "Ubekwa yintoni apha? Izinga le*Tylenol* egazini lakho elikho phezulu ngokwaneleyo ukunyanga intloko." Ndathi ndakumbalisela ibali le*Poison Control*, waqala wahleka. Ndandingacingi ukuba iyahlekisa xa ityala le $2,000 lifika ngeposi. USathana wayendiqhathile wandibela kwakhona.

Ndikubalisa eli bali, kunye nentshumayelo, ukuze ubone ubomi bam babuphi ngaphambi kokuba ndifumane uBukumkani bukaThixo. Ewe, ndandiliKristu. Ewe, ndanikila ngezishumi. Ewe, ndokhokele unqulo okwethutyana ecaweni yam. Ewe, ndandimthanda uThixo. Kodwa kwakukho into engalunganga, engalunganga kakhulu! Ndikuxelele indlela uThixo andifundise ngayo ukulwa nomoya woloyiko nendlela endakhululeka ngayo kumayeza okuthomalalisa uxinzelelo kunye nokuhlaselwa luloyiko. Kodwa ndandingakhululekanga kwiimeko ezavelisa imfazwe yam yoloyiko kwasekuqaleni, imeko yam yemali embi! Ndandinoxinzelelo olukhulu mihla le lokufumana imali ndihlawule amatyala am, Kwaye ndandineshumi lamakhadi okuthenga ngetyala atyalayo nacinyiweyo, iimali mboleko ezintathu, ityala le IRS, imali etyalwa izalamane kunye nezigwebo ezininzi nokuthinjelwa izinto bazigcine ndide ndihlawule.

Njengokuba benditshilo, ubomi bethu bebuyingxaki yemali. Uxinzelelo nokuphazamiseka ngokweemvakalelo yayindlela endandisebenza ngayo. Nangona sasingamaKristu, sasisifa ngokwezimali, kwaye nganye kumakhadi am okuthenga ngetyala ayecinywa. Kwafakwa into yokuba kuthinjwe izinto zam zigcinwe ndide

ndihlawule, ikredithi yam yarhoxiswa, nababolekisi befowuna. Kwincopho yemeko yethu yemali, kunye noshishini lethu lingafumani ngeniso ingako, sasingakwazi nokuthenga ukutya. Usapho lwam laluhlala lusondelene ngasestovini seenkuni kwigumbi lethu lentsapho ukuze lifudumale kuba sasingakwazi ukuthenga ioyile. Sasigqogqa izitulo neesofa sifuna imali etshintshekileyo eye yawela emacaleni ngethemba lokufumana imali eyaneleyo yokuthenga i*happy meal* kwa*McDonald's* ukuze siyohlule phakathi kwabantwana bethu.

"KE UTHIXO WAM WOKWENZELELELA KONKE UKUSWELA KWENU NGOKOBUTYEBI BAKHE, NGOKOZUKO OLUKUKRISTU YESU."

— KWABASEFILIPI 4:19

Ndandilungile kakhulu ekubambeni ababolekisi xa betsale umnxeba, kodwa ngenye imini enye yeeakhawunti zam endingazihlawuliyo yaqesha igqwetha ukuba liqokelele iakhawunti yam. Lo mfo wafowuna kwaye enganabuntu. Wathi nje, "Ndifuna imali ngeentsuku ezintathu okanye ndikumangalela egameni lomthengi wam." Kwakuphelile ngam. Ndandingenayo enye indlela, ndandingenaKhredithi, ndandisele ndityala abahlobo bam kwaye kwakungeli xesha apho ndaziyo ukuba kuphelile ngam. Ndakhasa ndaya egumbini lam lokulala ndawa phezu kwebhedi yam ndakhala kuThixo. Ngokukhawuleza, ndeva ilizwi leNkosi. Isibhalo endasiva amaxesha amaninzi sangena engqondweni yam.

> *Ke uThixo wam wokwenzelelela konke ukuswela kwenu ngokobutyebi Bakhe, ngokozuko olukuKristu Yesu.*
>
> — KwabaseFilipi 4:19

Ndaphendula iNkosi ndathi ndiyasazi eso sibhalo kodwa iimfuno zam zazingafezekiswa! Waphendula umbuzo wam kwangoko, “Ewe, kodwa ayilotyala lam elo. Awuzange uthathe ixesha lokufunda ukuba uBukumkani bam busebenza njani. Enyanisweni, uninzi lwebandla lam liphila njengokuba uSirayeli wayephila kuMnqophiso Omdala—njengamakhoboka. Baphila ubomi betyala kwaye baphila ubomi bobukhoboka bemali. Ndifuna abantu bam bakhululeke.”

Ndakhawuleza ndabaleka ndaya ezantsi ndabamba uDrenda ndamxelela le nto ithethwe yiNkosi kum. Ndaguquka kuye ngokungafuni uThixo nokungafundi ukuba busebenza njani uBukumkani Bakhe. Eneneni, ngelo xesha, ngenene sasingazi ukuba uThixo wayethetha ukuthini xa wayesithi asiyazi indlela obusebenza ngayo uBukumkani. Kuba kaloku, sasisecaweni, sinikela isishumi kwingeniso yethu ixesha elininzi, kwaye sasimthanda uThixo. Sasicinga ukuba sele sicinga ngoBukumkani. Umba, nangona kunjalo, njengoko ndandizakufumanisa, yayikukuba, ewe, ndandisendleleni eya ezulwini, kodwa ndandingenalo nofifi lokuba ndingawazisa njani amandla negunya lezulu ebomini bam nokuchaphazela iimeko zam zendalo. Ngoko saqalisa ukufunda iBhayibhile, kwaye uThixo waqala ukuthetha nathi kwaye wasinceda ukuba sazi ukuba wayethetha ukuthini xa wayesithi uBukumkani. Into esayifundayo yayisothusa! Kwakungathi ndikhanyisa isibane kwigumbi elimnyama. Okokuqala ebomini bethu, sifumene iimpendulo malunga nobomi bethu bezemali!

Thixo, uThetha uKuthini ngoBukumkani?

Xa uThixo wandixelela ukuba andizange ndifunde ukuba uBukumkani Bakhe busebenza njani, ndandibhidekile. UBukumkani?

Mna noDrenda sasingazi. Sathandaza sacela uThixo ukuba asifundise ukuba uthetha ukuthini ngalo nto: “Nkosi yam sifundise ukuba uthetha ukuthini xa usithi uBukumkani!” ndicinga ukuba lo mbono unzima ukuba iingqondo zethu zasentshona ziwuqonde, siphila kwingqondo yaseAmerica yedemokhrasi kunye nokuvakalisa ngokukhululekileyo. UBukumkani bukaThixo asiyiyo idemokhrasi; buBukumkani obunoKumkani. Igunya lo Kumkani lihla eBukumkanini linegunya eligunyazisiweyo kwiiofisi ezahlukeneyo zaseburhulumenteni nabantu abasebenza phantsi kwelo gunya.

Ukuba negquba la bantu ayibubo ubukumkani. Unokuba nesigidi sabantu kwigquba kwaye ibingayi kuba buBukumkani. UBukumkani liqela la bantu elidityaniswe ngumthetho okanye ngurhulumente. Inkcazelo yoBukumkani kwisichazi-magama ithi: “ubukumkani: urhulumente onokumkani okanye ukumkanikazi njengentloko yawo.”

Nangona sibhiyozela uYesu esiza emhlabeni ngeKrisimesi, sihlala sisilela ukuqonda ukuba wayesiza norhulumente naye. IBhayibhile ithetha ngalo rhulumente kuIsaya 9:6-7:

> *Ngokuba sizalelwe umntwana, sinikwe unyana; urhulumente uza kuba semagxeni akhe. Igama Lakhe kuthiwa nguMnangaliso, nguMcebisi, nguThixo oligorha, ngusonini-nanini, ngumthetheli woXolo. Ukuba kwande urhulumente, kubekho uxolo elungenakuphela etroneni kaDavide naseBukumkanini Bakhe, ukuba bumiswe buxhaswe ngokusesikweni nangobulungisa, kususela koko kude kuse ephakadeni. Ikhwele likaYehova wemikhosi liya kukwenza oko.*

UYesu uyintloko yalo rhulumente, kwaye xa simamkela

uYesu njengoMsindisi wethu siba yinxalenye yalo rhulumente; sibe ngabemi. Asipheleli nje ekubeni sibe ngabemi kodwa sikwayinxalenye yendlu kaThixo njengoonyana neentombi zika Thixo.

> *Ke bonke abamamkelayo wabanika igunya lokuba babe ngabantwana bakaThixo—abangazalwanga ngagazi, nangakuthanda kwethu, nangakuthanda kwandoda; bazalwa nguThixo.*
>
> — UYohane 1:12-13

> *Ngoko ke anisengabasemzini nabaphambukeli; ningamakhaya kubo abangcwele, ningabendlu kaThixo.*
>
> — KwabaseEfese 1:19

Njengamalungu endlu kaThixo, siba yinxalenye yentsapho Yakhe size ngaloo ndlela singaBakhe okanye sibe yinxalenye yayo yonke into anayo uThixo. Kodwa nathi sibe ngabemi borhulumente Wakhe omkhulu. Oku kuthetha ukuba sinamalungelo asemthethweni kunye neenzuzo kulo rhulumente. Ukuze niyiqonde ngcono le nto ndithetha ngayo, mandithethe ngokuba ngummi wendalo eUnited States. Njengommi waseUnited States, unamalungelo asemthethweni. Amalungelo akho asemthethweni abhalwe kumgaqo-siseko wethu nakwimithetho esele iwiswe kurhulumente wethu. Le mithetho kunye neenzuzo ziya kuye wonke ummi, nokuba ngubani na. Loo malungelo akasekelwanga kwiimvakalelo zethu okanye kwindlela esikrelekrele ngayo. Hayi, asekwe ngumthetho, afumaneka ngokusemthethweni kuye wonke ummi obiza iAmerica ikhaya labo. Kungenzeka ukuba ummi angawazi

namalungelo akhe asemthethweni, kodwa nangona kunjalo, banawo nje ngokuba ngummi weUnited States of America.

Ngoku nantsi into omawucinge ngayo, kwaye ndiyathemba ukuba iyayitshintsha yonke imbono yakho ngoThixo kunye nendlela owamkela ngayo kuThixo. Apha eUnited States ukuba sifumanisa ukuba kukho into okanye umntu ozama ukusihlutha amalungelo ethu asemthethweni okanye siphathwe ngokungekho sikweni, siyakwazi ukufikelela kubulungisa (ubulungisa buthetha ukunyanzeliswa okanye ukulawulwa komthetho), inkqubo enyanzelisa ilungelo lethu elisemthethweni. Siya enkundleni, kwaye umantyi akahoyi inkangelelo yethu, okanye indlela esizityebi okanye ihlwempu ngayo. Ujonga umthetho. Kufuneka agwebe evumelana nomthetho ngamaxesha onke. Olu lukhuseleko lwethu, ukuba sinamalungelo asemthethweni, kwaye urhulumente wethu uya kunyanzelisa amalungelo ethu asemthethweni ngenkqubo yobulungisa ngaphakathi kweUnited States. Unale nto engqondweni, qwalasela ngakumbi uIsaya 9 njengoko ethetha ngalo rhulumente mtsha uYesu amzisayo emhlabeni.

> *Uya (uYesu) kulawula etronini kaDavide naseBukumkanini Bakhe, ukuba bumiswe buxhaswe ngokusesikweni nangobulungisa….*
>
> — UIsaya 9:7b

Esi sibhalo sithi uBukumkani bukaThixo bumisiwe buxhaswe ngokusesikweni ngobulungisa, ngolawulo lo mthetho kaThixo. Ulawulo luthetha inkqubo yokuphumeza okanye yokunyanzelisa

amalungelo akho omthetho. Amalungelo akho omthetho ngawo uThixo awabiza ubulungisa okanye athi yinto elungileyo, umthetho Wakhe. Ukuze uqinisekise ukuba unayo into athi uThixo ilungile eBukumkanini Bakhe, into eyeyakho ngokusemthethweni njengommi kobo Bukumkani, uThixo ukunike ukufikelela kubulungisa, inkqubo okanye isiqinisekiso sokuba uya kuba nakho oko akuthembisileyo. UThixo usazisile intando Yakhe ngeLizwi Lakhe, iBhayibhile, ukuze siwazi amalungelo ethu eBukumkanini Bakhe. Ezi ziindaba ezimnandi! Yonke into oyifunda eBhayibhileni ephathelene noko uThixo akuthembisileyo sele kukokwakho ngokusemthethweni njengommi woBukumkani Bakhe!

Eyesibini KwabaseKorinte 1:20 ithi ngokucacileyo sonke isithembiso—SONKE ISITHEMBISO—ngu-"Ewe" no "Amen." Sele kugqityhiwe ngaso; sele isesakho ngokusemthethweni.

> *Kuba ngangoko zingako izithembiso zikaThixo, "uEwe" uKristu, no "Amen" uKuye, ukuze kuzukiswe uThixo ngathi.*
> — 2 KwabaseKorinte 1:20

Isiseko soBukumkani bukaThixo kokusesikweni nobulungisa-obungenakugungqiswa. Ngoko cinga ngayo ngale ndlela: "Ukuba ndazi umthetho woBukumkani bukaThixo (intando Yakhe), kwayendiyazi ukuba ndofikelela kubulungisa, inkqubo yonyanzelo endiqinisekisayo ukuba umthetho uthini, ngoko ndiqinisekile kwaye andoyiki.

> *Kuko oku ukungafihlisi esinako kuThixo: ukuba sithi sicele into ngokuthanda Kwakhe, uyasiva. Ukuba siyazi okokuba*

uyasiva—esisukuba sikucela—siyazi ukuba sinazo izinto ezicelwayo, esizicelileyo Kuye.

— 1 Yohane 5:14-15

Xa le vesi isithi uyasiva, ayi thethi ngokusiva xa sithetha njengokuva amazwi ethu ngamaza omsindo; ithetha ngaye ubuka athathe ityala. Cinga ngomantyi echophela ityala ukuze aqinisekise ukuba ubulungisa buyenziwa. Inkundla kunye nomantyi bakhona ukuze baqinisekise ukuba ubulungisa buyafumaneka kuye wonke ummi. Isigqibo sikamantyi asisekelwanga kwiimvakalelo zakhe kodwa sisekelwe kumthetho awongameleyo ukuze unyanzeliswe kummi ngamnye. Umantyi ukho ukuze aqinisekise ukuba ubulungisa (ukunyanzeliswa komthetho) benzeke ngokomthetho obhaliweyo. Kwimeko kaThixo, itrone Yakhe (indawo yegunya) kunye namandla Akhe akho ukuqinisekisa ubulungisa (ukunyanzeliswa kwentando Yakhe) kubo bonke abantu abaza kuYesu nakuBukumkani Bakhe.

IZIKUMKANI ZISEBENZA NGEMITHETHO KWAYE IMITHETHO AYITSHINTSHI.

Nceda ufunde ingxelo kwakhona ngokucothayo kwaye uyithelekise nembono yakho yangoku kaThixo. Uninzi lwabantu lucinga ukuba uThixo wenza izigqibo ngokungafaniyo kwimeko-ngemeko, kodwa ayiyonyaniso leyo. Ungukumkani woBukumkani obunemithetho engatshintshiyo. Akenzi kwaye akayi kwenza izigqibo ngaphandle komthetho Wakhe. Ngenxa yoko sinokuyazi ukuba ithini na impendulo Yakhe ngaphambi kokuba sibuze, kwaye sinokuqiniseka ukuba sinako oko kuthethwa ngumthetho Wakhe ngaphambi kokuba sikubone kuba unamandla okuphumeza ukuthotyelwa komthetho Wakhe.

Njengoko mna noDrenda saqalisa ukufunda ngamalungelo ethu asemthethweni eBukumkanini, yatshintsha kakuhlu indlela esasicinga ngayo ngoThixo kunye neBhayibhile. Isiphumo sokuqonda kwethu okutsha yayibubomi obutshintshileyo. Akusekho kucela. Akusekho kucenga. Sifunde into yokuba into eyathethwa nguThixo yayisele inikiwe kuthi ngokusemthethweni njengabemi boBukumkani Bakhe. Sasidinga nje ukuqhubeka nokufunda indlela yokufaka ibango ngokusemthethweni kwinto eyethu ngokusemthethweni kwaye siyikhulule kummandla wasemhlabeni. Cinga ngokukhupha itsheki. Nangona unokuba nemali eninzi kwiakhawunti yakho yetsheki, kukho inkqubo yomthetho ofaka ngayo ibango lemali kwaye ukhuphe itsheki. Kukho inkqubo kuyo nayiphi inkqubo yezomthetho apho sifaka ibango elisemthethweni kwinto ethile, nokuba sele singabanini bayo.

> *Amandla Akhe obuThixo asiphile zonke izinto ezisingise ebomini nasekuhloneleni uThixo, ngako ukumazi lowo wasibizayo ngozuko nesidima.*
>
> — 2 Petros 1:3

Bubukumkani! Abo bangabemi boBukumkani banamalungelo afanayo naye nabani na ongummi woBukumkani. Kubalulekile ukuba siliqonde eli nqaku: Izikumkani zisebenza ngemithetho kwaye imithetho ayitshintshi. Kutheni le nto ibalulekile? Ibalulekile kuba ithetha ukuba uBukumkani busebenza ngokusekwe kwimithetho engaguqukiyo ke akukho kuhlonitshwa kwabantu eBukumkanini. Endaweni yoko, wonke ubani eBukumkanini unelungelo elifanayo lokonwabela ukusebenza komthetho woBukumkani egameni lakhe njengokuba nawuphi na omnye umntu eBukumkanini enokwenza.

Apha kulapho izinto zibhideka kancinci ecaweni. Uninzi lwamaKristu lucinga ukuba uThixo wenza isigqibo ngento afuna ukuyenza ebomini bomntu. Ngamanye amazwi, bacinga ukuba uThixo ukhetha ukusikelela umntu angenzi njalo ngomnye umntu. Bacinga ukuba uThixo uyazivumela izinto ukuba zenzeke ebantwini abangena kuzilawula. Bacinga ukuba uya kuphilisa omnye umntu angaphili omnye. Uninzi lwamaKristu lucela uThixo ukuba awancede xa sele enze konke okusemandleni Akhe ukuwanceda. Wabanika uBukumkani, bonke uBukumkani!

Xa uThixo waqala ukuthetha nam ngezimali zam nokuba kwakufuneka ndifunde ngakumbi ngoBukumkani Bakhe, wandinika esi sibhalo.

> *Ninoyolo, nina mahlwempu; ngokuba bobenu uBukumkani bukaThixo.*
>
> — ULuka 6:20b

UThixo wayendixelela ukuba impendulo yam yezezimali buBukumkani Bakhe kwaye unokongeza kubo, ukwazi ukuba ungene njani kwimithetho yoBukumkani apha kummandla wasemhlabeni njengoko uYesu wenzayo. Ndiyavuma ukuba ndandingazi ukuba yayithetha ukuthini yonke loo nto ekuqaleni. Kodwa ndathi ndakucinga oko uThixo andixelele kona, ndaqonda ukuba izikumkani, enyanisweni, zisebenza ngokomthetho. Umsebenzi kunye nesiphumo somthetho othile zinokwaziwa kwaye zibalelwe kumsebenzi ngendlela efanayo ngalo lonke ixesha kuba imithetho ayitshintshi. Andizange ndiyicinge ngenene loo nto ngokwembono yomoya ngaphambili. Nangona kunjalo, ukuba kwakunjalo, kwaye uBukumkani bukaThixo ngokwenene babusebenza ngolo hlobo,

ngoko ndandisazi ukuba ndandinokufunda loo mithetho, ndiyisebenzise, kwaye ndibe nenuzo yaloo mithetho isebenza ebomini bam.

Ndaqonda ukuba imithetho elawula lo mhlaba ayitshinsthi. Enyanisweni, ukusebenza kwayo rhoqo nokungaquki kwayo kunokuxhomekeka kuyo ukuthumela umntu enyangeni okanye ekubangeleni inqwelomoya ukuba ibhabhe. Kodwa amaKristu amaninzi awasondeli kuThixo ngaloo ndlela. Endaweni yoko, bacenga kwaye bakhale xa befuna into, bezama ukukholisa uThixo ngento abayidingayo ngokungathi uThixo kufuneka akhethe ukubanyamekela.

Umzekelo, ukuba bendiza kushumayela kwinkomfa yecawe ethile, ngaba bonke abantu becawe bebeya kuqalisa ukuthandaza ukuba izibane zikhanyiswe kulo mcimbi? Ingaba bebezakuzila bathandaze, becela uThixo, "Thixo, uyayazi ukuba ibaluleke kangakanani le ntlanganiso nendlela esizidinga ngayo izibane zikhanye," njengoko becela belila bethandaza? Andicinga njalo. Enyanisweni, ndiyathandabuza nayiphi na inkxalabo malunga nezibane ezikhanyayo ingangena ezingqondweni zabo xa kufikwa kucwangiso lwentlanganiso.

Ukuba ngenxa yesizathu esithile bafika kobo busuku benkomfa kwaye izibane zingakhanyi, ucinga ukuba babeza kufowunela inkampani yombane bebabongoza ukuba bakhanyise izibane? Hayi. Ukuba bayebenza njalo, ndiqinisekile ukuba ummeli wenkampani angamamela umzuzwana, ajike ajonge kugxa wakhe asebenza naye athi, "ndinegeza apha kumnxeba." Athi ke, "Nenekazi, umbane ukhona, ingxaki isecaleni lenu."

Xa ndixelela abantu lo mgca kwiinkomfa zam, wonke umntu uyahleka. Uyazi ukuba kutheni? Kuba bayazi ukuba ukutsalela

inkampani yombane umnxeba, ukhala, ubaxelela ukuba bakhanyise izibane bubudenge; uninzi lwabantu luya kuyazi kakuhle emabayenze. Bebezovela bavule nje iswitshi. Ibiya kuba lula ngolo hlobo! Ngukabikho kukhathazeka kakhulu ngokweemvakalelo, uxinzelelo, bebeya kuvula iswitshi nje. Uyafuna ukwazi ukuba kutheni bengazikhathazi ngokukhanya kwezibane? Ngenxa yokuba BALINDELE ukuba izibane zikhanye. Balindele ukuba izibane zikhanye kuba bayayazi indlela osebenza ngayo umbane. Bayayiqonda IMITHETHO elawula umbane, kwaye bayazi ukuba umthetho awutshintshi.

Kodwa ukuba unokubuyela emva, kwiminyaka eyi-1,000 edlulileyo uze uxelele omnye umntu ukuba uza kukhanyisa isixeko siphela ngeeglowubhu zeglasi ezincinane, usenokucinga ukuba awubadlanga. Kwaye ukuba bakubone ukhanyisa inxalenye yesixeko ngeenglowubhu zeglasi ezincinane, babenokuthi yayingummangaliso. Nantoni na abantu abangenakuyichaza, bayibiza ngokuba ngummangaliso. Kodwa ibingengommangaliso, ibingumthetho wombane osebenza njengoko kuya kuba njalo kuye nabani na othatha ixesha lokufunda ukuba umbane usebenza njani.

Sisanda kufunda ukuba umbane usebenza njani, okanye unokuthi iingqondo zethu sizihlaziyele kwimithetho elawula umbane. Ngoko silindele ukuba usebenze kwaye asothuki xa siwubona usebenza. Enyanisweni, simangaliswa ngakumbi xa siwubona usilela. Ngokuqonda imithetho elawula umbane kwaye siyibhale, sinokuphinda izibane kwihlabathi jikelele. Njani? Sinokukwenza ngokufundisa abanye indlela le mithetho esebenza ngayo size sibavumele banandiphe ingenelo yokuba nazo izibane. Konke oku kuyenzeka ngokuqondwa kwemithetho elawula umbane. Kukwanjalo ke nakwimithetho yomoya. Ukuba asiyiqondi, asiyi

kukwazi ukunandipha iingenelo zayo okanye siwuphindaphinde xa siwufuna.

Xa sibona inqwelomoya ibhabha, asithi, "Wowu, ngummangaliso lowo." Hayi, silindele ukuba inqwelomoya ibhabhe kuba, kwakhona, siyayiqonda indlela inqwelomoya ebhabha ngayo nesizathu sokuba ibhabhe. Kwaye kwakhona, ukuba sibuyela emva, kwiminyaka eyi-1,000 edlulileyo kwaye enye yee*double deck Airbus* ezintsha ibhabhe ngaphezu kwemithi, banokuthini abantu? Basenokuthi ngummangaliso lowo! Ndiyavuma ukuba i-380 iyamangalisa, inobunzima be 1.2 yezigidi zee*pounds*, ithwala abantu abangaphezu ko-800 kwiimayile eziyi-570 ngeyure ukuya kwiimayile eziyi-9,000. Iyamangalisa inokwenza ukuba ucinge ukuba ngummangaliso. Kodwa akunjalo. Sinokubuza injineli ezakha i-380 ukuba ibhabha njani, kwaye banokusixelela yonke imithetho wefiziksi abawusebenzisileyo ukwenza loo nqwelomoya ibhabhe kwaye banokusixelela malunga nesikrufu ngasinye kunye nezinye izinto ezisetyenzisweyo. Iinjineli bezingekho kumgaqo weenqwelomoya xa ibhabha okokuqala zisithi, "Wowu, jonga le nto, andikholelwa ukuba le nto iyabhabha." Kwakhona, siyathemba ukukhwela inqwelomoya kuba siyazi ukuba isakhono sayo sokubhabha sisekelwe kwimithetho yendalo engatshintshiyo. Okoko sihlala ngaphakathi kwemida yaloo mithetho, loo nqwelomoya iya kubhabha. Khumbula oku: Imithetho ayitshintshi!

Besingasoze sikhwele inqwelomoya ukuba umthetho uyatshintshatshintsha. Ukuba sithenge itikiti lenqwelomoya kwaye kubhalwe phambili kulo into efana na le, "uKuhamba ngale nqwelomoya wenza njalo uzifaka emgciphekweni njengoko umthetho wokuphaka usebenza manqaphanqapha. Ngenye imini umthetho uyasebenza kwaye usuku olulandelayo awusebenzi. Akukho mntu waziyo

ngokuqinisekileyo—uziva unethamsanqa? Ubhabhe kamnandi." Ugqibele nini ukoyika ukuba uza kubhabha kwisitulo sakho? Awuzange uzive njalo? Ngokuba? Kuba uyazi ukuba umthetho womxhuzulane awutshintshi.

Ezi zinto ndizikhankanyileyo yimithetho yendalo yomhlaba owadalwa nguThixo. Kodwa uyazi? Imithetho yomoya yoBukumkani Bakhe isebenza ngendlela efanayo—ayitshintshi! Ngaphambi kokuba uThixo athethe nam ngoBukumkani Bakhe, ndandisazi kakuhle indlela esebenza ngayo imithetho yendalo yomhlaba, kodwa ndandicinga ukuba uBukumkani bukaThixo bahlukile. Ndandicinga ukuba uThixo wayesenza nantoni na ukuyenza nanini na efuna. Kodwa ndifumanise ukuba yayingeyonyani leyo. Ndithe ndakubona ukuba imithetho yoBukumkani bukaThixo bomoya ayitshintshi kwaye inokufundwa, iqondwe, kwaye isetyenziswe, ndaye ndaqonda isizathu uYesu wayeqhubeka esithi, "Bunjalo uBukumkani bukaThixo." Wayeya alandele ke anxulumanise uBukumkani nento ethile kummandla wendalo ukuze abantu baqonde indlela obusebenza ngayo. Ngequbuliso, kwaba ngathi kucime ibhalbhu engqondweni yam. Ndaba na le cinga, "Ukuba uThixo usinike uBukumkani, kwaye wasinika, kwaye uBukumkani busebenza ngemithetho engenakutshintshwa, ngoko ndandinokufunda loo mithetho kwaye ndiyisebenzise ebomini bam."

> *Musani ukoyika, mhlambi mncinane; ngokuba kukholekile kuYihlo ukuninika uBukumkani.*
>
> — ULuka 12:32

Leyo yayiyimini endaba sisazinzulu somoya! Ndayibona iBhayibhile ngendlela eyahluke ngokupheleleyo. Ndaqala ukubuza

imibuzo xa ndifunda iBhayibhile: “Kwakutheni iintlanzi zande? Kwakutheni ukuze umntu aphile? Kwakutheni isonka sande?” njalo njalo. Xa ndisiya kwiBhayibhile ngolu hlobo, ndicela uThixo andibonise imithetho ekhoyo—WOWU!

Yathi iNkosi yakuthetha nam mhla kwafowuna igqwetha yandixelela ingxaki yam kukuba andizange ndithathe ixesha lokufunda ukuba busebenza njani uBukumkani Bakhe, ndehla kwangoko ndaguquka kumfazi wam kuba ndingazange ndiyifune iNkosi ndavumela ukuba singena kule ngxaki, njengoko benditshilo ngaphambili. Kodwa sasingazi kuthetha ukuthini ngokwenene ukuthembela eBukumkanini ngeempendulo zethu. Kwakhona, sasisele sisenkonzweni, kwindlela yethu eya ezulwini, kwaye sasimthanda uThixo. Sasingazi ukuba uThixo wayethetha ukuthini xa wayesithi “uBukumkani” ngelo xesha. Sasinengxaki yokwenene ezandleni zethu, kwaye sasingazi ukuba singayifumana njani le mali igqwetha elathi sineentsuku ezintathu ukuba siyifumane okanye indlela yokujongana isimangalo esasiza kufakwa kuthi ukuba asihlanganisi imali ngezo ntsuku zintathu.

Ke, olu yayiluvavanyo oluhle. Yayingamava am okuqala ngengxaki yemali, kwaye ndandifuna iNkosi indibonise ukuba ithetha ukuthini “ngoBukumkani.” Ke mandikuxelele ukuba kwenzeka ntoni. Khumbula, igqwetha lathi ndineentsuku ezintathu zokulinika imali, ndingenayo! Oko kuphelelwa lithemba kuko okwabangela ukuba ndiye kwigumbi lam lokulala ndikhale eNkosini; Ndandisengxakini! Kunjalo, kulapho wathetha nam malunga noBukumkani njengephendulo yam; kwaye kwakhona, ndandingazi ukuba wayethetha ukuthini ngaloo nto, kodwa ngokuqinisekileyo ndandilungele ukufunda.

Iintsuku ezimbini kamva, ngokuhlwa, ndandisiya kudibana

nomthengi malunga ne-*insurance* yobomi bayo. Uyazi, ngezo ntsuku ndandihlala ndipaka imoto yam ekoneni ukusuka kwindlu yomthengi, andizange ndime phambi kwendlu. Iveni endandiyiqhuba yayinengxaki encinci. Xa iqalwa, yayizalisa indlela eyadini okanye isitrato ngomsi omhlophe, kwaye andithethi omncinci. Ndandihlala ndisiva ngathi ayizukunceda ishishini ukuba ndipake kwindlela yomthengi wam kwaye, xa ndihamba, ndizalise indlela ngomsi. Ndicinge ukuba intembeko yam kwindawo yezimali inokuchaphazeleka kancinci ukuba oko bekunokwenzeka kuba ndandibacela ukuba batyale nam amakhulu amawaka eedola. Emva kwayo yonke loo nto, ukuba bendingumphathi olungileyo wezemali, kutheni ndiqhuba imoto ephantse ingahambi? Obu busuku babungahlukanga.

Njengoko ndandisuka kwikhaya lomthengi wam, ndoyika ukubona ukuba umthengi wam wayendilandela estratweni esiya emotweni yam. Wayengenzi ngabom, sasincokola nje. Kodwa ndandinexhala lokuba uzakuma xa ndiqalisa imoto. Saqhubeka sincokola njengoko ndingena kwiveni yam, ifestile ivuliwe, ndaqhubeka ndithetha, ngethemba lokuba uzothi ulale kakuhle kwaye ndenze ngathi kukho into endiyenzayo ngomzuzu xa ehama, kodwa akazange ahambe. Ekugqibeleni, wathi ulale kakuhle, kodwa wavele wahlehla kwiveni wema apho. Ndayazi ukuba ndizakubhaqwa. Ndayiqalisa iveni, ngethemba lokuba mhlawumbi ngeli xesha linye yayingazugqabhuka kumsi omhlophe, kodwa yayingumnqweno owawungazukubakho. Ngokukhawuleza, umoya wazala ngumsi otshisa amehlo akho.

Le ndoda yakhomba kum, ngendlela ekhawuzileyo, ukuba ndiyicime iveni. Weza efestileni wacela ukuba ndingaphakamisa i*hood*. Emva koko waqhubeka wandicacisela ukuba wayesebenza

ixesha elithile njengomkhandi weemoto, kwaye wayefuna ukujonga into ethile. Emva komzuzu, wabuya wathi, "njengoko bendirhanela, unenjini yokutshisa uqhumileyo. Qhuba iveni ugoduke uyilungise kwangoko." Ndabulela njengoko ndiqhuba ndihamba, kodwa into awayithethayo yayingathethi nto kum. Ndandingenamali yokulungisa iveni.

Iofisi yam yayimalunga neemayile ezintandathu ukusuka kwikhaya lomthengi wam, kwaye njengoko ndandibuyela eofisini yam, laa ngubo iqhelekileyo yoxinzelelo lwengqondo yafika phezu kwam. Ndathi ndisaqhuba, ndakhumbula into eyathethwa yiNkosi kum, ndaza ndathetha naye ngeveni yam. "Ndathi, Nkosi, andinayo imali yokulungisa le veni. Ndisatyala imali nakwiveni, kwaye andinakuyithengisa imoshakele. Andazi nje ukuba ndenze ntoni. Mhlawumbi kungangcono ukuba iveni ivele itshe. Ngaloo ndlela inkampani ye-*insurance* yayiza kuyihlawula kwaye ndohlukane nayo."

Malunga neemayile ezintathu ukusuka eofisini yam, ndabona iqampu endingazange ndiliqaphele ngaphambili kwi*hood*. Ndithe ndisajongile, iqampu laya lisiba likhulu ngakumbi de, xa ndandingena kwindawo yokupaka eofisini yam, iqampu lagqabhuka kwibhola ledangatye. Ndothukile, wonke umphambili weveni ngoku wawugutyungelwe ngamadangatye anyukayo iinyawo ezintandathu kwi*hood*. Ngokukhawuleza ndabaleka ndangena kwisakhiwo seeofisi ndaza ndafowunela abezicimi-mlilo. Ngosuku olulandelayo, iveni kwathiwa ayiphinde isebenze yinkapani ye-*insurance,* kwaye bandinika itsheki eyayihlawula nentsalela eyaneleyo ukuthumela itsheki ngobusuku kwigqwetha elalinditsalele umnxeba kwiintsuku ezintathu ezidlulileyo. Mna noDrenda sasimangazekile, sasingazi ukuba masicinge ntoni. Sasisazi ukuba uThixo

uyasisebenzela kwaye kukho into etshintshayo. Kodwa ukuzinikela kwethu eBukumkanini kwakuseza kuvavanywa ngendlela entsha eyayiza kumisela indlela yethu kwiminyaka ezayo.

Emva kokuba iveni itshile, ngokuqinisekileyo, sasinemincili, kodwa ngequbuliso saqonda ukuba asinamoto. Nangona ngoku iveni yayihlawulwe kwaye negqwetha lekhadi letyala lalihlawulwe, sasingenayo imali yokuthenga iveni entsha. Akuva ngokulahlekelwa yiveni yethu, utata wasifowunela waza wasixelela ukuba ufuna ukusinceda sifumane iveni entsha. Sasinemincili njengoko sasiva ezo ndaba. Ke utata wayakwindawo ethengisa iimoto wafumana iveni endiyithandayo noDrenda. Utata wathi uza kusinika i$5,000 ukuze siyithenge, yona yayiyi $17,000. Loo nto yayisazishiya ne $12,000 ukuba siyihlawule. Ndazalisa isicelo setyala ngokuthandabuza waza utata watyikitya nam. Bebezondazisa kusasa.

NGELI XESHA, SAZINGQINA NGOKWETHU UKUBA INKQUBO KATHIXO IYASEBENZA, KWAYE SAZIBOPHELELA UKUQHUBEKA SIFUNDA NOKUSEBENZISA INKQUBO YOBUKUMKANI BUKATHIXO UKUSUKELA NGELO XESHA UKUYA PHAMBILI.

Asizange silale ngobo busuku. Sasisazi ukuba asinakukwazi ukuboleka imali. INkosi yayisanda ukuthetha nam ngokwenza loo nto. Kodwa ndingenayo imoto, uxinzelelo lwalukhona lokuba ndigobekwaye ndinikezele. Emva kobusuku bobuthongo obubi, mna noDrenda savumelana ukuba asikwazi ukutyikitya elo phepha lemali-mboleko. Ndiye ndatsalela utata wam umnxeba ndambulela ngenceba yakhekodwa ndamxelela ukuba sizakwala. Ngokulandelayo ndatsalela umthengisi umnxeba ndabaxelela into enye. Nabo babedanile njengoko imali-mboleko yayivunyiwe ngaloo ntsasa

kwaye iveni yayilungele ukuthathwa. Nangona sasingayazi indlela uThixo awayeza kusinceda ngayo ngeveni yethu, sasinoxolo.

Ngeli xesha, uDrenda wayethengisa izinto zakudala njengoko wayezifumana esiya kwiintengiso zeegaraji. Wayeshiyele indoda umyalezo malunga nokuthenga amagumbi aliqela eempahla zasedlini eyayizithengisa kwinyanga ngaphambi kokuba itshe iveni kodwa akazange akwazi ukunxibelelana naye. Kwiintsuku ezimbalwa emva kokuba iveni itshile, watsala umxeba wavuma ukuthengisa la magumbi mathathu agcwele ziimpahla zendlu kuDrenda ngaphantsi kwe$1,000. UDrenda wenza isivumelwano nenkampani yefandesi ukuba imthengisele iimpahla zendlu kwaye wakwazi ukuthetha-thethana ngekhomoshini yakhe kwifandesi imoto esetyenziswe kakuhle eyayinayo la fandesi endaweni yemali. Ngoko ke sasinestation wagon esasihlawulelwe, ikhadi letyala lihlawulwe, kwaye imali-mboleko yeveni yahlawulwa.

Wowu! Ngoko le yindlela uBukumkani obusebenza ngayo. Ngeli xesha, sazingqina ngokwethu ukuba inkqubo kaThixo iyasebenza, kwaye sazibophelela ukuqhubeka sifunda nokusebenzisa inkqubo yoBukumkani bukaThixo ukusukela ngelo xesha ukuya phambili. Unokubuza, “Ngowuphi umgaqo esithe sangena kuwo?" Owona umkhulu yayikukungathembeli ematyaleni ukuba sicele into esiyifunayo kuThixo asivumele asibonise indlela yokuvuna.”

Isiganeko seveni sandichukumisa saza someleza esinye isiganeko esenzeka kwiinyanga ezimbalwa ngaphambi koko, kodwa ngelo xesha ndandingaqondi ukuba uThixo wayendibonisa ntoni. Amachaphaza ayengekadityaniswa engqondweni yam njengomgaqo woBukumkani.

Ndiyathanda ukuzingela amaxhama kodwa bendingafumani nto iminyaka. Ndandiphuma, ndihlale kwingqele, kuhambe usuku

nosuku ndingenathamsanqa. Yayingekuko ukuba ndandithanda ukuzingela kuphela, ndandinabantwana ekumele bondliwe kwaye ndandinokuyisebenzisa inyama yazo. Nangona ndaye ndanempumelelo kwixa elidlulileyo, kwakusele kudlule iminyaka ukuba ndibe nempumelelo yexhama kwaye ndize nenyama ekhaya. Ngenye imini xa ndandicinga ngexesha elizayo lamaxhama, ndeva ilizwi leNkosi. Wathi, "Kutheni ungandivumeli ndikubonise indlela yokufumana ixhama lakho kulo nyaka?" yandothusa loo nto. "Undibonise ukufumana ixhama lam kulo nyaka?" Ithetha ukuthini loo nto? Ndithandazela loo mazwi, ndaziva ndichukumisekile ukuba ndihlwayele imbewu yemali okanye isipho ngenjongo kanye yokuvuna elo xhama. Ndive iNkosi isithi kum xa ndihlwayela ixhama lam, kufuneka ndikholelwe ukuba sele ndilifumene ngaphambi kokuba ndilifumane, ngokutsho kukaMarko 11:24

> *Ngenxa yoko ndithi kuni izinto enisukuba nizicela, nithandaza, kholwani ukuba ninokuzamkela; noba nazo.*

Nangona njengeKristu bendihlala ndinika kwaye ndiyixhasa icawe yam, ukuhlwayela ngolu hlobo ngenjongo egxinisisileyo kwaye ndikholelwa ukuba ndiyamkela xa ndithandaza ibintsha. Ndakhupha itsheki yam ndabhala kwicandelo le*memo*, "yexhama lam lika 1987." Ndibeke izandla zam phezu kwayo ndayithumela kubulungiseleli endandibuthemba ndaza ndabhengeza ukuba ndisanda kwamkela ixhama lam njengoko ndandiyithumela. Ndihlala eTulsa, Oklahoma, kwimida yesixeko ngelo xesha, ndandingenayo ngenene indawo yokuzingela, kodwa umhlobo wam wasecaweni wandimema ukuba ndihle ndiye kwikhaya likamakhulu wakhe ezilalini Kumbulelo. Wathi kukho amaxhama ambalwa

eplasini. Ke usapho lwam lehla ngentseni yemini yoMbulelo ukuze sonwabele usuku oluhle lokutya kunye nobudlelane kwaye ngoku ndifumane ixhama lam.

Umhlobo wam wayengazi ncam ukuba ndiye ngaphi, kodwa kwakukho idlelo elaliphahlwe ziinkuni, wacebisa ukuba ndiye edlelweni ndiyokuhlala ecaleni komthi omkhulu owawulapho. Ngoku, ndifuna ube nalo mfanekiso. Ndandihleli kwidlelo elichetyiweyo elinomthi omnye omkhulu esiphakathini. Ndiye ndahlala phantsi umthi use mva komqolo wam ndijongane nehlathi, elinokuba ziiyadi ezyi 130 ukusuka kum. Ngoku xa ndijonga emva kuyo, ndandihleli ecaleni komthi phandle kwintsimi elivulekileyo ecaleni komthi, indawo ngenene ongenakuthi yindawo efanelekileyo.

Malunga nemizuzu eyi 30 okanye eyi 40 kusasa, ndingazi, inkunzi yayibaleka inqumla intsimi emva kwam isiya ehlathini eliphambi kwam. Umthi wawuphakathi kwam nexhama, ngoko inkunzi ayizange indibone kwaye andizange ndiyibone. Inkunzi yabaleka yangqala ngqo kulo mthi isendleleni eya ehlathini, ingandibonanga ndihleli apho. Njengoko inkunzi ifika kumthi, yabamba ivumba lam yaza yama, izibuza ukuba ndiphi. Inkunzi yajonga kulo mthi, kwaye amehlo ethu abonana ngaxeshanye kumgama weeyadi ezihlanu kuphela. Andiqinisekanga ukuba ngubani owayemangaliswe ngakumbi, kodwa inkunzi ayichithanga xesha yabaleka. Ifutha ngamandla, yemka ngesantya esiphezulu isingise ehlathini. Ndandisahleli apho, njengoko inkunzi ngoku yayibaleka ngesantya esiphezulu isuka kum, ndizama ukuphakamisa umpu wam ukuze ndiyibone kakuhle.

Ngoku, ndizama ukudumbula inkunzi enomsila omhlophe ibaleka ngesantya esipheleleyo kwaye ndizama ukudumbula

ndingekho kwisikhundla esilungileyo ibengeyo nto ilula. Ukuxelela inyaniso, andizange ndadubula ixhama elibalekayo ngaphambili. Ndiyakhumbula ukuba ndandingakwazi ukubona ixhama kakuhle njengoko ixhama lalixhuma phezulu emoyeni, njengoko ixhama elinomsila omhlophe lisenza xa libaleka ngesantya esiphezulu. Kodwa ndathi ndakudubula, inkunzi yawa kwaye ayizange ishukume. Ndothuka! Konke kwenzeka ngomzuzwana. Ndidubule kwiiyadi eziyi-110 njengoko ndiyilandela.

Kwakuvakala umpu umhlobo wam waphuma wavuyisana nam ngexhama lam alibone lilele apho. Khange ndimxelele umhlobo wam into eyathethwa yiNkosi kum malunga nendlela yokwamkela ixhama lam, kodwa ngoku ndamjonga ndathi, "Andicingi ukuba eli xhama li ngenxa yobuchule bam bokuzingela." Ndiye ndatsala iphepha, endandibhale kulo mhla ndathumela la tshekhi, kwidyasi yam yokuzingela. Lathi nje, "Ndikholelwa ukuba ndiza kwamkela ixhama lam lika 1987, egameni likaYesu." Ndandinosuku kunye nexesha endithandaze ngalo umthandazo. Ndaphakamisa iphepha ukuze umhlobo wam alibone ndaza ndaqalisa ukumxelela ngale nto iNkosi yathi mandiyenze.

Esi siganeko satsala umdla wam. Ndiyazi ngaphandle kwamathandabuzo ukuba yayiphuma kuThixo. Kodwa ngesizathu esithile, andizange ndiqonde ukuba ndandingena kumthetho woBukumkani. Eneneni, igama elithi "uBukumkani" lalingeyento endandicinga ngayo. Ukufumana elo xhama kwakumangalisa, kodwa kuya kwenzeka kwakhona? Ngaphandle kwengcamango yomthetho woBukumkani, andinakukwazi ukuba njani okanye yeyiphi imithetho ebangele ukuba ixhama livele. Ke ndayibhala njengento kaThixo kwaye ndandingxamele ukuyivavanya kwakhona kwixesha elizayo lexhama. Kodwa ngaphambi kokuba kufike ixesha

lonyaka, iveni yatsha yaphela. Ithe yakutsha iveni kwavela i*station wagon* sibhathelwe, uThixo wanengqalelo yam ngokupheleleyo. Ngoku ndandinemincili kakhulu ukubamba ixhama lam kwixesha elilandelayo. Ndandifuna ukuvavanya ithiyori yam kwaye ndifunde ngakumbi ngoBukumkani bukaThixo. Ixesha lamaxhama lalingekho kude kangako!

Ndadubula ixhama lokuqala eOklahoma ekwindla ka 1987. Kodwa ngenyanga yeKhala ka 1988, safudukela eOhio apho ndandikhulele khona. Nangona ndandikhulele khona, kwakusele kudlule iminyaka eyi 12 ndingahlali khona. Loxa ndakhulela khona, andizange ndiphumelele ukuvuna ixhama laseOhio. Nangona ndiye ndazama izihlandlo eziliqela, andizange ndidubule nakanye. Sathi sakuzinza kwindlu yethu yasedolophini ebesiyiqeshile eOhio, ndaqonda ukuba andazi nokuba ndizingele phi. Ndise yinkwenkwana, ndandizingela imivundla ngaphaya kwendlela ukusuka kwindlu katata wam ecaleni komlambo owawulapho. Ndandinomgca womgibe iminyaka emininzi ndisakhula, kodwa andizange ndibone nexhama okanye naluphi uphawu lokuba kwakukho amaxhama kule ndawo. Ngenye imini ndisekholejini, umntakwethu wafowuna enemincili. Wathi ukuba ubone ixhama emva ngasemlanjeni ongasendlini katata. Sothuka sobabini.

Ndikhumbula loo ncoko, ndaye ndagqiba kwelokuba ndiye kula mlambo ngomhla wokuvulwa kwexesha lamaxhama. Ndafowunela umntakwethu ndamcela ingcebiso malunga nalapho ndingaya khona emlanjeni. Nangona kwakusele kuyi minyaka embalwa ebuyile apho, wakhumbula umthi omkhulu wa*maple* owawucanda umlambo ngasemva emahlathini kwaye wacinga ukuba inokuba yindawo entle. Kuba ndandinyuka ndisehla kulo mlambo kuyo

yonke iminyaka yam yokukhula, ndandiyazi apho umlambo ugobe khona kwaye ndandiyazi ngqo apho andikhomba khona.

Mna noDrenda saphinda into iNkosi eyasibonisa yona kunyaka ongaphambili eOklahoma—hlwayela imbewu, uyibhale phantsi, kwaye ukholwe ukuba siyakwamkela xa sithandaza, ngokukaMarko 11:24. Ngelo xesha, iOhio yayinomda wamaxhama amabni nakwesiphi na isini, kodwa ngokwenene sasicinga ukuba siya kuhlwayela imbewu yexhama kwaye sikholelwa ukuba siya kwamkela xa sithandaza. Ngokumangalisayo, kwimizuzu eyi 40 ekuvulweni kwexesha lamaxhama, ndandingenanye kodwa ezimbini. Wowu, besiphezu kwento ngokuqinisekileyo!

Emva kwenyanga, ndaba nephupha malunga nombono weshishini. Ishishini libandakanya lonke ulwazi lwemali endilifumene kwishishini le *insurance*, kodwa lalinenjongo eyahlukileyo ephupheni. Zandingaliqondi ngokupheleleyo, kodwa ndandiqinisekile ukuba uThixo wayendikhokela ukuba ndiqale ishishini lam kwaye ndishiye inkampani endandiyisebenzela iminyaka esibhozo. Ngexesha leli phupha, ndandisasebenza ekuthengiseni i-*insurance* yobomi kunye nokhuseleko.

NGOKULUNGELELANISA IZINTO EZIMBALWA KUNYE NOKUDLALA NGEKHATYHULEYITHA, NDOTHUSWA KUKUBA OLU SAPHO LINGAPHUMA EMATYALENI NGAPHANTSI KOONYAKA ABAYI 7, UKUQUKA NEMALI MBOLEKO (*MORTGAGE*), NGAPHANDLE KOKUTSHINTSHA UMVUZO WABO.

Kwiveki bendinephupha ngayo, bendinotyelelo elucwangcisiweyonosapho ukuze sithethe nge *insurance*, kwaye nangona besithetha nge *insurance* yobomi,

bendiyazi ukuba ne *insurance* yobomi ibingeyomfuneko okanye ingxaki yabo. Uhlahlo-lwabiwo mali lwabo lenyanga laluhlangahlangeni kwaye benamatyala. Inxalenye yesicwangciso sam esiqhelekileyo sobomi kubathengi bam yayikukuba bagcwalise iphepha leenkcukacha nazo zonke iinkcukacha zabo zezemali. Oku bekundivumela ukuba ndibone ukuba ingakanani i *insurance* yobomi abayidingayo. Ngobo busuku, ndacaphuka ngolu sapho. Ndandifuna ukubanceda, kodwa ndandingazi ukuba njani. Ndahlala phantsi nephepha labo leenkcukacha ndaqalisa ukusebenza kwezinye iinketho. Njengoko ndandisebenza ngekhatyhuleyitha yam yezemali, ndiye ndaphuma kwimbono ye *insurance* yobomi kwaye ndaqala ukubona ukuba ndingakhulula nayiphi na imali kuhlahlo-lwabiwo mali labo lenyanga. Ngokulungelelanisa izinto ezimbalwa kunye nokudlala ngekhatyhuleyitha, ndothuswa kukuba olu sapho lingaphuma ematyaleni ngaphantsi koonyaka abayi 7, ukuquka nemali mboleko (*mortgage*), ngaphandle kokutshintsha umvuzo wabo.

Ngeli xesha, bendikumsebenzi wezimali iminyaka eyi 8, kwaye andizange ndive mntu esithi oku kunokwenzeka. Ndaphinda ndiyilungisa imeko kwakhona ndafumana impendulo efanayo: iminyaka eyi 6.2 kwaye babeza kuphuma ematyaleni. Ndiye ndaya kwidrowa yam yeefayile ndaqala ndakhupha amaphepha eenkcukacha zabanye abathengi. Ndenza izibalo ezifanayo ndaza nempendulo efanayo: ngaphantsi kweminyaka eyi 7 kwaye baphume ematyaleni. Enyanisweni, ndandothukile ziinkcukacha. Ndiye ndacinga ukuba umthengi wam uya kukhuthazwa ukuba abone oku, ndiye ndagqiba ekubeni ndichwetheze intetho kwaye ndibonise into endiyifumeneyo xa ndidibana nabo malunga neemfuno zabo ze *insurance* yobomi. Ndandilivela kakubi olu

sapho. Ndandiyazi ukuba uxinzelelo lwezemali luchaphazela njani yonke indawo yobomi kwaye ndandifuna ukuba bazi ukuba bekungekho kubi kangako. Ndiye ndabonisa intetho yam ichwetheziweyo kumthengi wam, kwaye njengoko ndibabonisa amanani babehleli apho bothukile. Emva kokuba ndibabonise ukuba banokukhawuleza bangabi namatyala, umyeni waxhuma enenyembezi waza waqalisa ukundibulela. Ngenene, kwakungathi yinto oyibona e*TV* apho usapho luphumelela ilotho okanye ibhaso elikhulu kumdlalo. Babengayikholelwa le nto ndandibaxelela yona. Yayingamava achukumisayo ngokwenene kubo, kodwa nakum.

Njengoko ndandicinga ngobo busuku, andizange ndikwazi ukuyishukumisa inyani yokuba ngokulungelelanisa izinto zomthengi kunye namanani ndakwazi ukubabonisa indlela yokuphuma ematyaleni ngaphantsie kweminyaka eyi 7. Ndibone impembelelo kunye nethemba le nto ibanike lona. Ndibuyele kuninzi lweefayile zabathengi bam ukujonga ukuba bangaphi abathengi abanokuthi bawele phantsi "kwexesha elingaphantsi kweminyaka eyi 7 ukuba bangabi namatyala" kwaye ndothuka ukubona ukuba i-85 pesenti yabo yayiwela apho. Kodwa ngubani ebexelela abantu le nto? Emva kobo busuku kunye nomthengi wam nasemva kokusebenza kwiifayile zabathengi bam abaninzi, ndiye ndaqonda ukuba ndingaqalisa ishishini elibonisa abantu indlela yokuphuma ematyaleni ngesicwangciso sam.

Ngoku, ngelo xesha ndandingekaphumi ematyaleni, kodwa ngokuqinisekileyo ndandinovelwano ngabantu abanoxinzelelo lwezemali, kwaye lo msebenzi wawunomtsalane ngaphezu kokuthengisa i-*insurance* yobomi. Ndaqala ukubabonisa bonke abathengi bam be-insurance iphepha eliprintiweyo, kwaye bonke, ngaphandle kokukhetha, babothukile.

Njengemodeli yeshishini, ndandineengxaki ezimbalwe ekufuneka ndiziqonde. Eyokuqala yayikukuba kuthatha ixesha elide ukwenza izibalo ngesandla kwaye emva koko ukuchwetheza ngesandla kwifomathi yokubonisa. Eyesibini, ndandizakuyenza njani imali ndisenza oku? Ekugqibeleni, ndenza isivumelwano kunye nomyili we*software* yekhompyutha kwaye wandibhalela inkqubo endinokuyisebenzisa ukuvelisa isicwangciso ngokukhawuleza. Malunga nengxaki yesibini, ndandisazi ukuba andinakuhlawulisa abantu imali ukuze baphume ematyaleni xa bangenamali kwasekuqaleni. Ndaqalisa ukuthandaza ngale nto.

Ngenye imini ndakhe ndacinga ngale nto. Ngenene ndaziva ngathi uThixo undinike umbono wokuqhuba inkampani yam, ndincede abantu ndingabahlawulise kwangoko kwangaxeshanye, ndizenzele imali. Kwisicwangciso sam, bendizakujonga into endiyibiza ngemali elahlekileyo, imali ebesele enayo umthengi kodwa engayiboni. Umzekelo, bendisenza uthelekiso lwemoto, ikhaya, ubomi, kunye namaxabiso e-*insurance* yezempilo, ndijonge ukonga. Ndithelekise amaxabiso emali mboleko ukuze ndibone ukuba i*refinancing* yenza ingqiqo. Bendijonga izinto ezininzi ezinje, nangona ndingakhange ndiziphathe ngokwam zonke indawo zoshishini endiziphandileyo. Xa ndikwikhaya lomthengi wam, bendibabonisa imali eyongiweyo ndize ndibathumele kwinkampani enokuphumeza izimvo zam okanye ndifumane ummeli ophethe inkampani endiyifumeneyo eyayinexabiso eliphantsi kubo. Ngequbuliso, ndiqonde ukuba lo mthengi unokufaneleka kukuthunyelwa simahla kwezo nkampani.

Eneneni, sele ndiwenze wonke umsebenzi wokuthengisa umthengi wam kwinkampani kunye nemveliso. Ekuphela kwento ekwakufuneka bayenze yayikukubabhalisa nje. Ngoko ndiye

ndaqala ukunxibelelana nabathengisi, abameli, kunye neengcali endizicebise kubathengi bam kwaye ndabaxelela into endiyenzayo ndaza ndababuza ukuba bacinga ukuba ifaneleke intlawulo yokudluliselwa. Bonke bathi "Ewe." Ndiye ndenza loo nto ke. Ndashiya inkampani yam endala ndaza ndaqala eyam inkampani yokunceda abantu baphume ematyaleni. Ishishini laqalisa kwaye, lavelisa imali eyaneleyo yokuba mna noDrenda siphume ematyaleni kwiminyaka emibini enesiqingatha! Sasinemincili! (Ukuba unomdla wokuba wenzelwe isicwangciso sasimahla, tsalela umnxeba ku- 1-800-815-0818. Sisazenza namhlanje, kwiminyaka eyi 28 kamva!)

Mihla le yayiyimini entsha njengoko uThixo wayeqhubeka esibonisa ngakumbi nangakumbi indlela uBukumkani Bakhe obusebenza ngayo. Njengoko ndandindwendwele omnye umthengi, uThixo wathetha nam ngokuqesha abantu nangokwakha ishishini lam elincinane libe lishishini lokweyani. Njengoko ndandiqesha abantu ukuba basebenze nathi, ishishini lethu laqala ukuphumelela kumanqanaba amakhulu nangaphezulu. Ndikuxelele kwintshayelelo ukuba siqale ukuhlawula imali xa sithenga iimoto zethu kunye nendlela esakha ngayo ikhaya lamaphupha ethu. Ngexesha leentlanganiso zam zenyanga nenyanga zeshishini kunye nabasebenzi bam abatsha, bendisabelana ngoBukumkani bukaThixo, kwaye abantu batsaleleka kwinkampani yam ukuba bave malunga noBukumkani kunye nendlela yokubusebenzisa ebomini babo njengoko beza nangethuba leshishini.

Izifundo awayendibonise zona uThixo zazimangalisa kwaye, ewe, uninzi lwezo zifundo ndazifumana ngelixa ndandisiya kuzingela unyaka nonyaka. Amabali endawabona ekuzingeleni, ayesathusa, ukutsho nje kancinci. Ngendingazange ndiwakholelwe ngaphandle kokuba ndawabona esenzeka phambi kwamehlo am. Ibali ngalinye

lindifundise into entsha ngoBukumkani endingazange ndayibona ngaphambili. Ndicinge ukuba ndingabelana nawe amabali ambalwa kule ncwadi, kodwa ukuba ufuna ngokwenene ukufunda amabali am okuzingela, unokufumana ikopi yencwadi yam, *Faith Hunt*, kwi*website* yam.

Eli bali lenzeke iminyaka embalwa ekufumaneni kwam ukuzingela amaxhama ndisebenzisa ulwazi lwam olutsha endilufumeneyo loBukumkani. Njengoko sele ndinixelele, uThixo wandifundisa indlela yokuhlwayela inkunzi yam kwaye ndiyifumane njengento eyenzekileyo xa ndithandaza—kwaye ngaphandle kokukhetha, ndandivuna inkunzi yam ngemizuzu eyi 30 ukuya kweyi 45 minyaka le. Oko kwenzeke ngoku iminyaka eyi 28. Kulo nyaka ndaphuma njengesiqhelo, ngoku ndiqinisekile ngokupheleleyo ukuba ixhama liya kuvela. Ngokuqinisekileyo, kwimizuzu embalwa, ndabona inkunzi isuka kum kwaye isiya kwiyadi yommelwane wam eyayi 200 yeeyadi kude. Ndandisazi ukuba ela xhama laya nje ehlathini laliza kube lingasekho, kodwa ndandisazi ukuba yinkunzi yam. Oku kwakungeentsuku zangaphambi kokuba ndazi nantoni namalunga nokuzingela ngesaphetha, ukusebenzisa ubizo oluthile, okanye ukothusa inkunzi. Ndandisazi ukuba inkunzi yayisisivuno sam, kodwa ndabukela ndingenakwenza nto njengoko ela xhama laliza kungena ehlathini lommelwane wam. Kodwa ngequbuliso ndeva emoyeni wam, "Xelela inkunzi ukuba ize kuwe." Intoni? Xelela inkunzi ukuba ize kuwe; ithetha ukuthini loo nto?" Bendingaqinisekanga, ngoko ndiye ndathi ngokuvakalayo, kodwa hayi ngelizwi elikhulu ngokwaneleyo apho inkunzi yayiza kundiva khona, "Xhama, ndikuyalela ukuba ume, ujike, uze ume phantsi komthi wam." Ndandizingela ngesaphetha kwaye ndongeza indawo yokugqibela malunga nokuma phantsi komthi

wam njengoko ndandifuna ukuba ixhama lisondele kakhulu. Ndiye ndacinga ukuba ukholo luza kundibuyisela laa nkunzi, ngoko ke ndinokuthi ize phantsi komthi wam apho ndingayidubula kakuhle.

Ngokumangalisayo, xa ndithetha loo mazwi, inkunzi yema kwangoko, yajika, yaza ngqo emthini wam. Ndothukile njengoko la nkunzi yayiwela iiyadi eziyi 200 yeza ngqo phantsi komthi wam yaza, ewe, yema ngqo phantsi kweqonga lam lomthi, elaliiziyadi eziyi 12 ngaphezu kwam. Bendingenazo iimpahla zokuzifihla, ndingenavumba, okanye indlela yokubiza, ndim noThixo kuphela, kodwa elo xhama lalime ngqo phantsi kwam. Andicingi ukuba ukhona umntu owayengaphosa. Ndathatha inkunzi ngovuyo olukhulu, kodwa andizange ndikwazi ukuyilibala into ndandigqiba kuyibona. Laza nyani kum ela xhama ngokuba ndaliyalela? Yayibonakala ngathi kunjalo.

Iplasi esasiliqeshile eOhio lalizihektare eziyi 89 kwaye line nkuni, amazantsi omlambo anehlathi, namasimi. Ngeenyanga zasebusika, kwaye ingakumbi ukuba kwakukho ikhephu emhlabeni, sasithanda ukuya kuzingela imivundla. IOhio yayinexesha lonyaka apho yayine ntaka enentamo enesangqa elihambisana nexesha lemivundla, kodwa sasingafane sibone intake eplasini lethu.

Ngale mini ithile, siye kuzingela imivundla kwaye sasizingela ezantsi komlambo xa kuvela intaka. Ndakhawuleza ndajika ndajonga kwintaka (i*pheasant*) ndadubula. Ndazi ngomzuzu ndidubula ukuba ndidubule amaphiko entaka kuphela. Intaka yawa, nangona kunjalo, umzuzu isiwa emhlabeni, laa ntaka yabaleka. Le ntaka isenokubaleka iimayile eziyi 35 ngeyure, kwaye le yayisenza konke enako ukungqina oko. Umhlaba wawugqunywe likhephu elitsha, kwaye intaka yayibaleka kwidlelo elivulekileyo inyuka,

ngoko ndandinokubukela ngokulula inyathelo ngalinye elathathwa yintaka njengoko ibaleka.

Ndema apho okomzuzwana ndingenakwenza nto ndicinga ukuba intaka iza kumka, kodwa emoyeni wam ngequbuliso ndanothambiso. Ndandiyazi into eyenzekayo xa ndayalela laa nkunzi ukuba ime kwaye ize kum. Ndaziva ukuba mandiyizame ngoku, ndiye ndakhwaza kakhulu, "Ntaka, egameni likaYesu YIMA!" ngokukhawuleza, ndaphulukana nentshukumo yentaka. Ndayibona ngokucacileyo yonke intsimi, kwaye intaka yayimile kanye ngelo xesha ndandikhwaza. Unyana wam uTim wayenam kwaye wathi, "Tata, intaka ime ngomzuzu ukhwaza." Kodwa yayiphi? UTim nam salandela umkhondo wayo ukuya ebaleni, kwaye nantso ihleli phezu kwekhephu. Intloko yayo yayifihleke malunga nesiqingatha kwikhephu, kodwa umzimba wayo wonke wawuhleli nje phandle, phezu kwekhephu. Yayisemva kancinane kwengca, yiyo loo nto sasingayiboni. Ngaba yayifile? Ndayichola intaka, eyathi kwangoko yaphaphazela amaphiko yaza yatswina. Intaka yayiphila! Ekuyihloleni intaka xa siyixhela, ndabona ukuba ndisuse iphiko lasekunene. Mna noTim sajongana simangele. Akukho bani wayenokukholwa into esasisanda kuyibona, akukho bani.

Njengoko benditshilo ngaphambili, iOhio yayinomda wamaxhama amabini nakwesiphi na isini, kodwa inkunzi enye kuphela eyayinokuvunwa ngonyaka. IOhio yayizama ukuthoba inani lamaxhama esizweni ngokujolisa kumathokazi. Ngoko ke ndandiyihlwayela imbewu yam ngenkunzi nethokazi, kwaye njengesiqhelo, inkunzi yayiza kuphuma kwimizuzu eyi 30 ukuya kweyi 40 kwisihlandlo sokuqala; kwaye kwixesha elilandelayo xa siphumileyo, ithokazi laliza kuphuma. Ngenye imini kwathi

qatha kum, "Yima kancinci, amaxhama ayeza ngolandelelwano ebendibhale ngalo xa ndihlwayela imbewu yam." Ingaba yinyani le? Kunokwenzeka ntoni ukuba ndinowutshintsha umyalelo? Ngesiqhelo bendiya kuhlwayela inkunzi kunye nethokazi, kwaye lulandelelwano eziya kubonakala ngalo. Ngesi sihlandlo, ndahlwayela ithokazi nenkunzi endaweni yenkunzi nethokazi; kwaza ixhama kwakhona, kodwa ngesi sihlandlo ithokazi leza kuqala kwaza kwalandela inkunzi. Ndiyitshintshile le nto iminyaka embalwa, ndivavanya ithiyori yam, kwaye yayisebenza ngalo lonke ixesha. Njengokuba ndandizibona ezi zinto zisenzeka, ndandimangaliswe ngokupheleleyo buBukumkani nokuba ndandisazi kancinci kangakanani ngabo. Inye into eqinisekileyo, iNkosi yayindibonisa ukuba ndinegunya elikhulu malunga nendlela ubomi bam obuhamba ngayo kunokuba ndandicinga.

Njengenqaku elisecaleni, ngoku lixesha lamaxhama ka 2015. Ndihlwayele inkunzi enephondo elahlulekene kane, ithokazi elinonyaka, kunye nenkunzi enephondo elingathi liqosha, ukuze nditye. Njengesiqhelo, inkunzi enephondo elahlulekene kasithandathu yeza ngqo emthini wam; emva koko kwixa elizayo xa ndiphuma, ndathatha ithokazi elinonyaka, ekuphela kwalo elize emthini wam. Ndiyazi ukuba kwixesha elizayo inkunzi enephodo elingathi liqhosa iza kuvela. Ndiyazi ukuba kuvakala kungakholeleki, ndikuxelela nje le nto ndiyibona isenzeka.

Kodwa kwabakho ukuzingela kwamaxhama okwayenza yacaca yonke le nto kangangokuba yandoyikisa. Ndandihlwayele imbewu yam ukuba ndifumane inkunzi enephondo elahlulekene kane okanye enkulu kunye nenkunzi enephondo elingathi liqhosha (inkunzi enephondo elingathi liqhosha ibala njengethokazi kuba amaphondo ayo angaphanzi koboya kwaye angathi ngamaqosha nje

amancinci.) Ndiye ndaphuma njengesiqhelo ndafumana inkunzi enephondo elahlulekene kasibhozo kwimizuzu eyi 15 ngexesha lesaphetha. Xa ndiphuma kwixesha elizayo, ndandiqinisekile inkunzi enephondo elingathi liqhosha iya kuba lapho.

Kwiiveki ezimbini kamva ndaya kwakhona, kwaye njengoko ndandihleli kwindawo yam yomthi, ndabona inkunzi enephondo elahlulekene kasibhozo entle isiza ngapesheya kwedlelo malunga neeyadi eziyi 300 ukusuka kum. Ayizange ijike kwindlela yayo yaza ngqo kula ntsimi naphantsi komthi wam yaza yema apho imizuzwana eyi 20. Emva koko yajika yabuyela emva inqumla kwelo dlelo kwakuloo ndlela yayiyithathile ukuya apho. Khumbula, inye kuphela inkunzi eyayisemthethweni eOhio, kwaye ndandisele ndithathe inkunzi enephondo elahlulekene kasibhozo, ngoko ke kwafuneka ndihlale ndibukele le nkunzi kwaye ndandingakwazi ukuyidubula. Bendibhidekile ngoku. Kwakukokuqala ngqa ukuba xa ndiyokuzingela kuze ixhama kufutshane nam lingeloxhama kanye endandihlwayele lona. Indlela la nkunzi eyenza ngayo, ukuza ngqo ngapha kwedlelo kwakuloo ndlela kanye yayize ngayo yayingaqhelekanga. Yayingathi elo xhama lalikwisabelo esithile. Ndalinda intseni yonke, kodwa inkunzi enephondo elingathi liqhosha ayizange ibonakale.

Ngobo busuku eofisini yam ndahlutshwa yiyo yonke le nto. Kukho into eyayingalunganga; inkunzi enephondo elingathi liqhosha bekufanele ukuba ivele. Kwaye kwakutheni ukuze inkunzi enepondo elahlukene kasibhozo ibonakale njalo? Ndithe ndisahleli apho, ndaqalisa ukuthandaza ndikumoya, ndicela uThixo andibonise ukuba kwenzeke ntoni. Ndeva ilizwi Lakhe lisithi kum, “Jonga imbewu yakho.” Ndijonge imbewu yam? Ndandiyazi into endandiyihlwayele. Ibhanki yam yenza iikopi zetsheki zam, ndiye

ndakhupha i*statement* ndajonga itsheki endandiyibhalile xa ndandihlwayela ixhama lam. Ndandicinga ukuba ndihlwayele imbewu yam ngeenkunzi ezimbini, inkunzi enye enephondo elahlukene kane okanye enkulu enye inkunzi enephondo elingathi liqhosha, ebala njengethokazi, njengoko benditshilo ngaphambili. Kodwa nantsi indlela itsheki yam efundeka ngayo, "iinkunzi ezimbini, inkunzi enephondo elahlukene kane okanye enkulu, nenkunzi enephondo elingathi liqhosha." Nangona bendifuna ukuthi iinkunzi ezimbini, enye enephondo elahlukene kane okanye enkulu kunye nenye enephondo elingathi liqhosha, anditshongo loo nto. Yayisithi, "iinkunzi ezimbini ezinamaphondo ahlukene kane okanye enkulu kunye nenkunzi enepondo elingathi liqhosha." Ngamaxhama amangaphi lawo? Mathathu, kwaye elisibini lalinephondo elahlukene kane okanye elikhulu njengelokuqala. Xa ndibona le nto, ndahlala apho ndothukile. La nkunzi enephondo elahlukene kasibhozo yayikwisabelo. Ibimele ukubakho ngenxa yomthetho woBukumkani. Ndaxhuma ndaza ndaqalisa ukukhwaza ndibaleka ndijikeleza indlu. WOWU!!!

Kwangaxesha nye, into endiyibonileyo yandoyikisa. Ukuba le nto ndigqiba kuyibona yayiyeyona ndlela ichanekileyo uBukumkani obusebenza ngayo, bekuya kufuneka ndilumke ngakumbi. Ndenze ngempamazo ukuba kwenzeke iziganeko bendingafuni ukuba zenzeke, kodwa zenzeke kuba bendizikhulule ngokomthetho womoya. Ngoku ndiye ndaqonda ukuba abantu abaninzi, kuquka nam, babehlelwa zizinto ababengafuni ukuzibona zisenzeka, kodwa ke bona, ngokwabo benze izinto ezenzeka kubo zenzeke. Khumbula, ngamazwi Akhe, uYesu wabulala umkhiwane ngaxa lithile wambiza uLazaro ukuba aphume engcwabeni. Zombini izehlo zisebenzise umthetho omnye ngeenjongo ezahlukeneyo. Ngexesha elilandelayo

xa ndisiya kuzingela, inkunzi enephondo elingathi liqhosha yavela njengoko ndandihlwayele.

Lonke uthotho lweziganeko lwandimangalisa kwaye lwaba nefuthe elimangalisayo kwimbono yam yoBukumkani. Ngoku bendisazi, ngaphandle kokubhideka, uBukumkani ngenene babuchaneke kakhulu. Ukanti siyakumangaliswa yiloo nto? Wonke umthetho wendalo kummandla wasemhlabeni ungqale ngolo hlobo. Ndiyacinga ukuba andizange ndiqonde ukuba imithetho yomoya yayisebenza kanye njengemithetho wendalo eyathi yabakho ngokwasemoyeni. Bekufanele ndiqonde kodwa andizange. Kodwa ngoku ndiyazi ukuba uBukumkani buchanekile, buchaneke kakhulu.

Kulungile, ubuzile, ukuba ndiza kunika elinye ibali lokuzingela. (Ndiyazithanda ezi zifundo ndizifundileyo ndizingela, kuya kufuneka undinyamezele.) Njengokuba ndabona indlela uBukumkani obuchaneke ngayo, ndaye ndagqiba ekubeni ndiqhube umfuniselo ochanekileyo ngakumbi. Kulo nyaka, ndigqibe ekubeni ndihlwayele inkunzi enephondo elahlukene kasixhexne. Ngokuqhelekileyo, ixhama liya kuba nenani elifanayo lokwahlukana kweempondo kwicala ngalinye. Inkunzi enephondo elahlukene kane iphondo naglinye lahlukene kambini; inkunzi enephondo elahlukene kasibhozo iphondo ngalinye lahlukene kane, njalo njalo. Kodwa amaxesha amaninzi, iimpondo zenkunzi aziyi kulingana ngenxa yezizathu ezahlukeneyo, kwaye ziya kwahlukana ngokungafaniyo kwicala ngalinye. Kodwa, njengoko benditshilo, ngokwesiqhelo, ziya kuba nenani elifanayo kwicala ngalinye.

Ndandifuna ukukhulula ukholo lwam ngento ethile echanekileyo ingeyiyo isiqhelo, njengoko ndandisenza umfuniselo, xa ndiyibeka. Besele ndifundile ukuba xa uchaneke ngakumbi,

kokukhona kuya kufuneka ulinde ixesha elide, kwaye imiyalelo iya kuvela kuMoya oyiNgcwele ukuba yenzeke. Ke ngomhla wokuvula ixesha lesaphetha, ndandisazi ukuba ndingaphumi, ndandisazi ukuba ayikho. Enyanisweni, ndalinda inyanga yeDwarha yonke, ndabe ndisazi emoyeni wam, "Hayi, ayikabikho." Yayindikhathaza, umbala wobusika, amahlathi, ndandifuna ukuphuma. Kodwa ndalinda.

Kwenzeka ke. Ngobunye ubusuku ndandihleli kwigumbi lokuhlala ndincokola nabazali bomfazi wam, ababeze kutyelela bevela eGeorgia, ndayiva. Ngomso kusasa ibingumhla wayo. Inkunzi enephondo elahlukene kasixhenxe biza kubakho! Ndaxelela usapho lwam lonke ukuba ndiza kuyifumana inkunzi yam ngengomso. Ndivuke ndinemincili kwaye ndaphuma phambi kuhlwe. Ndandizingela ngesaphetha kwiqonga lomthi elijonge kumgxobhozo onamanzi wehektare ezilishumi okumda wehlathi lam. Yindawo entle. Amadada angena ebhabha njengoko ehleli pha phandle, iimpuku, kunye nee*minks* zinokubonwa zizula emacaleno ayo. Amasebe anqumla umda womgxobhozo wam, kwaye yenye yeyona ndawo yokulala zexhama kumhlaba wam. Njengoko ndandilinde kwiqonga lam, zange kwenzeke nto. Ndalinda imizuzu eyi 45, emva koko iyure, akwenzeka nto.

NGOKU BENDISAZI, NGAPHANDLE KOKUBHIDEKA, UBUKUMKANI NGENENE BABUCHANEKE KAKHULU.

Ndive iingcango zemoto zivuleka zivala ngaphaya kwentsimi endlini yam, ndaqonda ukuba ngabazali bakaDrenda abaya eGeorgia. Ndandibathembise ukuba ndiza kutya nabo isidlo sakusasa phambi kokuba bahambe, kwaye ndim owayepheka. Isicwangciso sam sokuqala yayikukuba ndifumane ixhama lam kusasa emva koko

ndibuyele endlini ngesidlo sakusasa. Kodwa inkunzi yayingekafiki, ndaye ndehla ndithandabuza kwiqonga lomthi ndasinga endlwini. Ndiyazi ngokwamava am ngomhlaba wam ukuba amaxhama kwindawo yomgxobhozo kamva ekusini, njengoko yayiyenye yeendawo zazo zokulala eziphambili, njengoko benditshilo. Hayike, bendisazi ukuba inkunzi iyakuba khona nangawuphi na umzuzu, kodwa andikwazanga ukuqhubeka uhuhlala pha. Bekuya kufuneka ndize kwakhona ngenye intsasa.

Ndabulisa wonke umntu endlini ndaqalisa ukupheka isidlo sakusasa. Ndim ohlala epheka isidlo sasuksasa endlini yam kwaye ndenze njalo ixesha elide. Ndinendlela yam ekhethekileyo yokwenza ii*waffles* ezimangalisayo, ukuba nditsho ngokwam. Amaqanda, ii*sausage*, kunye ne*grits* zee*cheese* ziphezulu kwimenyu, kodwa eyona nto iphambili eyenza isidlo sam sakusasa sibe mnandi kakhulu yi*maple* siraphu yokwenyani. IOhio lilizwe le*maple* siraphu, kwaye abantu bengingqi yam benza kwaye bathengise i*maple* siraphu. Andivumeli nayiphi na isiraphu engeyiyo endlwini yam, eyokwenyani kuphela. Ngoko ke ndipheka isidlo sakusasa, kwaye ifestile yethu yasekitshini ijonge emahlathini kunye nomgxobhozo onamanzi. Ngequbuliso, ndabona inkunzi inqumla ibala isiya emgxobhozweno onamanzi. Ndakhwaza, “Nantsiya inkunzu!” ndathi kwingenge mayigqibezele ukupheka kuba mna ndiza kuyilandela!

Ndandisazi ngokubukela amaxhama enqumla loo ntsimi kwixesha elidlulileyo kanye apho yayisinge khona; kwaye ukufika apho, yayiza kuwela ngqo phantsi kweqonga lam. Ndiye ndacinga ukuba ndingangena kwiqonga lam kwicala elingasemva kwaye ngethemba ndingene phambi kokuba loo nkunzi ifike apho, ndingakwazi ukuyidubula. Ukunyuka emthini ingekafiki inkunzi bekuya kuba nzima, kwaye bekuya kufuneka ndihambe NGOKU!

Ndaphuma ngomnyango ndibaleka, ndithatha isaphetha sam xa ndiphuma. Ndabaleka ngapha kwentsimi emva koko, ngokuzola kangangako ndandinako, ndafika kwiqonga ndanyuka ngokucothayo. Ukukuzofika ngoku yonke into ibihamba kakuhle, andizangendibone uphawu lenkunzi.

Ndakhwela kwiqonga ndachopha kanye xa ndibona inkunzi isiza kumgxobhozo onamanzi iqonde ngqo kwiqonga bendihleli kulo. Inkunzi yayingahoyanga nto ngaphandle kwethokazi eyayililandela kwaye ayizange indibone okanye indinukise. Ithokazi lahamba phantsi kweqonga lam langena emgxobhozweni onamanzi kwaye inkunzi yayilandela indlela enye. Bendingenakucela enye indlela egqibelele ngakumbi kuna le. Ngoku inkunzi ikwiyadi eziyi 25, ndithathe ngononophelo isaphetha sam ndaliyeka utolo luhambe. Ndaqonda umzuzwana utolo lukhululwe ukuba anditsalanga kakuhle. Masijongane nenyani; ndandiphanste ndingakwazi ukuphefumla ngenxa yokubaleka ngaphaya ngasemva kwentsimi ngaphaya komgxobhozo onamanzi ndizama ukufika ngaphambi kwenkunzi.

Ndadana xa ndibona utolo lubetha ezantsi kakhulu, kwaye ndandisazi ukuba ndiphose naziphi na iindawo ezibalulekileyo. Ithe yakubethwa inkunzi yatsibela kumasebe amaninzi angakumgxobhozo wamanzi yaza yathi chu andayibona. Into endiyibonileyo ekuzingeleni kwangaphambili kukuba ngesaphetha, ngamanye amaxesha ixhama alazi ukuba kwenzeke ntoni xa libethwa. Amaxesha amaninzi, aya kuhamba nje, logama nje engakubonanga okanye akunukise. Ndazi nokuba ixhama elenzakeleyo lidla ngokungqengqa emasebeni kwaye lidla ngokungahambi kude kakhulu. Ekubeni eli xhama lalingandiboni, lalisenza loo nto kanye. Ndithe chu ndehlika kwiqonga lomthi ndasingisela endlini

ngendlela bendihambe ngayo ukuza apha, indlela ende ejikelayo ukuze ndingoyikisi ixhama.

Xa ndifika endlini wonke umntu waqala wandibuza ukuba kwenzeke ntoni nokuba ndilifumene ixhama. Ndaxelela wonke umntu okwenzekileyo ndaza ndacela oonyana bam ukuba beze kundincedisa ukukhupha inkunzi emasebeni, ngethemba lokuba ndiza kuli dubula kwakhona. Sajikeleza indawo enamasebe sathi chu ukuphumela kuyo. Ngequbuliso ndabona ukuba omnye woonyana bam wothuse inkunzi, kwaye yayitsiba kumasebe amade. Yayimalunga neeyadi eziyi 70 phambi kwam, inqumla ukusuka ekunene ukuya ngasekhohlo.

Ngequbuliso, inkunzi yabona omnye unyana wam esekupheleni kwentsimi. Ibona ukuba ibingenguye laa mntu yayiyothusile kwaye ingazi ngenene ukuba yeyiphi indlela ekhuselekileyo enokubaleka kuyo, yema ukuze ivavanye ngokukhawuleza ukhetho lwayo. Bendiyazi ukuba lithuba lam lokuphela eli ukuba bendifuna ukuyithatha. Ngoku yayime ize ngecala kum mulanga neeyadieziyi 70 ijonge kunyana wam. Andizange ndadubula isaphetha sam kula mgama ngaphambili, kwaye esi yayingesiso esinye sezaphetha ze 186-*pound* entsha enokudubula utolo ngaphezu ngomgama we nyawo eziyi 400 ngeyure.

Ukuchaneka kwayo kwakulinganiselwe malunga neeyadi eziyi 35 okanye eziyi 40.

Ekubeni ixhama lalime ngecala lingashukumi, ndagqiba ekubeni ndidubule. Ndaphakamisa isaphetha, ndajongisa phezu kwenkunzi ngokuqikelela, ndalususa utolo. Ndabukela utolo lubhabha lusiya kwinkunzi, ekumangazekeni kwam, ndabona utolo lubetha ixhama entanyeni. Lingena kangangesiqingatha entameni yexhama (ndiyaxolisa ngazo zonke iinkcukacha), utolo ngoku

laluphuma ngaphandle macala omabini exhama njengoko lalubaleka. Njengoko inkunzi yayibaleka ingena emasebeni, andizange ndiyibone apho yayiye khona. Ndathi chu ukuya kumasebe apho ixhama lalinyamalele khona. Nantso ke! Utolo lawenza umsebenzi, kwaye ndandinenkunzi yam.

Njengokuba unyana wam uTim wayezokuma nam, ndandinomdla omkhulu kwiimpondo zenkunzi ngoku kunayo nayiphi na enye into. Andizange ndibenalo ithuba lokuzibala, kodwa njengokuba besibala bezisixhenxe. Xa siyijonga kakuhle inkunzi, siye sabona ukuba le nkunzi yayineempondo ezisibhozo kodwa enye yayiqhawukile, iyenza eneempondo ezizixhenxe. Mna noTim siye sema apho simangazekile sadumisa iNkosi. UBukumkani babumangalisa ngokupheleleyo! Njengoko mna noTim sasimi apho, saqonda, "Ngubani owayenokuze asikholelwe? Ngaba kukho nabani na owaziyo ukuba uBukumkani busebenza ngale ndlela?"

Ndicinga ukuba uyayifumana into endiyitshoyo. UBukumkani busebenza ngemithetho echanekileyo ebekiweyo kwaye kunokuxhonyekekwa kuyo ukuba isebenze ngendlela efanayo ngalo lonke ixesha. Ndavuya kakhulu ekuqaleni xa ndaqonda ukuba le mithetho iya kusebenza kuya nantoni na, kuquka nemali. Ndandinokuyifunda le mithetho. Bendiza kuba sisanzulu somoya, kwaye ndiqonde ukuba obu Bukumkani busebenza njani. UThixo wayeza kundinceda.

ISAHLUKO 2

INKUNGU ELUHLAZA

Xa mna noDrenda saqala ukubona uBukumkani busebenza ebomini bethu, sayeka ukuba namatyala ngokupheleleyo, kwaye sasifuna ukuxelela wonke umntu esidibana naye oko sikufundileyo. Saxelela wonke umntu owayenokumamela xa sasisungula inkonzo yethu kwaye ndilawula amashishini am. Kodwa ndeva emoyeni wam ukuba kukho enye into; ndandingazi ukuba yintoni, kodwa ndandiyazi ukuba kukho okungakumbi uThixo awayefuna ukuba ndikwenze ukwabelana nabantu ngoBukumkani.

Ngo 2005 wonke ndandinomnqweno emoyeni wam wokuqhuba into endandiza kuyibiza ngokuba yinkomfa yoguqulo lwezimali, uthotho lweentlanganiso ezintlanu apho ndandiziva ndinokuba nexesha lokucacisa imigaqo yemali yoBukumkani etshintshe ubomi bam. Sikhulela kwibandla laMawisile, ngamanye amaxesha besiba nemvuselelo eziqhubeka iveki. Yayilolu hlobo lwemodeli endilubonileyo emoyeni wam, iisheshini ezintlanu apho ndandiza kuba nexesha lokukhokela abantu kwizinto kunye nemigaqo endiyifundiswe nguThixo kummandla wezemali. Ukuza kufika kweli xesha, andizange ndidibanise le migaqo ngendlela ecwangcisiweyo. Kodwa emoyeni wam ndandihlala ndizibona ndiqhuba intlanganiso yeseshini ezintlanu malunga nezezimali.

Ndithe ndisathandaza ngayo ndadibana noLarry, umhlobo wam endingazange ndambona ixesha elide. Wandixelela ngenkomfa ezayo eAlbania awayeyiqhuba, kwaye wandimema ukuba ndithethe kuyo. ULarry wayekumsebenzi wobufundisi eAlbania phantse iminyaka eyi 12 kwaye wayenempembelelo enkulu kwelo lizwe. Ingcinga yokuhamba umgama ongaka yayiyinto entsha kum. Andizange ndihambe kakhulu kwaye andizange ndiye eAlbania ndingaqinisekanga ukuba ndiyazi nokuba iAlbania iphi. ULarry wandikhuthaza, esithi wenza intlanganiso yelizwe lonke eyayiza kuba nababingeleli abaninzi besizwe apho, kwaye wayecinga ukuba ukuqonda kwam kwezimali zoBukumkani kuya kuba luncedo ebantwini. Wathi uLarry ndiza kuba neseshini ezimbini okanye ezintathu enkomfeni ukuze ndabelane kuzo. Nangona yayingezizo iiseshini ezntlanu, zandingxamele ukufundisa ngalo mbandela kwiiseshini eziliqela bendinazo. Ndiye ndathi ndingathanda ukuza.

Xa ndisehla kwinqwelomoya eAlbania, uLarry wandibulisa ngengxelo emangalisayo, “Gary,” wathi, “esinye sezithethi zam sirhoxe ngomzuzu wokugqibela kwaye uzokwenza iseshini ezintlanu.”Intliziyo yam yaxhumaxhuma. Yinto bendiyifuna. Bendisazi ukuba oku kumiselwe nguThixo kwaye ngoku ndiza kubona le nto ndiyibone emoyeni wam isenzeka. Bendinenowuthsi zam kum kodwa kuye kwafuneka ndizidibanise ngokwendlela yeeseshini ezintlanu. Ngoko ke suku ngalunye ndandifundisa, emva koko ndibuyele ndithandaze ndikumoya, kwaye ndibhale iinowuthsi zam zeseshini elandelayo. Kwiseshini nganye, uthambiso lalumangalisa.

Ngaphambi kokuba ndiqhubele phambili, kufuneka ndikuxelele ukuba iAlbania yayililizwe elalihlupheka kakhulu ngexesha endandiye ngalo. Umvuzo wawumalunga ne $500 ngenyanga, kwaye ukunyoba kwakuyindlela yokuphila yabantu. Njengoko

ndandicinga ngokufundisa abantu kwinkalo yezemali, ndandingaqinisekanga ukuba baza kuyamkela njani. Ndandisazi ukuba iLizwi lisebenza nakubani na, kodwa oku yayingamava amatsha kum. Ndafundisa iseshini yokuqala, ndeva ukulamba kwabantu ngokomoya kunditsala, kwaye ndandibona ukholo lukhula ebusweni babo njengoko babesiva iindaba ezilungileyo zoBukumkani.

Usuku ngalinye njengoko ndandifundisa abantu babesonwaba ngakumbi, kwaye ndandibona ukuba babenemincili ngoBukumkani.

Ngobusuku ngaphambi kweseshini yokugqibela endandiza kufundisa ngayo, iNkosi yathetha nam ukuba ndithathe umnikelo endizakuwunika iicawe zasekuhlaleni. Ndandingaqinisekanga ngale nto kuba, okokuqala, yayingeyontlanganiso yam; kwaye okwesibini, ndandingaqinisekanga ukuba abantu baza kuphendula njani. Mna noLarry kwakufuneka sihlawulele uninzi lweendleko zokuhamba kunye neendleko zababingeleli basekuhlaleni ukuze baze entlanganisweni. Ndathetha noLarry ngayo, wathi mandiqhubeke ndithathe umnikelo.

Ngoko ke ngeseshini yokugqibela ndathatha umnikelo wenkomfa, kwaye intambiso yayinamandla ndingakwazi ukuma. Wonke umntu osegumbini wayengqungqa ekhwaza njengoko babezisa imali yabo phambili ukuze banike umnikelo. Abancedisi ababephethe iingxowa njengoko abantu befaka imali yabo babelila kwaye benengxaki yokuma. Andizange ndiyibone into enje ngaphambili, noko hayi ngelixa kuthathwa umnikelo. Ngoku njengokuba ndandibukele abantu bengqungqa bekhwaza ngovuyo njengoko benikela, ndachukunyiswa yintambiso kwanalukholo olunyanisekileyo labo babenikela imbewu exabiseke ngolo hlobo.

Emva kwenkonzo, uLarry kucaca ukuba uchukunyiswe yile nto ayibonileyo. Wamangaliswa nazingxowa ezimbini ezigcweleyo

zomnikelo esazithatha sizibuyisela endlini yakhe sisuka kwinkonzo yangokuhlwa. ULarry wandixelela ukuba ngokuqhelekileyo ingxowa yokunikela idla ngokuzala kancinci emva kwentlanganiso apho wayeqokelele khona umnikelo ngaphambili. Sashukuma ngokukhawuleza saza safihla iingxowa zemali njengoko sasisiya kwindlu encinane kaLarry kwistrato esinabantu abaninzi.

Xa sifika kwindlu kaLarry, sahlala phantsi kwigumbi lakhe lokuhlala savula iingxowa zomnikelo ukuze sibale imali. Njengoko uLarry wayekhuphela izinto ezikwiingxowa etafileni, kwenzeka into ekunzima ukuyichaza ngamazwi. Ngequbuliso, inkungu eluhlaza yazalisa igumbi kwaye ubukho bukaThixo basongamela. Sabuya sahlala phantsi kwentambiso eyayigcwalise indawo. Yayingafani nentambiso endakha ndayifumana xa ndishumayela okanye ndithandazela abantu. Endaweni yoko, le ntambiso yayinobukho nayo. Yayingcwele yaza yandenza ndaziva ngathi ndikubukho bukaThixo, ngoKwakhe. Njengoko sasihleli apho, yayisiya iba namandla ngakumbi kwigumbi. Eyona nto sasinokuyenza kukuhlala phantsi sikhale. Emva koko ndabona, phakathi kwemfumba yemali egalelwe etafileni encinci, umsesane womtshato wendoda. Ndamangaliswa kukuba umntu wayekhona ngobo busuku wayengenamali wanika ekuphela kwento eyayixabisekile kuye. INkosi yathetha nam ngalo mzuzu yathi:

> *"Ndikubizela ezizweni ukuba ubafundise le migaqo ndikufundise yona malunga uBukumkani bemali. Lo msesane ufakwe ngobu busuku ngokholo olukhulu. Kodwa ndifuna uwuthathe uwugcine njengesikhumbuzo sobu busuku. Yazi kananjalo ukuba umsesane womtshato uthetha ngomnqophiso, uxela umnqophiso wam wolungiselelo kubantu bam. Kwaye uyazi ukuba naphi na apho ndikuthemela khona, ndiya kubonelela ngemali yokuyihlawula."*

Ndandingakwazi ukulala ubusuku bonke. Ndandihlala kwaLarry ngobo busuku, kwaye intambiso yahlala apho. Kuyo yonke iAtlantic xa ndigoduka andizange ndilale. Ekuphela kwento ebendikwazi ukuyenza kukujonga phandle efestileni ndilile zoyi 8 iyure zohambo. Andizange ndikwazi ukulala iiyure eziyi 46 emva kokuba iNkosi ithethe nam ngobo busuku. Iinyanga emva kobo busuku, nanini na ndiyicinga, ndandibuva obo bukho bunye kwaye ndiqale ukulila.

Andizange ndimxelele uLarry into endiyixelelwe yiNkosi ngomsesane. Imali yomnikelo yeyamabandla aseAlbania, kwaye ndandisazi ukuba umsesane ungathengiswa ukuze sifumane imali eyongezelelweyo—kodwa ndandiyazi into endiyixelelwe yiNkosi ngayo. Ndiye ndavuya ke xa uLarry enditsalela umnxeba esithi iNkosi yathetha naye yamxelela ukuba andinike la msesane.

Ndayifaka kwinto yokuxhoma, ngoku ise ofisini yam. Kubekho amaxesha amaninzi apho ndiye ndajonga kula msesane kwaye kwafuneka ndikhumbule amazwi eNkosi ngobo busuku, njengoko ndandijongene nemicelimngeni emikhulu yemali kwiminyaka ukusukela ngoko. Ngaphandle kokusilela, uThixo uye wathembeka ukundinika yonke into endiyidingayo ukuze ndilandele umyalelo Wakhe ngobo busuku. Ngobo busuku eAlbania batshintsha ubomi bam, kodwa kuninzi kakhulu awayeza kundibonisa kona uThixo kwiintsuku ezizayo.

Ukufika kwam ekhaya ndivela eAlbania, ndaziva ndinomnqweno onamandla wokuthatha lo myalezo woBukumkani naphi na apho ndinokwazi. Ndandinomdla onamandla wokukhupha olu lwazi, kwaye ndandingxamele ukufundisa ezo seshini zintlanu kwakhona kwaye ndibone ukuba kuza kwenzeka into efanayo. Andizange ndilinde ixesha elide. Ndamenywa ngumfundisi

waseUtah ukuba ndiye ndifundise kwa ezo seshini zintlanu. Wayeve ngoLarry ukuba zazitshintsha ubomi, wafuna ndize. Wayengumfundisi wecawe incinane yamaNdiya eyayihlwempuzeke kakhulu. Babedinga uncedo lwemali, kwaye ukuba oko uLarry wayemxelela kona kwakuyinyaniso, wayevakalelwa kukuba ndandinokunceda.

Ngoko ndahamba ngenqwelomoya ndaza ndabamba iintlanganiso ngentsasa yangeCawa nangobusuku bangeCawa ukuya kutsho ngoLwesithathu ebusuku. Kwakukho iiseshini ezintlanu njengaseAlbania, kwaye ndandinentsabelo efanayo. Abantu bakhwaza bangqungqa ngobusuku bokugqibela benkomfa, phantsi kwentambiso enamandla kakhulu, njengoko babenikela ngomnikelo wabo. Andizange ndibone inkungu eluhlaza ngeli xesha, kodwa ndive intambiso enamandla kuzo zontlanu iiseshini. Emva kweseshini yokugqibela, ndandothukile, kanye njengo uLarry eAlbania, kumnikelo omkhulu owanikelwa zizibini eziyi 17 kuphela. Ndawuvalela umnikelo kwingxowa yomnikelo etshixwayo ndayisa eofisini yam ukuze ndiyijonge ngengomso.

KODWA UYESU AKAZANGE AHLAWULELE NJE ILUNGELO LETHU LOKUYA EZULWINI, WENZE KUBE NOKWENZEKA UKUBA SIPHILE NJENGONYANA NENTOMBI KATHIXO SIZE SINANDIPHE IINGENELO ZOBUKUMKANI BUKATHIXO APHA KUMMANDLA WASEMHLABENI.

Kwakusasa ngalo mini, ndafumana umnxeba ovela eofisini yam. Unobhala wam wayesemnxebeni, kwaye ndandisiva ukuba kukho into eyenzekayo. Ilizwi lakhe lalingcangcazela, kwaye wayevakala ngathi wayekhala. Amazwi akhe okuqala kukuba, “Mfundisi, kukho

into malunga nala mali ubuye nayo. "Uthetha ukuthini, Tracy?" ndabuza. Uye waqhubeka endixelela ukuba uyivulile ingxowa yemali ukuze ayibale ayifake ebhankini, kodwa kwathi ngomzuzu enze njalo, intambiso yangena ngamandla phezu kwakhe eofisini, wawa phantsi. Omnye unobhala wam, esiva ingxolo, weza uzokukroba kwaye, naye, waqalisa ukungcangcazela phantsi kwentambiso. Wathi uTracy, "Kwenzeke ntoni ngala mali eUtah?" Ndamxelela ukuba andiyazi.

Kwiiveki ezimbalwa kamva, ndandifundisa le migaqo minye kwicawe encinci kumazantsi eOhio. Kule cawe, sasithumele iiseshini ezine nge*DVD*, kwaye babezibukele kwiiveki ezine ezidlulileyo. Ndehla ngeCawe ebusuku ukuze ndigqibezele iiseshini ezintlanu. Uthambiso lwaluzakuphinda lusiwise. Xa ndithatha umnikelo ngobo busuku, ndaba nentsabelo efanayo endandinayo kwezinye iintlanganiso. Abantu babeneminciIi yokunikela. Ngexesha lomnikelo, icawe yabeka ibhaskiti enye ngaphambili ukuze abantu bafake izipho zabo. Ngeli xesha, inkungu eluhlaza yayikho kwakhona. Kwakukho isangqa malunga neenyawo ezintlanu ububanzi singqonge ibhaskiti yomnikelo njengoko abantu babenikela. Uthambiso lalunamandla kangangokuba emva kwentlanganiso kwakufuneka ndincediswe ukuya emotweni kuba ndandingakwazi ukuzihambela. Njengoko ezi zinto zazisenzeka, ndandingazi ngokwenene ukuba kuqhubeka ntoni, kwaye andizange ndive ukuba zenzeke naphi na.

Ndaqhubeka ndisenza iinkomfa, kwaye intambiso yaqhubeka ukuba namandla ngakumbi. Kwaye ewe, laa nkungu iluhlaza yabonakala kwakhona kwiinkomfa ezimbalwa. Kodwa eyona nto yayindixaka kakhulu yile yokuba intambiso yayikwimali ngokwayo. Emva kwenkomfa abasebenzi bam babenobunzima bokubala

umnikelo. Uya khumbula ukuba intambiso yangena kulaa ndlu eAlbania xa uLarry elahla umnikelo etafileni? Ukuba uthe wathatha iqhekeza lemali eyayinikelwe kule minikelo, wawuyiva intambiso kwangoko uqale ukungcangcazela. Ndiyazi ukuba ivakala ngathi ayinakwenzeka, kodwa yile nto endiyibonileyo.

Njengesazinzulu somoya ndandixakiwe yiyo yonke le nto kwaye ndabuza iNkosi ngayo. Wathetha nam wandixelela ukuba kutheni uthambiso olu namandla lalubonakala kumnikelo. Wandixelela ukuba abantu abaninzi banikela ngenxa yembopheleleko kumthetho. Abanye banikela ngefomyula, kodwa abakho elukholweni ngokwenene xa benikela. Abaninzi banikela kuba becinga ukuba uThixo uya kucaphuka ukuba abakwenzi oko. Abanye banikela ngathi lityala abalityalayo. Wandixelela ukuba njengokuba ndifundisa ngoBukumkani Bakhe kwaye ndityhila imigaqo yezemali efihliweyo yoBukumkani, ukholo luyanyuka ezintliziyweni zabantu. Ke xa benikela baba selukholweni ngenene, kwaye unxibelelwano loBukumkani lubakho, yiyo loo nto kuphuphuma uthambiso.

Ukusukela kola hambo liya eAlbania ngo 2005, ubomi bam buye batshintsha kakhulu. Umnqweno wam wokufikelela ebantwini ngeendaba ezilungileyo zoBukumkani uye wabangela ukuba mna noDrenda sisebenzise i*TV* ukuze sifikelele kwiizizwe ngezi ndaba zilungileyo. Ngokwenyani, ngoku sichitha izigidi ngonyaka ukuze sixelele abantu ngobu Bukumkani esabufumana kwiminyaka eyadlulayo. Mhlawumbi awukaziva iindaba ezilungileyo zoBukumkani. Sasinjalo—amakholwa aya ezulwini kodwa engazi ukuba alikhulula njani izulu emhlabeni. Kodwa uYesu akazange ahlawulele nje ilungelo lethu lokuya ezulwini, wenze kube nokwenzeka ukuba siphile njengonyana nentombi kaThixo size

sinandiphe iingenelo zoBukumkani bukaThixo apha kummandla wasemhlabeni. Kodwa okona kubalulekileyo, kukho izigidi ekufuneka sifikelele kuzo ngeendaba ezilungileyo zevangeli, kwaye kuthatha imali ukwenza oko. Abantu babukele. Ubomi bethu kufuneka bubonakale ngokwahlukileyo!

Yintoni endayifundisayo eAlbania eyangenisa loo ntambiso? Yayiyintoni uThixo awandixelela ukuba ndiyishumayele kwiizizwe? Ke, yinjongo yale ncwadi ke leyo, kwaye ndiyakholwa ukuba iya kutshintsha ubomi bakho njengoko yenze kobam.

ISAHLUKO 3

NCEDA NKOSI, YIBA NENCEBA!

UJerry watsalela umnxeba eofisini yam wabuza ukuba angadlula na aze atye isidlo sasemini nam ngelixa ndikwingingqi yakhe. Ndandisenza udliwano ndlebe kwisikhululo sikamabonakude edolophini ekufutshane naye, kwaye wayefuna ukundixelela indlela ubomi bakhe batshintsha ngayo ngenxa yezixhobo zam kunye nosasazo lwe*TV*. Andizange ndadibana noJerry kodwa ndandikhe ndathetha naye emnxebeni kanye okanye kabini. Ndathi ngokuqinisekileyo, bekufuneka sidle isidlo sasemini, kwaye ndacinga, ngelixa ndilapho, ndingathanda ukudibana naye ndive ibali lakhe.

Ngesidlo sasemini ndadibana noJerry nonyana wakhe, kwaye uJerry waqala ukundibalisela ibali lakhe. UJerry wayengumfundisi iminyaka eyi 30, kodwa kwafuneka ashiye ubulungiseleli ngenxa yokuhlaselwa sisifo sokufa icala into eyamenza wakhubazeka. Ngeli xesha emva kokuhlaselwa sisifo sokufa icala ubomi bakhe bonakala. Kuba wayengakwazi ukusebenza, ngokwemali, umzi wosapho awahlawulwa kwaye wathengiswa yisherifu. Ukuhlawula izinto

ezinuncedo nokuthenga ukutya kwaba ngumcelimngeni ngokunjalo. Enyanisweni, uJerry wathi izinto zaba mbi kangangokuba ngenye imini wahlala ne .45 eneembumbulu kwesinye isandla neBhayibhile kwesinye, ecinga ngokuzibulala.

Kwakuphakathi koku kuphelelwa lithemba apho uJerry wabona usasazo lwethu lomabonakude waza wathenga ezinye zezixhobo zam. Waqhubeka wacacica ukuba xa wayeqala ukufumana ezo zixhobo, wayenemfuno engxamisekileyo malunga ne $2,000 ukuze ahlawule amatyala nokutya.

Wamamela izixhobo ngokuphindaphindiweyo de ukholo lwaqalisa ukunyuka entliziyweni yakhe. Wagqiba kwelokuba akholelwe kuThixo ngaloo $2,000 awayeyidinga. Ngoko wenza into mna noDrenda sayenzayo ngexhama lokuqala endalamkelayo. Wahlwayela imbewu ngaloo $2,000. Wabhala ephepheni umhla nexesha awayekholelwa ukuba wayifumana ngalo imali, ngokutsho kukaMarko 11:24, waza wayithumela loo tsheki kubulungiseleli bethu.

Ndandingayazi ukuba yayisenzeka le nto nanjengoko ndingazange ndithethe noJerry. Wathi kwisithuba esingangeveki enesiqingatha kwafika indoda kumnyango wangaphambili yaza yacela ukuthetha naye. UJerry wayeyazi le ndoda kwakudala, kodwa wathi kwakunexesha elide bengathethi. Baqhubeka nencoko encinci okwethutyana, yathi indoda ifike ukuzokunika uJerry itsheki ye $2,000. Waqhubeka wacacisa ukuba kwiveki enesiqingatha eyadlulayo ngosuku olunje nexesha elithile, waziva echukumisekile nguMoya oyiNgcwele ukuba aze aphathele uJerry i $2,000.

UJerry wema apho othukile. Wakhawuleza wakhupha isipaji sakhe apho wayefake iphepha elichaza usuku kunye neyure awayekholelwa ukuba wayifumana ngayo i $2,000 awayeyidinga. Umhla

kunye nexesha elibhalwe kwiphepha likaJerry lihambelana nexesha elichanekileyo indoda eyayibhekisela kulo xa wayeziva echukumisekile ukuba anike uJerry i $2,000. UJerry wayesazi ukuba le yayingeyonto nje ezenzekeleyo, wayesazi ukuba yayiyimpendulo ethe ngqo kuBukumkani bukaThixo, ngokukodwa imithetho yoBukumkani.

Waqhubeka ngebali lakhe wandixelela ukuba unabantwana abasixhenxe abatshatileyo bonke ngaphandle konyana oneminyaka eyi 16 ubudala (lo wayenaye ngesidlo sasemini), owashiya uThixo xa ebona yonke into eyayisenzeka kutata wakhe. Unyana wayenomsindo kuThixo kuba uyise wayethembekile kangangeminyaka eyi 30, kwaye unyana wayesiva ngathi uThixo umlahlile.

UJerry wayefuna indlela yokufikelela kunyana wakhe, kwaye wayenecebo. Ndithetha kakhulu malunga nokuzingela amaxhama kwizixhobo zam kwaye nditheta ngendlela uThixo wandifundisa ngayo ukuzingela ngokholo. Ukuzingela amaxhama yayiyeyona nto ithandwa ngunyana wakhe, ke uJerry wacacisela unyana wakhe indlela yokufumana inkunzi yakhe ekwindla, indlela yoBukumkani. Unyana wacinga ngayo waza ekugqibeleni wavuma, emva koko yena noJerry balukhulula ukholo lwabo, kanye njengokuba uJerry wenzayo nge $2,000 yakhe. Inkwenkwe yafumana inkunzi entle ngemizuzu esibhozo. Xa uJerry nonyana wakhe besisa ixhama esilarheni uJerry wayene *CD* yam kwinto yakhe yokudlala i*CD*. Njengoko uJerry wayengenisa ixhama evenkileni, umfana wathi ufuna ukuhlala emotweni amamele kancinane. Xa uJerry ephuma unyana wakhe wathi, “Tata, ndicinga ukuba besiphosa into yonke le minyaka. Ndiyazi ukuba ixhama lalisisiphumo soBukumkani bukaThixo.”

Unyana wakhe wabunikezela kwakhona ubomi bakhe kwiNkosi

kwaye waxelela utata wakhe ukuba uThixo unokuzisa i $2,000 kunye nexhama ke unokuzisa i $17,000 abayidingayo ukukhupha indlu ekuvalweni. Kwakungelo xesha apho ndandiqala ukudibana noJerry. Ndikhumbula incwadi kaJerry ingena nembewu kaJerry nonyana wakhe yokukhupha indlu ekuvalweni. Ndikhumbula ukuba incwadi yayimfutshane kodwa yayichaza nje into ababeyidinga. Akuzange kukhankanywe enye into, ukukhupha nje indlu ekuvalweni. Ndikhumbula ndibeka isandla sam kula ncwadi ndivumelana nabo. Ndiyawukhumbula kanye umzuzu kunye nexesha endakwenza ngayo oko.

Ngeli xesha, uJerry undixelela ukuba malunga neeveki ezimbini enye indoda yeza kumnyango wangaphambili. Kwakhona, lo ngumntu uJerry wayemazi kwixesha elidlulileyo. Indoda yathi yabona ikhaya likaJerry lidweliswe kwintengiso yesherifu ezayo yaza yabuza uJerry ukuba yimalini efunekayo ukuyikhupha ekuvalweni. UJerry wamxelela inani, elingaphezu kwe $17,000. Indoda yabhala itsheki yayo yonke loo mali yaza yahamba. Ngeli xesha, uJerry ngoku uyalila ngaphaya kwetafile kum kwivenkeli yokutyela kwaye wandibulela ngokufundisa abantu ngoBukumkani bukaThixo. UJerry wathi uyavuya kuba abantwana bakhe bonke babona isandla sikaThixo, kwaye oko kwamnika ithuba lokwabelana nabo ngoBukumkani. Ndiyayithanda! Le yinyani yoBukumkani bukaThixo, kwaye ndisikelelekile ukuba ndikwazi ukwabelana ngabo nabantu

"KUBA INENE NDITHI KUNI, BENINGATHI, NINOKHOLO OLUNJENGOKHOZO LWEMOSTADE, NITHI KULE NTABA, 'SUKA APHA UYE PHAYA,' ISUKE, KUNGABIKHO NTO IYA KUNINQABELA."
— UMATEYU 17:20B

kwaye ndive amabali abo. Uyabona, uJerry wayengadingi ukusizelwa. Wayedinga iimpendulo, kwaye wazifumana eBukumkanini.

Ngoku, ndiziva ngathi kufuneka ndongeze into apha malunga nebali likaJerry. Nangona kunokubonakala ukuba abantu beza nje kumnyango kaJerry bamnika imali, andifuni ukuba ube nombono ongachanekanga wokuba iimpendulo zakho zemali zizovela nje uhleli phantsi usela i*coke.* Hayi, uya kuba nenxaxheba yakho ekuvuneni oko ukufunayo. Kwimeko kaJerry, uJerry wayengumfundisi kangangeminyaka eyi 30. Wahlwayela kwaba bantu ixesha elide kakhulu. Kwaye okwesibini, uJerry wayengakwazi ukulishiya ikhaya lakhe ngenxa yesifo sokufa icala. UJerry wavuna apho wayehlwayele khona, ebantwini becawe yakhe awayehlwayele kuyo yonke loo minyaka.

Ndifuna ukukuxelela ukuba uJerry waphila ngokupheleleyo kwisifo sokufa icala, kwaye wahlisa ubunzima bakhe nge 70 *pounds* xa ndandididibana naye ngesidlo sasemini ngaloo mini. Makabongwe uThixo, wabufumana uBukumkani. Unokuthi, "Ke, uJerry wayengumfundisi; ngokuqinisekileyo, wayesazi konke malunga noBukumkani. Ngokucacileyo akunjalo, kwaye ndiqinisekile ukuba akayedwanga koko ndikubonileyo. Ngelishwa, abantu abaninzi becawe abayazi indlela yokungena kuBukumkani bukaThixo nokufumana iimpendulo zabo. Ibali kuMateyu libonisa indlela abaninzi abacinga ngayo.

Bakubona ukuba bafikile esihlweleni, kweza kuye umntu, esiwa ngamadolo phambi kaYesu, esithi, "Nkosi, menzele inceba unyana wam;" "Ngokuba unesathuthwane, esiva ubunzima obukhulu; kuba esiwa futhi emlilweni, nasemanzini futhi. Ndithe ndamzisa kubafundi Bakho, ababa nako ukumphilisa."

Waphendula ke uYesu wathi "Sizukulwanandini singakholwayo, sigwenxa, koda kube nini na ndinani? Koda kube nini na ndininyamezele? Mziseni kum apha." Waza uYesu wayikhalimela, yaphuma kuye idemon; waphiliswa umntwana kwangelo lixa.

Bandula beza abafundi kuYesu bebodwa bathi, "Bekungani na ukuba singabi nako ukuyikhupha thina?" Wathi uYesu kubo, "Bekungenxa yokungakholwa kwenu; Kuba inene ndithi kuni, beningathi, ninokholo olunjengokhozo lwemostade, nithi kule ntaba, 'Suka apha uye phaya,' isuke, kungabikho nto iya kuninqabela."

— UMateyu 17:14-20

Kweli bali, sibona indoda eyayiphelelwe lithemba, unyana wayo ithuthunjiswa yimimoya emdaka, waphantse wafa. Esiva ngobulungiseleli bukaYesu nokuba uYesu unamandla okukhupha iidemon, wenza amalungiselelo okusa unyana wakhe kuYesu ukuze amphilise. Ke, akufika apho, wafumanisa ukuba uYesu akakho kodwa uthabathe abafundi Bakhe abathathu waya kuthandaza entabeni. Abanye abafundi ababelapho bathi akukho ngxaki; babekhupha iidemon ukusukela oko uYesu wabanika igunya lokwenjenjalo, egameni Lakhe, kwaye babekwazi ukunyamekela unyana wakhe. Kodwa xa babethandazela lo mfana, idemon ayizange imke. Nangona bazamayo, idemon ayizange imke. Wacaphuka uyise isihlwele esasilandela uYesu sasibhidekile.

Kodwa kwathi ngelo xesha, kwafika uYesu nabafundi Bakhe abathathu, besihla entabeni. UYesu, ebona isiphithiphithi, wabuza ukuba kuqhubeka ntoni na. Uyise wonyana wamcacisela indlela amzise ngayo umntwana kubafundi, kodwa ababa nako

ukuyikhupha idemon. Uyise ke wenza oko kuyi nyani kwabaninzi, ukuba ayingobantu abaninzi abajongene nengxaki xa kubonakala ukuba akukho mpendulo. Wakhala kuYesu ecela inceba. Nangona ukucenga inceba kuvakala njengento entle ukuyenza xa uphelelwe lithemba, yayingeyompendulo yale ndoda, nakanjalo kuwe. Uyise, efuna ukuvuselela imfesane kaYesu ngemeko yakhe, wandula ke waqhubeka exelela uYesu indlela idemon elimthuthumbisa ngayo unyana wakhe, imphose emlilweni, izama ukumbulala. UYesu wayinqanda indoda. Kwakungeyomfuneko ukuba ave okungakumbi ngentuthumbo awayeyinyamezele unyana wale ndoda. Edinekile uYesu wathi, *"Sizukulwanandini singakholwayo, sigwenxa, koda kube nini na ndininyamezele, mziseni kum apha*" Kwisivakalisi sakhe esinye, uYesu usichaza ngokupheleleyo isizathu sokuba idemon ingaphumi.

Kodwa phambi kokuba singene kwintsingiselo yoko kwathethwa nguYesu, kufuneka siqinisekise kwakhona isiseko esibambelele kuso, sesokuba uThixo akaxoki kwaye akanakuxoka. Oko akuthethayo kuyinyaniso. Siyigqibile leyo, sinokuyivavanya imeko ngale ngxelo, "iiDemon KUFUNEKA ziphume!" Ukuba aziphumi, ngoko kukho into engalunganga, kwaye ayikho kwicala likaThixo kodwa kuthi. Khumbula oku, ingxaki ngokwamkela kuThixo ihlala ikwicala lethu. UYesu usixelela ngokucacileyo isizathu sokuba idemon ingaphumi—ukucinga okugwenxa nokungakholwa. Siya kuthetha ngezi zizathu zimbini emzuzwini. Kodwa ngeli xesha kwingxoxo yethu, ndifuna ukugxila kuyise kunye nonyana ebalini.

Uyise ngokucacileyo wayenokweza nantoni na ukunceda unyana wakhe. Xa kwakubonakala ngathi akukho nto yenzekayo xa abafundi bemthandazela, akwasala nto. Kawkungekho mpendulo iqinisekileyo. Ekuphela kwempendulo awayecinga ukuba inganceda

ayizange yenze nto. Inye kuphela into eyayisele ekufuneka yenziwe yayikukucela inceba. Ibinzana elithi "ukucenga inceba" linokuthetha ukuba umntu othile unamandla okanye igunya lokunceda kodwa akhethe ukungakwenzi. Ngoko, ekuphela kwento eseleyo yokwenza kukunika ingcaciso ende yentshuntshumbo eyoyikekayo le nkwenkwe yayiyinyamezele, ezama ukumshukumisa uYesu ngemfesane ngenxa yemeko yakhe.

Ngokungafihlisiyo, le yindlela abantu abaninzi abathandaza ngayo, besazi ukuba uYesu unamandla okunceda kodwa bengaqinisekanga ngempendulo Yakhe, bacenge inceba. Ke ngemithandazo emide namazwi amaninzi babeka iinkcukacha zentlungu kunye neemeko. "Bawo, uyayazi ukuba loo mali ndiyidinga ngoLwesihlanu, ndicela Thixo undincede." Okanye "Thixo, ndicela uphilise umntwana wam ndokukhonza zonke iintsuku zokuphila kwam. Nceda, Thixo." Andizenzi lula iimeko abantu abajongene nazo, kodwa ndicela uqaphele ukuba uYesu wawazisa ngokukhawuleza kangakanani amandla kaThixo ukuba athwale kuloo meko wayikhulula inkwenkwe. Le yintliziyo kaThixo, umnqweno Wakhe. Akukho kuswela uvelwano, amandla okanye igunya. Naleyo yayingeyiyo ingxaki ebalini. UYesu uyandlala ingxaki njengengcinga izegwenxa nokungakholwa. Ngamanye amazwi, ukucinga okuphosakeleyo nokuswela kwabo ukholo kwaluthintela ulawulo loBukumkani kule meko.

Kulungile, kuninzi esinokuthetha ngako apha, izitshixo ezininzi zoBukumkani kunye nendlela obusebenza ngayo. Andifuni kungena ngokupheleleyo kwezinye zezinto ekufuneka uzazi apha, kodwa ndiza kuzikhankanya, kwaye siya kufunda imithetho esiyibona isebenza apha kamva.

Ukuzuza ukuqonda okusisiseko komthetho woBukumkani, kufuneka siqonde eli nqaku lisisiseko: uThixo wanika uAdam igunya elipheleleyo phezu komhlaba. Wayeza kulawula phezu kwawo.

> *Wathi uThixo, "Masenze umntu ngokomfanekiselo wethu ngokufana nathi. Mababe* <u>*nobukhosi*</u> *ezintlanzini zolwandle, nasezintakeni zezulu, nasezintweni ezizitho zine, nasemhlabeni wonke, nasezinambuzaneni zonke ezinambuzela emhlabeni."*
>
> — IGenesis 1:26

Ndicinga ukuba amaHebhere 2:7-9 iyicacisa kakuhle:

> *Wamnciphisa kancinane kunezithunywa zezulu, wamthwesa uzuko nembeko. Wammisa phezu kwemisebenzi yezandla Zakho. Zonke izinto wazithobela phantsi kweenyawo zakhe. Kuba ekubeni wazithobela phantsi kwakhe zonke ezo zinto, uThixo akashiyanga nto.*

Noko okwangoku, qonda ukuba uThixo akanakulisebenzisa igunya Lakhe kummandla wasemhlabeni (eBukumkanini babantu) ngaphandle kokuba indoda okanye umfazi onegunya elisemthethweni apha akhulule igunya lezulu.

Yiyo le nto uYesu ebaxelela abafundi Bakhe kuMateyu 18:18:

> *"Inene, ndithi kuni, konke enithe nakubopha emhlabeni, kobotshwa emazulwini; nako konke enithe nakukhulula emhlabeni, kokhululwa emazulwini."*

Kwakhona, izulu alinalawulo apha kummandla wasemhlabeni ngaphandle kokuba kungendoda okanye umfazi olikhululayo apha.

Kungoko uYesu esithi ukuba indoda okanye umfazi uya kukhulula igunya lezulu apha, izulu liya kulixhasa. Ukuba asenzi njalo, izulu alinako. Ukuba loo ngcinga ibonakala ingaqhelekanga kuwe, nceda ungayeki apha. Ndiza kuthetha ngeso sihloko ngokweenkcukacha ezininzi kamva. Kodwa okwangoku yamkela loo nyaniso njengesizathu sokuba idemon ingayishiyi inkwenkwe—**kwakunganyanzelekanga ukuba iphume**! Yayisebenza kwilungelo layo elisemthethweni lokuhlala apha. Kwakhona, uYesu wathi isizathu sokuba idemon ingaphumi kwakungenxa yokungabi nalukholo, okanye ukungabi nalawulo. UThixo waphulukana nolawulo Lwakhe kwimicimbi yabantu xa uAdam wayemgxotha ngemvukelo yakhe. Kulapha apho uSathana efumana ulawulo phezu koluntu.

KODWA ASINGUWE LO, MHLOBO WAM; UNOKUFIKELELA KUBULUNGISA EBUKUMKANINI. KUKHO IIMPENDULO KWIINGXAKI ZAKHO.

> *UMtyholi, emnyuse (uYesu) entabeni ephakamileyo, wambonisa zonke izikumkani zelimiweyo, ngesiquphe sexesha. Wathi ke uMtyholi kuye, "Ndokunika bonke obu bukhosi bazo nozuko lwazo; ngokuba bunikelwe kum (nguAdam); nosukuba ndithanda ndiyamnika bona. Ukuba ngoko uthe wena waqubuda phambi kwam, konke oko kaba koba kokwakho."*
>
> — ULuka 4:5-7

Ngenxa yoko, uThixo waphulukana nokuba semthethweni Kwakhe kummandla wasemhlabeni njengoko waphulukana nendoda eyayiwuthwele-uAdam. Kwakhona, ndiza kuthetha ngakumbi ngale mithetho ithile kamva, njengoko benditshilo,

kodwa esona sizathu sibalulekileyo sokuba ndithethe ngeli bali yayikukubonisa isimo sengqondo kunye nokuphelelwa lithemba kukayisa kunye nendlela abhenela ngayo ekucengeni inceba. Nceda ufunde ezi zivakalisi ziliqela zilandelayo ngonononophelo.

Ukuba akukho gunya okanye umthetho kunye nenkqubo yokulawula nokuzisa izisombululo kumntu osweleyo, ukucenga inceba kuko kuphela okuseleyo. Mandiyithethe ngenye indlela. Ukuba umntu akanalo unyango olusemthethweni kwingxaki kwaye akakwazi ukufikelela kwinkqubo apho ubulungisa bunikezelwa khona, akukho siqinisekiso seempendulo. Ukucenga kukuphela kwento eseleyo.

Kodwa asinguwe lo, mhlobo wam; unokufikelela kubulungisa eBukumkanini. Kukho iimpendulo kwiingxaki zakho. Khumbula, ubukumkani ngurhulumente, kwaye busebenza ngemithetho engakhethi buso kwaye iyafumaneka kuye nawuphi na ummi ophantsi kolawulo lobo bukumkani. Njengoko bendit-shilo ngaphambili kule ncwadi, uBukumkani bukaThixo bakhelwe phezu (kwenkqubo yomthetho efikelela kwigunya likaThixo lokunyanzelisa oko kutshiwo ngumthetho Wakhe ukuba kulungile) nobulungisa. Kwakukho isizathu sokuba idemon ingaphumi, kwaye yayingebubo ubuthathaka bukaThixo okanye ukuguquka kwentando Yakhe. UYesu usibonisa oku ngendlela awakhalimela ngokukhawuleza ngayo abafundi aze emva koko ayikhuphe idemon.

EKUBENI UMNTU ENEGUNYA PHEZU KOMMANDLA WASEMHLABENI, URHULUMENTE KATHIXO KUNYE NEGUNYA LAKHE ALINAKUSHUKUMA DE INDODA OKANYE UMFAZI, ONOLAWULO EMHLABENI.

Uninzi lwamaKristu, xa engaboni umboniso woBukumkani, aguqula imfundiso yawo, esithi, "Aziphumi zonke iidemon." Bayayazi ukuba uThixo unawo onke amandla, ngoko bacingela ukuba uThixo unokwenza nantoni na ayifunayo kummandla wasemhlabeni, ngoko ke ukuba idemon ayiphumanga, ke uThixo uye wakhetha ukuba angayenzi ihambe. Mhlobo wam, oku kuqonda akulunganga ngokupheleleyo. UYesu wathi kukucinga KWABO okugwenxa nokungakholwa kwabo ukuba okususe ulawulo lwezulu kule meko. Mandiyichaze ngolu hlobo. Isizathu sokuba idemon ingaphumi ngumba womthetho—iphela apho. Kwakungeyomfuneko ukuba iphume ngenxa yokuba akukho namnye apho oweza nengunya lezulu nolawulo elisemthethweni lokungenelela kula meko. "Kodwa, Gary, babezama ukuyikhupha." Ewe, kodwa njengoko benditshilo, ngokusemthethweni, kwakungeyomfubeko ukuba iphume. Ngoba? Kwakhona, izulu belingena lawulo lokwenza idemon iphume.

Mandiyishwankathele le nto ndisanda kuyitsho. Babenengcinga ezigwenxa, besithi into elungileyo okanye eyamkelekileyo eyayiphosakele okanye ukucinga okuphantsi phezulu xa ithelekiswa noko uThixo anokuthetha ngomba othile. Ukungakholwa kwakukwangumba omkhulu njengoko ukholo lufuneka ukuze izulu libe nolawulo kummandla wasemhlabeni. Abafundi babengaqinisekanga, bengeyisekanga ngokupheleleyo, ukuba idemon yayiza kuphuma. Babesoyika.

Ekubeni umntu enegunya phezu kommandla wasemhlabeni, urhulumente kaThixo kunye negunya Lakhe alinakushukuma de indoda okanye umfazi, onolawulo emhlabeni, eyiseke ngokupheleleyo koko likutshoyo uzulu, aze ke alikhulule elo gunya apha. Ngoko ke, ukuba neentliziyo zethu zeyiswe ngokupheleleyo koko

likutshoyo izulu oko kubizwa ukholo, kwaye kwakungekho mntu wayenokholo ngaloo mini. Babenengqondo embaxa kwaye bezele kukungakholwa, ngaloo ndlela benqumla ulawulo lwezulu kule meko. Kodwa uYesu wayenokholo, esazi ukuba le demon iyaphuma! UYesu wathatha ulawulo yemka. "Kodwa, Gary, isizathu sokuba idemon yaphuma xa uYesu wayikhalimela kungenxa yokuba enguYesu." Nyani? Masijonge UMarko 6:5 xa uYesu elungiselela kwidolophu yakowabo.

> *Wayengenako ukwenza na mnye umsebenzi wamandla khona apho, kwakuphela ukubeka izandla phezu kwemilwelwe embalwa, wayiphilisa.*

Kuya kufuneka uvume ukuba uYesu wayenamandla okuphilisa, akunjalo? Ngoko kufuneka ukwazi ukuphendula ukuba kutheni engazange akwazi ukwenza yonke into ebefuna ukuyenza kweli bali. Imfuneko yayikhona, kodwa kukho into eyayimthintela. Uyayiphendula loo nto kwivesi 6, "*Wamangaliswa kukungakholwa kwabo*." Ukholo (ukuvumelana nezulu) lunika izulu umthetho kummandla wasemhlabeni. Umzekelo, ungawubona lula lo mgaqo kwindlela osindiswe ngayo nowaza ngayo kuKristu.

> *Kuba umntu ukholwa ngentliziyo, ukuze abe nobulungisa; avume ke ngomlomo, ukuze asindiswe.*
>
> — KwabaseRoma 10:10

Ukholwa ngentliziyo yakho (koko likuthethayo izulu), ube lilungisa. Elo ligama lomthetho, elithetha ukulawulwa komthetho kwaye lithetha ukuba izulu ngoku linomthetho kummandla wasemhlabeni.

Ngembono elula yalo mgaqo, masikhumbule ukuba uAdam

wanikwa ulawulo lomthetho apha emhlabeni, kwaye abantu basenaso eso sikhundla. Oku akumele kubhidaniswe namandla omntu okulawula ngokomoya, awaphulukana nawo kuSathana eMyezweni. UThixo akanako ukwaphula isigxina esisemthethweni akuso umntu ngoku kummandla wasemhlabeni. Ngoko, uThixo kufuneka afumane indoda okanye umfazi oya kuvumelana nezulu ukuze afumane ngokusemthethweni ukungena aze abe nokubonakaliswa kummandla wasemhlabeni.

KwabaseRoma 10:10, uya kuqaphela ukuba kukho izinto ezimbini ezimele zenzeke ngaphambi kokuba igunya namandla ezulu akhululwe apha kummandla wasemhlabeni. Eyokuqala sendiyikhankanyile: Kufuneka seyiseke ngokupheleleyo kwaye sivumelane ezintliziyweni zethu ngento ethethwa lizulu; oku kubizwa ukholo. Eyesibini, kufuneka siqonde ukuba ukuba selukholweni kukodwa akusayi kulikhulula izulu apha. Umangazekile? Mandicacise. Cinga ngeswitshi yesibane. Umbane ukhona, kodwa kusafuneka ucofe iswitshi ukuze uvule isibane. Xa sikholelwa ezintliziyweni zethu oko likutshoyo izulu, oko kwenza unxibelelwano nezulu lube semthethweni okanye lungqinelwe. Kodwa ke kufuneka sikhulule elo gunya apha. Njengakumzekelo wam, kufuneka sicofe iswitshi. Sikwenza oku njengoko sivuma kwaye sisenza ngegunya loBukumkani.

Ndiyazi ukuba ndiyaziphinda, kodwa ukuqonda lo mthetho woBukumkani KUBALULEKILE kuwe ukuba ube namandla okwamkela oko izulu likubekele kona. Uya kwamkela konke oyoze ukwamkele ezulwini kwangolo hlobo usindiswe ngalo—ngokukholelwa oko likutshoyo izulu ezintliziyweni zethu emva koko sithethe okanye senze oko kuthethwa lizulu.

UBukumkani, ngendlela uYesu wafundisayo waza wabubonakalisa, babungaqhelekanga kubafundi. Amaxesha amaninzi,

sinokubona abafundi bebhidekile koko babekubona. Kwisibhalo esingaphambili esisifundileyo, ndikholelwa ukuba abafundi boyika ukubonakala kwedemon baza baba neengqondo ezimbaxa, ngalo ndlela balususa ukholo lwabo.

Ndicinga ukuba njengoko babesiya kukhupha le demon, yabonakala, mhlawumbi iphosa inkwenkwe phantsi kwaye yenza umboniso omkhulu. Oku kusenokuba kwenza uloyiko. Ndiyaqikelela nje apha kodwa inye into endiqiniseke ngayo. Kwenzeka into eyabangela ukuba iintliziyo zabo ziphume kwisivumelwano nezulu baze bangakholwa.

"NGENXA YOKO NDITHI KUNI IZINTO ENISUKUBA NIZICELA, NITHANDAZA, KHOLWANI UKUBA NINOKUZAMKELA; NOBA NAZO."

— UMARKO 11:24

Kwelinye icala, uYesu wayeqinisekile ngokupheleleyo koko kwathethwa lizulu ngemeko enjalo waza wayiyalela ukuba imke idemon. Ngoko njengoko sibona, ingxaki yokungaphumi kwedemon yayikummandla wasemhlabeni, kungekhona kummandla wasezulwini.

Ukuba bekufuneka ndikhethe isibhalo sibe sinye esibonisa umsebenzi woBukumkani kummandla wasemhlabeni ngcono kunaso nasiphi na esinye, bekuya kufuneka ndithi kuya kuba nguMarko 11:22-24. Ukumisela iqonga, kufuneka sibuye umva kwiivesi ezimbalwa, kwaye siya kubona ukuba uYesu wathetha nomkhiwane waza wafa. Emva kokuba engafumani siqhamo emthini, uYesu wawuqalekisa. Usuku olulandelayo njengoko abafundi bedlula kwaloo mthi kwakhona, bafumanisa ukuba ufile. UPetros wothuswa koko akubonayo kwaye wakhala ngokothuka kuYesu.

Uphendule uYesu wathi kubo, "Yibani nokukholwa

> *kuThixo. "Kuba inene ndithi kuni, Othe kule ntaba, 'Funquleka, uphoseke elwandle,' engathandabuzi entliziyweni yakhe, asuke akholwe ukuba ezo zinto azithethayo zinokwenzeka, wokuzuza oko athe wakuthetha. Ngenxa yoko ndithi kuni izinto enisukuba nizicela, nithandaza, kholwani ukuba ninokuzamkela; noba nazo.*
>
> — UMarko 11:22-24

Qaphela ukuba uPetros wayemangaliswe koko kwenzekayo. Ingaba yenzeke njani? UYesu wathetha nje nomthi. Ukanti ngaphandle kwamathandabuzo umthi wasabela kumazwi kaYesu waza umthi wafa. Ke uYesu uxelela uPetros "inyani," umthetho woBukumkani bukaThixo. Ingcaciso kaYesu isinika ukuqonda ngakumbi ngendlela uBukumkani obusebenzisana ngayo nommandla wasemhlabeni. Kwakhona kulo mzekelo sibona kwaloo mthetho usebenza esithetha ngawo, indoda okanye umfazi emhlabeni, eyiseke ngokupheleleyo koko kuthethwa lizulu (ngoku unobulungisa) aze athethe okanye akhulule igunye lezulu. Ewe, indoda ekweli bali, inguYesu, ngoKwakhe, kodwa uYesu wenza ukuba kucace kakhulu kwingcaciso Yakhe kubafundi Bakhe ukuba "nabani na" angayenza le asanda kuyenza.

Ndiqinisekile ungavuma ukuba, ukuba abantu bebeyazi ngenene le nto kwaye bewuqonda umthetho ababewufundiswa nguYesu, bebeya kuba nempembelelo enkulu kubomi babo. Ndiyibonile impembelelo yoBukumkani kubomi bosapho lwam, kodwa kwakumangalisa ukubona uBukumkani buchaphazela ezinye iintsapho njengoko sasizifundisa oko sikufundileyo. Mandibalise ibali kweyam inkonzo apho lo mthetho wabonakaliswa khona. Amaxesha

amaninzi, ukuba nolwazi loBukumkani kunye nomsebenzi wabo ngumahluko phakathi kobomi nokufa. Yayikweli bali.

UJennifer waqalisa ukuza ecaweni yam nokuva ngokholo noBukumkani. Wachulumanca kukufunda ngegunya namalungelo akhe eBukumkanini njengoko wayekhulelwe umntwana wakhe wesibini, kwaye wayenqwenela ukuzalela ekhaya. Ngoko waqalisa ukufunda oko kwakuthethwa liLizwi likaThixo ngokuzala umntwana nezithembiso zoBukumkani ezaziya kusebenza kumntwana wakhe. Wayeqinisekile ukuba angazalela ekhaya umntwana osempilweni. Wafumana umbelekisi ozakumnceda ukuzala, wacela omnye umama webandla lethu owayezalele ekhaya, ukuba angamqeqesha naxa ebeleka.

Ngexesha elandulela ukubeleka kwakhe, wayekwinkonzo nganye emamela imigaqo yoBukumkani. Ezi ngcinga zazintsha kuJennifer, kwaye wayekuthanda ukufunda ukuba kukho iimpendulo zokwenyani eBukmkanini bukaThixo. Ngelishwa, ngeli xesha, umyeni wakhe kwakufuneke asebenze ngeeCawa kwaye wayengakwazi ukuya naye ecaweni rhoqo. Ke, lade lafika ixesha lokuba umntwana azalwe. Kwabizwa umbelekisi nomqeqeshi.

Kwakumalunga ngo 2:00 okanye 3:00 kusasa xa ifowuni ecaleni kwebhedi yam yaqala ukukhala. Kwelinye icala, ndeva ilizwi lomqeqeshi kaJennifer likhwaza efowunini, “Mfundisi, nceda uthandaza, umntwana uzelwe efile!” Zanditsho ndavuka ezindaba. Umqeqeshi wokubeleka emva koko wathi umntwana usanda ukuphuma ngenqwelo yezigulana ukuya esibhedlele. Uye wandixelela ukuba, enyanisweni, iqela lezonyango libhengeze ukuba umntwana ufile ekufikeni kwabo.

Mna noDrenda saxhuma sanxiba. Ndaqalisa ukuthandaza

ndikuMoya, ndimamele into emandiyenze. Ndandisazi ukuba umtyholi angathanda ukunyelisa ibandla lethu ngesi siganeko. Ndabona izihloko zeendaba, "Umntwana Uyasweleka njengoko iCawe yeHlelo iKhuthaza Ukuzala Ekhaya." Ngenene asizange siwuthathele ngqalelo umba wokuba umntwana mababelekwe njani, nokuba ekhaya okanye hayi, kodwa uninzi lwabafazi bakhetha ukubelekela ekhaya; yayiyinyani leyo. Mna noDrenda saqhubeka sithandaza siseMoyeni njengoko sasiqhuba sisiya ngasesibhedlele, umgama oyimizuzu eyi 20 yokuqhuba. Malunga nesiqingatha sendlela apho, ngequbuliso ndeva uMoya kaThixo ufika phezu kwam, ndazi ukuba umntwana uzophila. Ngalomzuzwana kanye, umfazi wam wajika wandijonga wathi iNkosi imxelele ukuba umntwana uzophila.

Ndandiyazi into ethethwe yiNkosi kum nomfazi wam, ndiye ndafowunela kwigumbi likaxakeka ndandinomdla wokuba ndizakufumana ntoni. E-*ER*, ndabona iqela labongikazi abamalunga nesixhenxe okanye abasibhozo bemi bengqunge into eyayibonakala ngathi lusana oluqhelekileyo, olupinki, olukhalayo. Ndabufundisisa ngenyameko ubuso babo. Kwiimeko ezininzi apho usana lubanjwe liqela lababafazi, uya kubona uncumo. Kodwa ngeli xesha, lalingekho. Endaweni yoko, ubuso babo babubonakala bothukile.

Sadibana nebhinqa elalisitsalele umxeba. Waphinda wasazisa ukuba umntwana kuthiwe usweleke ekhaya, eliyimizuzu eyi 20 ukuba kude nesibhedlele. Isana kwakuthiwe liswelekile esibhedlele xa lufika esibhedlele kodwa ngequbuliso, njengokuba bekunjalo, lavuka. Makabongwe uThixo! Mna noDrenda savuya kakhulu ukubona umntwana ephila njengoko uMoya oyiNgcwele wawusixelele.

Ngelo xesha, enye inqwelo yezigulana yayithathe umama wosana, uJennifer, kwiwadi yokubelekela. Ngenxa yoko, wayengazi ngemeko

yosana lwakhe oluyintombazana. Umfazi wam, uDrenda, wenyuka waya kumngangatho wokubeleka ukuya kumjonga. Xa uDrenda engena egumbini apho uJennifer wayephumle khona, wathi, Jennifer, umntwana wakho uphilile, kwaye umhle. Umongikazi owayeme ecaleni kukaJennifer wangenelela wathi, “Hayi, loo mntwana ukwingxowa yomzimba!” umfazi wam wamlungisa umongikazi ngempazamo yakhe. Namhlanje, ngozuko lukaThixo, umntwana oyintombazana, owathiywa igama elinguHaley, linenekazi elihle elingenakonakala kwengqondo okanye imiba yezempilo ezisecaleni kwalo naluphi na uhlobo. Ndiqonda ukuba uBukumkani bukaThixo busebenza ngokusekelwe kumthetho womoya, ndandisazi ukuba isiphumo asizange sibe ngamabona-ndenzile. Ke ukuba sisazinzulu somoya (hayi Isayensi yobuKristu, kodwa umntu ofunda ukuba uBukumkani bukaThixo busebenza njani) endiyiyo, ndandifuna ukufumanisa ukuba kwenzeka ntoni kanye kanye.

Ndandiyazi ukuba umntwana uHaley wayebhengezwe ngokusemthethweni, “efile ekufikeni” ngabasebenzi benqwelo yezigulana abeze endlwini. Ndandisazi nokuba umntwana wayebhengezwe efile ekufikeni kwakhe esibhedlele. Kwenzeke ntoni? Ndiye ndathetha nomqeqeshi wokubeleka owayekhona, kwaye ndamcela ukuba andixelele yonke into ngokweenkcukacha malunga nokwenzekileyo. Ndandikhangela imikhondo. Wathi yonke into ngokuzala ihambe kakuhle wathi wazalwa umntwana. Wayengenazo iimpawu ezibalulekileyo kwaye wayeluhlaza. Umbelekisi wazama ukuvuselela umntwana kodwa akakwazi. Umqeqeshi waqhubeka wathi uJennifer wayenamalungu amaninzi osapho lwakhe apho aye aqalisa ukuphakuzela. Kodwa uJennifer wabaxelela ngokuzolileyo ukuba bathule, emva koko wabeka umnwe ebusweni bomyeni, esithi, “uNgathethi—lo mntwana uza kuphila!”

Ndalimisa apho ibali lomqeqeshi ndacela ukuba aphinde ke oko uJennifer wakuthethayo endodeni yakhe. Undixelele lanto ebegqiba kuyithetha, ukuba uJennifer ubeke umnwe ebusweni bomyeni wathi, "uNgathethi—lo mntwana uza kuphila!" Wowu! Nantso ke! Yenzeka ngoko, isibhengezo esasindisa ubomi bosana uHaley. Ndaziva ngathi ndingumcupho ogqiba kusombulula ityala elikhulu! Ndandivuya. Yayilula, kodwa inzulu kakhulu. UJennifer wayesebenzisa nje umthetho womoya phakathi kwaloo meko, kwaye wasindisa ubomi bosana lwakhe! Ndicinga ngento endisanda kuyiva, yayivakala yonke into.

UJennifer wayesazi ukuba ngenxa yocwangciso lomsebenzi, umyeni wakhe akazange akhelwe elukholweni njengokuba wayenjenjalo kwiinyanga ezingaphambili. Wayesazi nokuba, njengentloko yekhaya labo, isivumelwano sakhe nesiganeko esoyikekayo ekuzalweni siya kuqinisekisa Ikamva lomntwana. Kungoko impendulo yakhe yokuqala yaba kukuthetha nomyeni wakhe angavumeli ukuba avume ukusweleka komntwana wabo. Kunoko uJennifer weyiseka ukuba umntwana uya kuphila, kwaye wakuvakalisa oku ngenkalipho nangokholo oko.

Uthe nje akuba ephumile esibhedlele uJennifer waya kubasebenzi benqwelo yezigulana wababuza ukuba bamenzele ntoni na umntwana ngethuba besendleleni eya esibhedlele ngobo busuku. Bamjonga ngobuso ubonentloni.

"Asenzanga nto," omnye wabo waphendula ekugqibeleni.

"Uthetha ukuthini, anenzanga nto?" UJennifer wabuza, "Niyenzile i*CPR*?"

Bathi, "hayi."

"Ngaba ikhona into eniyenzele umntwana?"

Baphinda bathi, "hayi."

Bamxelela ukuba umntwana wayefile nje, kwaye babengenathemba lokuba uya kuphila. Kodwa, umntwana "wavuka" nje xa befika esibhedlele! Elo qela labasebenzi bafumana imbeko ekhethekileyo esibhedlele kunye nesikhululo somlilo ngophendulo lonyaka, ibhaso lonyaka elisekelwe kwisiphumo kwimeko enzima. Kodwa bavuma ukuba abenzanga nto.

Kutshanje besinoHaley kusasazo lwethu lomabonakude nonina, uJennifer, kunye nathi sonke, sineenyembezi emehlweni ethu, sibhiyozele kwakhona uBukumkani bukaThixo. Sabhiyozela inyani yokuba kwakukho umntu okhoyo oyaziyo indlela yokusebenza ngaphakathi komthetho womoya negunya loBukumkani.

Kweli bali sibona uJennifer, eyiselwe ngokupheleleyo ngoko kutshiwo lizulu emva koko akhulule elo gunya kuloo meko ngamazwi akhe. Umthetho uyasebenza!

Olunye usapho ebandleni lam lanamava alandelayo ngalo mthetho mnye woBukumkani bukaThixo. Oodade ababini bagqiba kwelokuba batye kunye isidlo sasemini, nto leyo eyayingeyondlwana iyanetha, kuba babenabantwana abayi 12 okanye abayi 13 phakathi kwabo. Ke, njengoko babesitya isidlo sasemini, baqaphela ukuba, uJoel, oneminyaka emine ubudala, ulahlekile. Bakhangela indlu yonke abamfumana. Ngoko baye bacinga ukuba usenokuba uzifihlile, kwakhona emva kokukhangela ngokupheleleyo, abazange bamfumane. Ngequbuliso uTina, unina, wanengcinga embi. Uthini ngechibi elisemhlabeni emva kwendlu? Wabaleka waphuma ngomnyango ongasemva kunye nomtshana wakhe, uCourtney onemonyaka eyi 13 ubudala, ecaleni kwakhe. UTina wonganyelwa luloyiko njengoko bafumana uJoel ezantsi echibini, engashukumi. Akukho waziyo ukuba unexesha elingakanani elapho. UTina wakhwaza ukuba bafowunele u 911 njengoko wazijula echibini

waza watsalela uJoel ngaphandle. Wayengaphefumli, wayengathi unothuthu kwaye engashukumi.

Oneminyaka eyi 13, owayekhuliswe kwisebe Labantwana lobulungiselelu bethu, wathi kumakazi wakhe, "Hayi makazi Tina, akukho mfuneko yokufowunela u 911; sinegunya apha. Sidinga ukuthandaza."

Ke baqalisa ukuthandaza bobabini, kodwa akwenzeka nto. UTina wakhwaza kwakhona, ukuba bafowunele u 911!" UCourtney ke wathi kumakazi wakhe, makazi Tina kufuneka sithethe ubomi kuye." Ke uCourtney wathi, "Joel egameni likaYesu, vuka!" ngequbuliso uJoel wakhohlela watshica amanzi, wabuyela ezingqondweni, wabuya ukuqhelekeni.

Xa ndicinga emva kweli bali, ndihlala ndimangalisekile, andimangalisekanga ukuba inkwenkwe ilungile, kodwa ndimangaliswe ngulo uneminyaka eyi 13 ubudala kunye nobukho bakhe bengqondo ngelo xesha. Kwimeko enoxinzelele olukhulu yokuphila nokufa, wakwazi ukujonga into ekufuneka yenziwe ngaphandle kokoyika. UCourtney uphinde waqinisekisa ukuba ukwazi ukuba uBukumkani busebenza ngaphezu kwentshumayelo emnandi; bubomi okanye ukufa!

Kwakhona, qaphela indlela umthetho woBukumkani owawusebenza ngayo. Ekuqaleni uCourtney wathi kufuneka bathandaze, into abayenzayo, kodwa akuzange kwenzeke nto. Oko kungenxa yokuba xa sithandaza asilikhululi igunya namandla kaThixo. Kodwa sithandazela ulwalathiso. Yiloo nto kanye ababeyidinga ngaloo mzuzu. Uya kuthi ke uqaphele ebalini ukuba uCourtney uthi kufuneka bathethe ubomi kuye. Bathe bakwenza oko, wavuka ephilile ngokupheleleyo kude kube namhlanje. Kwakhona, sibona intliziyo eyeyiseke ngokupheleleyo koko kutshiwo lizulu,

kodwa sekunjalo akukho nto yenzekayo de elo gunya lukhululwe kummandla wasemhlabeni yindoda okanye umfazi oselukholweni.

Mandinike elinye ibali, elikufutshane kakhulu ekhaya. Umkhuluwa kaDrenda wayese uCandy, umfazi wakhe, esibhedlele ukuze abeleke umntwana wabo wesihlanu. Mna noDrenda saya esibhedlele ngentseni uCandy wayebeleka ngayo ukuze sibone ulongezo olutsha kusapho. Sasicinga ukuba sele kubulekwe kudala ngaphambi kokuba sifike pha. Kodwa njengoko siye safumanisa, ngenxa yokulibaziseka okuthile, wayesanda kubeleka. Sithe xa singena kwiwadi yababelekayo, kwabe kusiwa uMntwana uHolland kwigumbi leentsana. Njengoko sele ubonile, igumbi leentsana kwiwadi yokubeleka esibhedlele lenzwe ngeefestile, ezikuvumela ukuba ubone iintsana ezisanda kuzalwa njengoko zingeniswa.

Njengoko babengenisa uHolland omncinane, ngokukhawuleza ndaqaphela ukuba wayekhangeleka emhlophe. Bonke abantwana bakaJohnny baneenwele ezimhlophe; kwaye ekuqaleni, ndandicinga ukuba ukungabikho kombala wakhe kwakuqhelekile kubantwana bakhe ekuzalweni. Kodwa wayengakangeleki elungile. Ngequbuliso, oogqirha bonke baqalisa ukubaleka. Abongikazi bakhawuleza batsala ikhethini ukuba ndingaboni kwigumbi leentsana, ndabe ndiqonda ukuba ayilophawu oluhle olo. Nangona ikhethini yatsalwa, kwabakho isikrobo apho ndabona yonke into eyenzekayo. Abongokazi baqala ukukhupha izixhobo, kwaye ugqirha waqala ukwenza i*CPR* kuHolland. Ndijikele ndaya komnye umnyango wegumgi leentsana apho bendikwazi

UKHUMBULE UKUBA IMITHETHO YOBUKUMKANI ISEBENZA NGALO LONKE IXESHA, NAKUBANI NA!

ukuva kakuhle ukuba bathetha ngantoni oogqirha. Ndithe ndisamamele, ndothuka xa ndisiva besithi umntwana akanantliziyo ibethayo kwaye babengakwazi ukuyenza isabele. Njengoko ndiqhubeka ukumamela, bendisiva imonitha yentliziyo ibetha qho. Bendisiva ukubetha kwentliziyo kanye emva koko kudlule imizuzwana eyi 15 okanye eyi 20, emva koko ndive okunye. UHolland wayengenako ukubetha kwentliziyo!

UGqirha waphuma kwigumbi waya kuJohnny, "Akubonakali kukuhle, Johnny; Ndiyaxolisa, kodwa sisazama." Sasingavumelekanga ukuba singene kwigumbi leentsana, ke uDrenda noJohnny babeka izandla emnyango kwelinye icala kwigumbi leentsana. Saqala sathandaza kwaye sabhengeza ukuba uHolland uza kuphila angafi. Sayalela ukuba intliziyo ibethe, egameni likaYesu.

Ngequbuliso, ugqirha ebethetha noJohnny waphuma kwigumbi leentsana engxamile. Uye waza ngakuthi engxamile engathethi. Emizuzwini embalwa, wabuya engxamile elandelwa ngumongikazi ethethela phezulu, "Gqirha, asikwazi ukuyenza loo nto. Asigunyaziswanga kwesi sibhedlele ukwenza loo nkqubo. Andinakuvumela ukuba ufumane elo gazi." Akamhoyanga njengoko wayephindela kwigumbi leentsana. Wathatha incwadi yemigaqo, kwaye ndabona ukuba wayefunda ngononophelo indlela yokwenza inkqubo. Ndijonge ngoku kumkrobo wekhethini xa ephakama eqala ukufaka umbhobho omde emntwaneni. Ndaqonda ngoku ukuba wayenika umntwana igazi.

Ngokukhawuleza, ndeva ukubethe kwentliziyo kuqala. Yaya ikhawuleza yaza yehla ngendlela eqhelekileyo yokubetha kwentliziyo yosana olusanda kuzalwa. Ugqirha uphume ngomzuzu wathi, "Bekukho iingelosi phakathi pha; uThixo undincedisile ngalo mntwana!" sasibona ukuba wothukile. Siye safumanisa

ukuba wayengekho msebenzini kwaye wayengabandakanyekanga nokubeleka kukaCandy. Wayesanda kufika esibhedlele ezojonga esinye isigulana ngalo mzuzu yenzekayo yonke le nto. Ndandibona ukuba ugqirha usamangaliswe yinto eyenzekileyo njengoko wayesixelela ukuba uHolland wayengenako ukubethe kwentliziyo kangangemizuzu eyi 36!

Namhlanje uHolland ngumntwana oqhelekileyo omhle oneminyaka emine ubudala. Ndikholelwa ukuba yayikuqonda kwethu umthetho woBukumkani okuzise iimpendulo kuloo meko. Ndisakhumbula, xa ndibeke izandla zam kulaa mnyango wegumbi leentsana, ndizicingela, "Ukuba asizuwenza umgcwabo womtshana kaDrenda! Hayi xa sinokwenza into!"

Njengoko sinqumama ukuze sicinge ngendlela uBukumkani obuchaphazele ngayo ibali ngalinye endisanda ukwabelana ngalo, ndingathanda ukuba ukhumbule ukuba imithetho yoBukumkani isebenza ngalo lonke ixesha, nakubani na! Njengoko benditshilo ekuqaleni kwale ncwadi, imithethe yendalo yommandla wasemhlabeni isebenza ngemiphumelo efanayo ngalo lonke ixesha. Ayikethi buso kwaye iya kusebenzela nabani na oya kuzinika ixesha lokuzifundisa aze ayisebenzise. Umbane usebenza ngokufanayo eUSA njengoko usebenza eAfrica, akwenzi mahluko.

Xa ndiqala ukuqonda ukuba uBukumkani bukaThixo buBukumkani ubonemithetho echazwe kakuhle nangona ifihliweyo, ndazi ukuba ndiyifumene impendulo kwiingxaki zam. Ndaqonda ukuba yayingengoThixo lo undibambezelayo, ekhetha ukungandisikeleli okanye angandincedi ngexesha lam lobunzima. Hayi, ngoku ndiye ndaqonda ukuba uThixo undinike yonke into endiya kuyidinga ebomini bam ngoYesu Kristu, owathi ngedini Lakhe wandinika ukufikelela kuko konke amazulu anako. Ngoku ndandiqonda ukuba

uBukumkani babusebenza ngemithetho emiselweyo endandinokuyifunda ndize ndiyisebenzise ebomini bam.

Ndaqala ukufunda onke amabali eBhayibhileni ngengqondo eyahlukileyo, ndikhangela imikhondo etyhila omnye umthetho woBukumkani. Ndazibophelela ukuba ndisisazinzulu somoya ukuze ndifunde ukuba kutheni izinto zenzeke kumabali eBhayibhile ebendihlala ndiwafunda. Esi sibhalo siku 1 Yohane sivakala sihlekisa kwaye singaqhelekanga kubantu abaninzi. Ndiyazi ukuba sasifunda ngaphambili, kodwa masiphinde sisifunde kuba kuso kuvakala inyaniso eyimpendulo yakho.

> *Kuko oku ukungafihlisi esinako kuThixo: ukuba sithi sicele into ngokuthanda Kwakhe, uyasiva. Ukuba siyazi okokuba uyasiva (uthatha ityala)—esisukuba sikucela—SIYAZI ukuba sinazo izinto ezicelwayo, esiziceliléyo Kuye.*
>
> — 1 Yohane 5:14-15

Ndiyasithanda esi sibhalo kuba sithetha ngomthetho, umthetho usinika ithemba lokufumana ubulungisa. Kuko oku ukungafihlisi kwethu—ukuba sicela into ngokokuthanda kukaThixo (umthetho, oko uThixo akubiza ngokuba bubulungisa), uyasiva. Kwakhona, eli gama "uyasiva" alithethi malunga uThixo esiva amazwi avakalayo, nangona esiva. Kodwa kunoko, lithetha ngoThixo ethatha ityala. Ukuba ungacinga ngomgwebi ochophela ityala agwebe ngokomthetho, kungekhona iimvakalelo zakhe (ubuncinane yindlela ekumele ukuba isibenze ngayo), uya kwandula ke usiqonde esi sibhalo. Uyasiva—uyalithatha ityala okanye alive ityala, kwaye sinokuqiniseka ukuba siya kubufumana ubulungisa, oko kukokwethu ngokusemthethweni.

Mhlobo wam, ngokwenene ndicinga ukuba kufuneka ume kwaye

ufunde oku kwakhona, ngokucothayo. Ukuba oko ukufundileyo kuyinyani, kwaye kunjalo, ngoko ubomi bakho buza kugqabhuka luvuyo! Abantu abathandaza bengenalwazi abana kuzithemba, benza imilembelele ingeyanto xa bethandaza. UYesu wathetha bgoku kuMateyu 6:7-13.

> *"Nithandaza njalo ke, maningenzi milembelele ingeyanto, njengabeentlanga; kuba beba boviwa ngenxa yamazwi abo amaninzi."*
>
> — UMateyu 6:7

Igama "imilembelele engayanto" lithetha ukuthetha amazwi okanye izandi ezingenantsingiselo. Le yindlela abantu abaninzi abathandaza ngayo. Abanalo nofifi ngelungelo labo lobulungisa okanye oko uThixo sele ebanike kona ngokusemthethweni eBukumkanini. Akunyanzelekanga ukuba ucenge okanye ukhale ngento osele unayo!

Masithi ipolisa limi endleleni lixelela ilori ukuba ime, lasuka lakhala lacenga ilori ukuba ime. "Ndicela, ume lori. Yiba nenceba kum. Ndiyacela, torho, ume." Eso inokuba sesona sithuko silusizi nehlazo kwisizwe seUnited States nenkqubo yalo yezomthetho. Hayi, elo polisa lima ngokuzithemba liyixelele ngokucacileyo ilori ukuba ime, kwaye ngokusekelwe kumthetho welizwe nakwisikhundla salo njengegosa elimele urhulumente wesizwe.

Abantu abacenga uThixo abawazi umthetho welizwe okanye isikhundla sabo. Isizathu sokuba ipolisa elicenga ilori ukuba imise sisithuko esingaka esizweni kukuba ibonisa isizwe esingenamthetho negunya. Ekuphela kwento oya kubanayo kolu hlobo lwesizwe sisiphithiphithi. Xa amaKristu ecenga kwaye eqhubeka, oku kubonisa

uBukumkani bukaThixo njengobuthathaka, obungenazo iimpendulo. Kubangela ukuba abantu bathandabuze ukukulungela kukaThixo okanye amandla Akhe okubanceda, ngoxa ngalo lonke ixesha, sele benelungelo loko bakucelayo. UYesu unika impendulo ecacileyo malunga nolu hlobo lomthandazo ucengayo, “MYEKENI!”

> *“Nithandaza njalo ke, maningenzi milembelele ingeyanto, njengabeentlanga; kuba beba boviwa ngenxa yamazwi abo amaninzi. Ngoko maningafani nabo; kuba ekwazi uYihlo enikusweleyo, ningekamceli. Thandazani ngoko nina nenjenje:*
>
> *‘Bawo wethu osemazulwini, malingcwaliswe igama lakho. Mabufike uBukumkani bakho. Makwenziwe ukuthanda kwakho nasemhlabeni, njengokuba kusenziwa emazulwini. Siphe namhlanje isonka sethu semihla ngemihla. Usixolele amatyala ethu, njengokuba nathi sibaxolela abo banamatyala-kuthi. Ungasingenisi ekulingweni, sihlangule enkohlakalweni.’”*
>
> — UMateyu 6:7-13

Khumbula, uYesu usifundisa indlela yokuthandaza kule vesi. Ngelishwa, abantu abaninzi banezi vesi zibekwe kwizibetho ezintle emakhayeni abo ukanti abayiqondi intsingiselo yezi vesi. Esi sicatshulwa sibizwa ngokuba nguMthandazo weNkosi, kodwa wayefundisa abafundi Bakhe indlela yokuthandaza ngaloo mazwi. Wayengawathandazi nyani njengoko sisenza kwiinkonzo zethu zecawe. Loo mazwi ayincwadi yemiyalelo, malunga nendlela yokuthandaza kwaye ufumane iziphumo, hayi nje ukucaphula ivesi yenkumbulo.

“Mabufike uBukumkani bakho, Makwenziwe ukuthanda kwakho nasemhlabeni, njengokuba kusenziwa emazulwini,” ngumyalelo

wendlela yokuthandaza. Kufuneka sithandaze, sizise intando kaThixo esemazulwini kummandla wasemhlabeni nakwiimeko zethu. Ke ithini impendulo yakho? Kholwa into uThixo athi yeyakho, kwaye usebenzise igunya lakho kuBukumkani bamazulu ukuzisa izulu kummandla wasemhlabeni kwaye ufeze iintswelo zakho kunye neentswelo zabo bakungqongileyo.

Ngoko yima nje okomzuzwana ucinge ngale nto. Ukuba ubusazi ngaphandle kokuthandabuza ukuba umthandazo uyasebenza kwaye lonke izulu liyawuxhasa, ngaba loo nto ingakwenza uzithembe xa uthandaza? EWE!!! Ngokwazi kakuhle ukuba amalungelo akho asemthethweni athini njengommi wezulu, ukwazi oko sele kunikwe ngokukhululekileyo kuwe nokuqonda inkqubo yokwamkela, nokonwabela inzuzo yaloo mithetho, unokuhamba ngendlela entsha ngokupheleleyo yokuphila—indlela yoBukumkani. Kungenzekani kuloyiko? Kungenzekani kukungaqiniseki? Olo lwazi lungavuselela njani ukuzithemba kwikamva lakho kunye nokuzithemba phakathi kwesaqhwiti? Le yayiyimpembelelo yoBukumkani kum noDrenda xa sasiqala ukubufumana. Sasidla ngokumangaliswa koko sasikubona. Hayi, mandiyibeke ngolunye uhlobo. Sasihlala simangalisiwe! Nangakumbi, samangaliswa ligunya uThixo alinike ibandla ukuba lisebenze egameni nangaloo rhulumente apha kummandla wasemhlabeni.

> *Kuba UUMTHETHO woMoya wobomi, ndakuba kuKristu Yesu, wandikhulula EMTHETHWENI wesono nokufa.*
>
> — KwabaseRoma 8:2

Ukufumanisa ukuba sakhululwa "kumthetho wesono

nokufa" kwaye sanikwa uBukumkani nokufikelela "kumthetho woMoya wobomi" kwakusoyisa. Kwakhona, eyona nto yayisoyisa ngakumbi kuthi yayikukubukela loo umthetho uvelisa ubulungisa boBukumkani kubomi bethu.

UBukumkani bandivumela ukuba ndiphile ngokwase-mzimbeni, nangokweemvakalelo ndibe nethemba elitsha nokuba ndikhululeke kwamayeza okuthomalalisa uxinzelelo. Bandivumela ukuba ndisuke kwintlupheko, ndisokola nje ukuhlawula i $300 yerenti yenyanga, yendlu yaseplasini edilikayo yangoo 1800 ukuya ekwakheni nokuhlawula ngokupheleleyo ikhaya elizisi*square* eziyi 7,700 kwihetare ezintle eziyi 59. Umfazi wam wayendithanda ngcono kakhulu, naye! Ukuqhuba iimoto ezingamoshakaliyo mihla le yayiyinto exabiseke kakhulu. Ukukwazi ukunikela amakhulu amawaka eedola kwiVangeli yayiyingcinga engenak-wenzeka kwiminyaka embalwa eyadlulayo. Ubomi, ukukhanya koBukumkani, babuginya ubumnyama, kwaye njengoko uThixo watshoyo kwincwadi yeGenesis xa wayejonge kwindalo Yakhe egqityiweyo, "Kulungile!"Nam, ndabuya umva ndimangalisiwe ndathi, "kulungile, kulunge kakhulu!"

Mna noDrenda sasinemincili kangangokuba sasiye sixelele nabani na omamelayo ngoBukumkani kwaye sibaxelele ibali lethu. Abantu becawe yethu babelandela beneziphumo ezifanayo nathi, kwaye omnye wabo bantu yayiyintombi yethu eneminyaka eyi 12 ubudala. Wayembonile uThixo esenza okuninzi kwaye wabona ixesha nexesha imithetho engasileliyo yoBukumkani ivelisa ebomini bethu. Ndandisazi ukuba wayebukele kwaye efunda ngale mithetho, kodwa elinye ibali landibonisa ukuba kungakanani ngokwenene awayekufunda.

Ngenye imini ndinyuke ndaya egumbini lakhe lokulala ndiyokuthi alale kakuhle kwabe kukho into eyahlukileyo. Apho edongeni lakhe kwakukho umfanekiso wenja eyiPomeranian. Ngoku, nawuphi na umzali obe ngumzali ixesha elide, umfanekiso onjalo wawuluphawu oluqinisekileyo lokuba babeza kucelwa inja. Ke, ndiye ndagqiba kwelokuba ndiyiphelise le nto ingekaqali njengoko ndandingafuni enye inja yangaphakathi. Udadewabo kaKirsten uPolly wayesele enenja yangaphakathi, kwaye babelana ngengumbi labo kunye, ngoko inja kaPolly yayisoloko ikhona kunye noPolly noKirsten.

Ndathi ngobunono kuKirsten indlela endiwuthanda ngayo umfanekiso wakhe kodwa andifuni enye inja yangaphakathi. Ukuba wayefuna inja kufuneka achithe ixesha elingakumbi edlala ne*Dachshund* kadade wabo. UKirsten akazange atsho nto ngobo busuku, wavuma njeinto endiyithethileyo. Ndandicinga ukuba umba ugqityiwe, kodwa i*Pomeranian* kwathethwa ngayo amaxesha ambalwa emva koko ngeezimvo ezifana nale, "Ngaba bekungayi kuba kuhle ukuba ne*Pomeranian*?" okanye "Zinoboya kwaye buntumntum." Ke ngokuqinisekileyo, uKirsten bendibonisa ngokukhawuleza umfanekiso wenye yazo aweyifumene kwi intanethi. Kwakhona, ndandisithi, "Hayi." ndandiligunya endlwini, kwaye sasingay kuba nenye inja endlwini.

Kwakhona ndiye ndacinga ukuba lo mba ugqityiwe de ngenye imini emva kwenyanga xa sifika ekhaya sivela ecaweni, uKirsten weza kum ngokuzithemba waza, enomcumo ebusweni bakhe wathi, "Tata, namhlanje ndifumene injani yePomeranian ngokholo njengokuba ufundisa." Ndamkhumbuza kwakhona ngeengxelo zam zangaphambili zokuba nenye inja. Ngaphandle kokutshintsha

uncumo, wathi, "Kodwa Tata, uMama uthi uThixo unokutshintsha intliziyo yokumkani." Amazwi akhe kum azange abe nemvukelo. Wayevumelana nomamawakhe nje wathandazela ukuba uThixo ayiguqule intliziyo yam. Wayendifumene. Ngoku ndandisazi ukuba umama wakhe naye bathetha, kwaye umama wakhe wamkhuthaza ukuba uThixo angayitshintsha intliziyo yam.

Ngokusekelwe kuloo nkuthazo, wayekhulule ukholo lwakhe ngaloo ntsasa ecaweni, ehlwayela kwaye evuma ukuba wayefumene inja ngokholo. Ndaxhathisa ndamqinisekisa ngothando lwam ndaphinda ndalibeka ityala lam ndamxelela, asizukuba nenye inja endlini." Ndathi ndicela uxolo kodwa ayizukwenzeka. Wayebonakala ukuba akayikhathalelanga le ndiyithethayo, uye wahamba encumile. Kwakhona, ndacinga ukuba umba ugqityiwe ekugqibeleni.

Kodwa malunga nenyanga kamva, ndamenywa ukuba ndiye kufundisa kwicawe incinci eMississippi. Yayilibandla elincinane kakhulu ledolophu elijikelezwe zimayile zomhlaba ovulekileyo. Ekupheleni kobusuku bokuqala, umfundisi uye weza kum wathi iNkosi ithethe naye ngexesha lenkonzo. Wathi, "Andazi ukuba uyayazi na le nto okanye awuyazi, kodwa ndikhulisa ii*Pomeranians* ecaleni, kwaye iNkosi yandixelela ukuba ndikunike enye yeenjana ezineeveki ezintandathu ubudala kwaye zilungele ukufumana ikhaya." Ndema apho umlomo wam ujinga. Ndandisazimisele ukungayithathi laa nja, ndathi, "Ndiza kukwazisa." Ndandingazi ukuba ukhulisa izinja zalo naluphi na uhlobo kwaye ngokuqinisekileyo andizange ndithethe nto malunga noKirsten enqwenela injana kuye ngaphambili.

Ekugqibeleni ndanyibilika ndaza ndaxelela uDrenda okwenzekileyo nokuba andifuni ukuyisa ekhaya la nja. Wandijonga

wathi, 'Uzakuphika ukholo lwentombi yethu?" UDrenda naye wayengafuni inja yesibini endlwini, kodwa wayemthanda uKirsten ngaphezu nako nakuphi na ukuphazamiseka okunokubangelwa yenye inja. Kwaye ngoku uThixo sele ezise inja ngenxa yokholo lukaKirsten, singakhanyela njani? Ke ndiye ndaxelela umfundisi ukuba ndiza kuyithatha inja.

Asizange simxelele uKirsten kodwa saxelela udade wakhe ukuba aqinisekise ukuba uza noKirsten kwisikhululo seenqwelomoya xa eze kusithatha. UKirsten weza kwisikhululo seenqwelomoya, sahamba saya kuye samnika ityesi encinci yokuhamba esasiyithengele inja. Xa uKirsten ebona i*Pomeranian,* walila. Yema yonke into. Wonke umntu osingqingileyo wema wabukela lo mboniso uphambi kwabo. Kungekudala, isihlwele sasisingqongile njengoko uKirsten wayekhala apho, ebambe loo njana incinane. UDrenda wayexelela wonke umntu indlela esiyiphiwe ngayo inja kunye nendlela uKirsten awayekholelwe ngayo uThixo ukuze afumane inja.

Kulapho ndiye ndaqonda ukuba ndicinga ukuba ungabamba imvuselelo kwisikhululo seenqwelomoya ukuba wawubambe injana esandleni sakho. Abantu bonke bafuna ukubona injana, kwaye isihlwele kwisikhululo seenqwelomoya sasikhala kunye noKirsten, kunye namagosa eTSA. Malunga neli xesha, ndaziva ngathi ndingutata okhohlakeleyo. Ndithe ndakubona uvuyo oluziswe yinjana kwintombi yam, nendlela uThixo awayizisa ngayo loo nja ngenxa yokholo lwentombi yam, ndazibuza ukubakutheni ndakhe ndachasa into exabiseke kangaka kuye. UShakespeare, njengoko wamthiya igama, wayethandeka nje. Waba yinxalenye yokwenene yosapho. Nangona wayengumfana omncinci ozimeleyo, wayelandela uKirsten kuyo yonke indawo awayehamba kuyo imini nobusuku.

Nangona eli ilibali elichukumisayo, kufuneka ndibuze umbuzo

ekufuneka uphendulwe kwaye yeyona njongo yale ncwadi. **Yavela njani laa nja?** Andizange ndinikwe inja ngaphambili. Kwaye yaba yila nja ethile njani intombi yam eyayikhulule ukholo lwayo ngenxa yayo? Yayilithamsanqa? Hayi, ngokucacileyo akunjalo. Yayisisiphumo esithe ngqo soBukumkani kunye nemithetho ebulawulayo ivelisa kubomi bosapho lwam. Yavelisa kanye njengoko iya kwenjenjalo ngamaxesha onke kuye nabani na onokholo kwaye ekhulula igunya loBukumkani apha kummandla wasemhlabeni. Singavuma ukuba buBukumkani bukaThixo obavelisa loo nja. Kodwa bayenza njani? Yeyiphi imithetho eyathi yasebenza eyathi yayiphumeza? Ngethemba, njengokuba sifunda le ncwadi, siya kuba neempendulo ezicacileyo eziya kukunceda wazi ngokuthe ngqo indlela yokonwabela uBukumkani bukaThixo. Emva koko, ungummi wobo Bukumkani onamalungelo asemthethweni kunye neenzuzo! Kodwa kuqala mandikunike omnye umzekelo woBukumkani kubomi bosapho lwethu.

ISAHLUKO 4

INTLANZI ENKULU

Njengoko mna noDrenda safunda ngoBukumkani bukaThixo negunya esasinalo kummandla wasemhlabeni, saye sayiqonda ngakumbi into yokuba sithi ababemisela ngokwenene indlela esiphila ngayo. UBukumkani bukaThixo buphembelele yonke indawo yobomi bethu, kodwa ibisithi bekufuneka sikhulule ubonelelo ebesilifuna okanye esilifunayo ebomini bethu. Ayesenzekanga nje ngokwayo. Njengenjana yentombi yethu, akukho nto yayincinci okanye ingabalulekanga ukuba ingafakwa phantsi kolawulo loBukumkani. Sathi sakuqondo ukuba, ngokwenee kwakungekho nto ingenakwenzeka okanye ngaphandle kokuba nokwenzeka kuthi. Ixesha elininzi lobomi bam, andizange ndiyiqonde ngokwenene into yokuba uThixo usinike uBukumkani, uBukumkani BONKE ukuba sibunandipe. Ngoko kwakumnandi ukubona uBukumkani buchaphazela indawo nganye yobomi bethu, neendawo ezincinci ezingabalulekanga. Umzekelo woku ubonakaliswa libali elilandelayo. Ndilibiza ngokuba libali lentlanzi enkulu.

Lenzeka xa usapho lwethu lalikwiholide eAlaska. Into yokuba sasipha yayiliphupha. Sabhabha safika eAnchorage saza saqesha iRV iiveki ezintathu kwaye sahamba sijikeleza uninzi lweKenai

Peninsula esentshona, sabona intlanzi enkulu ijinga ngaphandle kwesikhephe esiqeshiweyo. Uninzi lwezikhephe zokuqeshisa zazisanda ukungena; kwaye ukunyuka nokuhla kwizibuko, kwaezi ntlanzi zinkulu zazijinga. Zazikhangeleka ngathi yimpazamo enkulu kum. Ndandingazange ndayibona i*halibut* ngaphambili kwelo xesha, kwaye ndandingazi ukuba yayiyintoni na, kodwa yayinkulu. Samangala njengoko sasidlula kwinkampani yokuqeshisa emva kwenkampani yokuqeshisa, zonke zibhengeza ukuloba i*halibut* imini yonke. Ngequbuliso, umfazi wam wajonga kum wathi, "Ndingathanda ukubamba i*halibut* , kwaye ndingathanda ukubamba enye kunye nala kapteni kanye pha." Walatha kuphawu olubhengeza inkampani eqeshisayo eloba i*halibut*, kwaye uphawu lobuKristu lwentlanzi lwalukuphawu.

Okokuqala, ndandothukile! "Ufuna ukubamba i*halibut*?" Wayengazange afune ukuloba ngaphambili. Kodwa wanyanzelisa, sangena eofisini. Abasebenzi babexakeke ngomnye umthengi, sajonga jonga nje kancinci, sifunda izinto ezibekwe ngabantu kwibhodi yeengongoma. Sabona umqomdiso owawuthetha nge*halibut derby* eyayiqhubeka kodwa kungekudala yayiza kufikelela esiphelweni. Ekubeni besingazi ngokwethu ukuba yintoni na, kukho ithuba lokuba nawe ungazi, ngoko ke mandicacise. I*Halibut Derby* yayilukhuphiswano lawo nabani na obambe eyona *halibut* inkulu kule nyanga phakathi kwabo bonke ookapteni. Ophumeleleyo wayeza kufakelwa umfanekiso wakhe ephepheni kunye netsheki. Mna noDrenda sathetha ngokungena kwi*derby* kuba sasiphuma phofu. Yayiizidola ezimbalwa ukungena, kwaza kwenzeka oko.

UDrenda, umfazi wam othandekayo, obhinqileyo kakhulu wajonga kum wathi ugqibe ekubeni uza kuyiphumelela i*Derby* ukuze ishishini likakapteni lifumane ukuqondwa kubo bonke ookapteni

abaqeshisa izikhephe kuba uliKristu kwaye uThixo uya kufumana uzuko. Ke lathi lakufika ithuba lethu lokubhalisa edesikeni, uDrenda wabhengeza ngesibindi ukuba wayeza kupumelela i*Halibut Derby* ukuze uThixo afumane uzuko kunye neshishini labo liqondwe kuba yayilishishini lobuKristu. Ngokuqinisekileyo, ukapteni wesikhephe esiqeshisiweyo, unokuyithelekelela into awayeyicinga. Kunjalo, wonke umntu angathanda ukuphumelela i*Halibut Derby,* kwaye ndiqinisekile ukuba wayiva loo nto kwabaninzi, ukuba ayiloninzi lwabakhenkethi awalukhuphayo. Nangona kunjalo, andiqinisekanga ukuba baninzi abantu ababhengeza ukuba babeza kuyizuzela uzuko lukaThixo.

Ke, akazange athethe kakhulu malunga nezimvo zikaDrenda malunga ne*derby*. Sithe xa siphuma saqala ukuloba, saqala ukubamba i*halibut* uDrenda emane ebuza ukapteni, okwangumnikazi, ukuba bekufuneka ibenkulu kangakanani na i*halibut* ukuze iphumelele i*Derby.* Wayevele athi kufuneka ibenkulu kunale asanda kuyibamba nto leyo eyayibangela ukuba abuze qho xa eyibamba. Ngoko uthe xa ebamba I 40-*pounder*, wathi ayikho nkulu ngokwaneleyo. Xa ebamba I 70-*pounder*, yayingenkulu ngokwaneleyo. Ngokuqinisekileyo, wonke umntu uyayazi indlela i*halibut* emnandi ngayo ukuyitya, ngoko besiceba ukuthumela ekhaya oko sikubambileyo. Umda yayizezimbini kumntu omnye, ngoko ke siye sagcina I 70-*pounder*.

Yatshona imini. Kwaza kwarhatya. Unyana wam uTom, intombi uPolly, kunye nam sonke sasinomda wethu wee*halibut* ezimbini. Abanye abantwana bam ababini, uAmy noTim, kwakufuneka babhabhe baye ekhaya kwangethuba ukuze baye kwinkomfa kwaye babengekho nathi. UDrenda, kananjalo, wayene 70-*pounder* yakhe, kodwa akukho nanye kwiintlanzi esasinazo eyayinokuphumelela

i*Derby*. Kodwa uDrenda wayeqinisekile ukuba uza kuyibamba enkulu. Njengokuba kwakurhatya, ukapteni wasixelela ukuba sonke sitsale iipali zethu njengoko yayilixesha lokumisa izibuko. UDrenda akazange awuhoye lo myalelo njengoko ukapteni wayesincedisa sonke ukuba simise iipali zethu kwaye sibeke izixhobo. Uye wacenga ukuba amnike imizuzu nje embalwa njengoko waphinda wabhengeza ukuba wayezakubamba intlanzi eza kuphumelela i*Halibut Derby*. Ukapteni walinda imizuzu embalwa waza ekugqibeleni waqalisa ukuya kuye njengoko wayesithi, "Uxolo, kodwa ngokwenene kufuneka sihambe."

Kanye ngaphambi kokuba afikelele kwipali yakhe, yehla ngokukhawuleza. Ngokucacileyo yayiyintlanzi enkulu njengoko intonga yagoba kwaye yaqala ukukhala. Ukapteni wayiphakamisa ipali ukuze ayive ukuba ingakanani na intlanzi wavuma ukuba yintlanzi enkulu kodwa ngukrebe. Wathi wayeyibona ngendlela intlanzi yayitsala ngayo. Ke, kwathatha uDrenda ixesha elide ukuba afumane loo ntlanzi. Kwathatha amandla akhe onke ukutsala loo ntlanzi ize phezulu ukusuka ezantsi, eyayiziinyawo eziyi 300 ukuhla. Njengoko intlanzi yayivela, wonke umntu wayeyibona ukuba ngokwenene yayiyi*halibut* enkulu kakhulu, inkulu kunoDrenda ngokwakhe.

Njengoko intlanzi yayitsalwa esikhepheni, ukapteni wathi intlanzi yayinkulu kakhulu ukuba ikwazi ukugxumeka nje kwaye itsalelwe esikhepheni iphila njengoko yayiza kutsibatsiba; kwaye njengokuba yayinkulu, yayinokwenzakalisa umntu okanye isikhephe. Wayenentonga ekhethekileyo eyenzelwe intlanzi enkulu ngolo hlobo. Intonga yayinendawo encinane eqhuma kuyo, xa icinezelwe entlokweni yentlanzi, yayisuka ibulale intlanzi. Njengokuba ukapteni wayetyhala intonga entlokweni yentlanzi enkulu kwaye

indawo eqhumayo yaqhuma, intlanzi yaxhuzula, ibangela ukuba iphoswe.

Yakuva isandi, intlanzi yaxhuma ngamandla ayo onke ngokuthe ngqo ukuya ezantsi kwakhona. Yonke indlela ezantsi, yonke intambo eziinyawo eziyi 300 yakhala. Sasisoyika ukuba intambo yayingayi kuyibamba intlanzi okanye i*hook* yayiza kutsalwa iphume njengoko intlanzi yayisiya ngesantya esiphezulu ukuya ezantsi. Ngoko kwakhona, uDrenda kwakufuneka atsale loo ntlanzi inkulu ize phezulu. Wayesokola ukwenza njalo kuba wayesele ejijisene nala ntlanzi kwakanye; ndiye ndamgona, ndabeka isandla sam phezu kwentambo nesakhe, sobabini saphinda sayitsala yavela phezulu kwakhona. Kweli tyeli ukapteni ukwazile ukuyikhwelisa esikhepheni apho sonke samangaliswa bubukhulu bayo.

Sathatha i*halibut* saya kumbindi wedolophu apho babenoml-inganiselo omkhulu ngokwaneleyo ukuba bayilinganise. Intlanzi yayinobunzima obuzi*pounds* eziyi 123 kwaye yayinde kunoDrenda. Indoda eyayiyilinganisa yathi, ngelo xesha yayiyeyona ntlanzi inkulu yayingenele ukhuphiswano; kodwa kwakusele iiveki ezimbini ukuba kugqitywe ukhuphiswano, ngoko ke sasingazi ngokuqinisekileyo ukuba intlanzi yayiza kuphumelela okanye hayi. Kodwa ngokuqinisekileyo, ngenye imini kwafika itsheki eyayin-egama likaDrenda kunye nenqaku lephephandaba elalinomfanekiso wakhe owawufakwe ephepheni. Sasinemincili.

UBukumkani basebenza kwakhona! Kwaye kwakhona kufuneka ndibuze umbuzo, “Wayibamba njani intlanzi?” ndimazi nje ukuba waloba izihlandlo ezimbini kubomi bethu bomtshato, nokuloba yayingeyonto yakhe. Ndandisothukile ukuba wayefuna ukubamba i*halibut* kwasekuqaleni. Kodwa wayenezizathu zakhe, wayeza kubamba laa ntlanzi eya kuphumelela i*derby*! Kwaye wenjenjalo.

Xa sasithetha nokapteni eAlaska, saye sabelana naye ngoBukumkani bukaThixo nendlela esabamba ngayo loo ntlanzi. Nangona yayingeyiyo ephumeleleyo ngokusemthetweni, njengoko sasishiya ukapteni ngaloo mini, intlanzi yayinkulu ngokwaneleyo kangangokuba yabamba ingqalelo yakhe. Kwaye ngokunjalo, yaba yiyo ephumelelayo.

Usenokucinga ukuba ibali lethu, okanye mandithi elikaDrenda, lentlanzi enkulu liphelela apho. Ndiyazi ukuba abantu baya kucinga ukuba wayenethamsanqa nje, kodwa kuthekani ngamaxesha amabini? Ke, malunga neminyaka emihlanu kamva, mna noDrenda samema umfundisi ongumhlobo wethu ukuba siye kuloba i*salmon* eAlaska. Sasingekabuyeli oko sasiye kuhambo lweRV nosapho kwaye sasizama ukufumana isizathu sokubuyela ukusukela ngoko.saphinda saqesha iRV kwaye saceba ukuloba i*salmon* i*sockeye* kwakusele isenzeka. Ngoko ngoxa sasibamba i*salmon*, incoko yeya ekulobeni i*halibut* nentlanzi kaDrenda. Umhlobo wethu wayengazange alobe i*halibut* ngaphambili, ngoko ke sathi, kulungile masiyeni." Sagqiba kwelokuba sibuyele kuloo ndawo inye nakulo kapteni uqeshisa isikhephe ukuba lisekho ishishini lakhe.

Njengoko sasiqhuba sisiya kwindawo awayekuyo, sabona ukuba akasekho saza sacinga ukuba kusenokufuneka sisebenzise omnye ukapteni. Ngaphambi kokwenza oko, sacinga ukuba siza kujonga I intanethi ukuze sibone ukuba singalifumana na igama lakhe, njengoko sasingalikhumbuli igama lenkampani yakhe yezikhephe. Emva kokukhangela, siye sakwazi ukufumana inqaku lephephandaba elithetha ngentlanzi kaDrenda, nomfanekiso wakhe weminyaka emihlanu ngaphambili. Ikhankaye isikhephe kunye negama lenkampani, ngoko ngokutsala umnxeba ngokukhawuleza, sakwazi ukufowuna kwaye silungise izinto. Inkampani ngokwenene

yayisasebenza kodwa yayifudukele kwishishini labo malunga neemayile ezintlanu ezantsi kwendlela.

Ekungeneni kwethu kwishishini, inkosikazi esedesikeni, eyayingumfazi wekapteni kunye nomnini wayo, yajonga phezulu yathi, "Ophumelele i*halibut*." Sonwabela ukuthetha imizuzu embalwa malunga nge*halibut* enkulu kunye noko bekuqhubeka kule minyaka mihlanu idlulileyo. Oku kwakungexesha lokudodobala koqoqosho kwaye ushishino lalungekho luhle kangako. Wathi abantu abahambi nje kwaye abachithi mali yabo ekulobeni njengoko babesenza, kwaye umyeni wakhe watyhafa. Samkhumbuza ngoBukumkani, wathi umyeni wakhe akanamdla wokukhonza uThixo.

Sithe xa sikhwela esikhepheni naye wakhumbula uDrenda nentlanzi enkulu. UDrenda uye waya kuye wabuza ukuba kunjani ukuloba, wathi babebamba iintlanzi ezincinci xa bethelekisa naleyo wayeyibambile ye*Derby.* Kodwa wacacisa ukuba ezinkulu azihlali kolu lwandle njengoko lwalungekho nzulu kakhulu uye wachaza ukuba isizathu sokuba afudukise ishishini lakhe kukuba apho wayeloba khona, nalapho uDrenda wayebambe eya Phumelela i*Derby*, kwakunzulu kakhulu kodwa kuzele ngookrebe. Ookrebe babephanga isithiyelo ngaphambi kokuba sifike ezantsi, kwaye oko kwakumxabisa kakhulu kwisithiyelo kunye nexesha elininzi kakhulu.

Ke siye sabuza ubunzima beentlanzi abazibambileyo kule ndawo intsha, wathi akazange abone intlanzi enkulu kune 20 uyokutsho kwi 30 *pounds* ngenyanga. Ke uDrenda wamjonga wathi, "Ke, ndiza kubamba enkulu namhlanje, eyona inkulu ogqibele kudala ukuyibona, ukuze wazi ukuba uThixo uthembekile." Kodwa wasuka wahlekisa ngaye. Imini yonke sasibamba ii20 *pounder* njengoko watshoyo ukapteni, kwaye imini yonke ukapteni wayemana ehlekisa

ngoDrenda "ngentlanzi enkulu" awayeza kuyibamba. Yayiyimpinda yohambo oludlulileyo.

Ekupheleni kosuku, ukapteni wasixelela ukuba sitsale zonke iipali zethu, kwaye uDrenda akazange anike ingqalelo, esithi wayefuna nje umzuzu okanye emibini ukuze abambe intlanzi enkulu. Kwakhona, ukapteni walinda umzuzu kodwa wamxelela ukuba kufuneka ahambe. Kungelo xesha apho ipali yakhe yatsaleka, kwaye ukwenza ibali elide libe lifutshane, wabamba i70-*pounder.* Ukapteni wamangaliswa kwakhona. Xa sikwindawo yokutyela emva kokuloba sathetha nokapteni oqeshisa isikhephe owayesitya isidlo sangokuhlwa apho. Akuva ukuba uDrenda ubambe i70- *pounder*, wayengakwazi ukuyikholwa. Naniloba phi; kude kangakanani? Wayefuna ukwazi ukuba siyibambe phi loo ntlanzi inkulu. Emva kokuba siyishiyile ivenkile yokutyela, besiza kuhamba siye kwindawo yokuqeshisa kwakhona kwaye sityikitye ukuba intlanzi ithunyelwe ekhaya.

Phambi kokuba simshiye ukapteni wenkampani yokuqeshisa izikhephe, saphinda safumana elinye ithuba lokwabelana ngoBukumkani bukaThixo. Ndajonga ukapteni ndathi, "Kufuneka ufumanise ukuba uzibambe njani ezo ntlanzi zimbini. Imithetho yoBukumkani isebenzela imali ngokunjalo." Ngesi sihlandlo sasine ngqalelo yakhe, kwaye wayenomdla. Samshiya nencwadi yam, *Fixing the Money Thing*, sahamba.

Ngaba ezi ntlanzi zimbini ziziphumo zamabona-ndenzile okanye zaziziphumo zomthetho woBukumkani? Nguwe ozakugqiba, kodwa mna noDrenda sele sigqibe kwakudala. Ukusuka kuhambo lokuloba, ukuphuma ematyaleni, okanye ukuphiliswa, amava ethu noBukumkani bukaThixo ayachulumancisa kwaye aguqula ubomi. Nabanye banamava oBukumkani. Nantsi incwadi ivela kwinenekazi elive ngebali likaDrenda.

Ndiyabulisa Gary noDrenda,

Ndicinge ukuba emva kokufunda incwadi yakho apho uDrenda wabamba ibhaso lehalibut, nam, kufneka ndabelane ngBbali lam leNtlanzi nani. Kutshanje siye sathatha iholide yosapho ukuya eCocoa Beach/Cape Canaveral, Florida. Umyeni wam, uRobert, wayefuna ukuya kwisikhephe sokuloba elwandle olunzulu kwaye ngethemba abuye neentlanzi, ekhaya eColorado. Besicwangcise uhambo iinyanga ezimbalwa, uthe xa wandixelela ukuba ufuna ukuya kuloba, ndavuya ndathi, 'Masiyenze! Kwaye masikholelwe kuThixo ngokubamba iintlanzi ezininzi!" Ndabuza uBob ukuba zintlanzi ezinjani ezifumaneka eFlorida apho sasiloba khona. Kuzo zonke iinltanzi watsho kum, Ndikhethe ukuthandaza kwaye ndikholelwe ukuba ndiza kufumane i*giant red snapper*.

Lwafika usuku kwaye sasilinde ukufumana imiyalelo yethu kukapteni wesikhephe kunye nabasebenzi. Ndandikade ndivuma ukuba ndizakubamba i*giant red snapper*, ngoko ke imincili yam yakhula njengoko ukapteni wayethetha. Ndiye ndadana xa ndisiva ukapteni esithi ngoku kuphela kwentlanzi esingenakukwazi ukuzigcina yi*brass, flounder*, kunye ne*red snapper*. Owu, ndiye ndacinga; yintoni enye into endinokukholelwa ukuze ndiyifumane?

Ke, bendingazukuliyeka elithuba lokusebenzisa ukholo lwam. Ndathi, "Nkosi, bendikholelwa ukuba ndizakubamba i*snapper* esikhulu esibomvu, makube njalo, ndiza kubamba esinye kwaye ndiye nolunye uhlobo lwentlanzi ekhaya!

Ke ngelixa ndisesikhepheni, ndajika ndajonga intombi

yam eneminyaka eyi 8 ubudala, uRachel, ndathi, "Khumbula ukuba unokuthandaza kwaye ukholelwe kuThixo ukuba uza kubamba intlanzi namhlanje. Uyakholwa na? Wancuma wanyikinya intloko yakhe evuma. Ndatsho kwa amazwi afanayo enkuthazo kwintombi yam eneminyaka eyi 21 ubudala uJordan. Uye wandijonga enenkangeleko yokothuka kodwa wavuma. Ndajonga uRob ndathi, "Masikholelelwe ukuba sizakubamba intlanzi enkulu!"

Kwadlula iiyure ezimbalwa kwaye kungekho nto ibambeka kwiintambo zethu ehleliyo. Ngequbuliso, intambo kaRachel yabamba wabanemincili kakhulu. Wabiza uyise ukuba amncede. Emva kwemizuzu embalwa, batsala ukrebe oyiAtlantic! Wowu, uRachel wayekholelwa! Ke siye samncoma. Usebenzile!

Ndikhumbula ndiqala ukucinga ukuba ndinganga-fumani nto, kodwa ndayiyeka ingcinga ndavuma ukuba besele ndinentlanzi yam. Ndahlala phantsi ndazipholela ndeva uThixo esithi, "Ukuba uphumla nje undiyeke ndikuphathele intlanzi uzoyifumana." Ke ndandisazi ukuba andingomlobi, ngoko ndandingenakuthembela kubuchule bam. Ndahlala phantsi ndaphefumla ukuzithemba kuThixo ndalinda. Malunga nemizuzu eyi 20-30 kamva, kwakho into etsala intambo yam, ndandicinga ukuba iyatsalwa, kodwa kuye kwacaca ukuba yintlanzi.

Umyeni wam waqalisa ukundiqeqesha, waza ukapteni wenza okufanayo. Wandixelela ukuba nditsala intlanzi enkulu ekusenokwenzeka ukuba yayiyi*giant red snapper* ekupheleni kwentambo. Ndamangazeka kukuba wayesazi ukuba yayiyintoni ngaphambi kokuba intlanzi ibonakale!

Ngokuqinisekileyo, njengoko ndandiqhubeka nditsala, i*giant red snapper* sam esiyi 20 *pound* savela! Ndandibulela uThixo ndinovuyo nemincili. Ndandisazi ukuba ndibe nenkqubela kwinkqubo yam yokukholelwa. Ndandimanandikhumbula ukuzithemba kukaDrenda kwaye ndacinga ukuba ndiyakwazi ukuba nokholo nenkolelo efanayo. Ndanyamezela kwaye yandisebenzela.

Ndiyabulela ngobulungiseleli bakho nokubhala iincwadi, kuquka *The Faith Hunt.* Ndinombulelo kuThixo nakubulungiseleli bakho obundincede ndangena kwiintsikelelo ezingakumbi. Ndijonge phambili kwikamva ngokholo olungakumbi kunye nemincili. Ndiyazi ukuba la mava aluncedo kangakanani kusapho lwethu!

Ngokunyanisekileyo,
S.T.

ISAHLUKO 5

IBILUKHETHO LUKABANI?

Kumabali andulelayo, sibone uBukumkani bukaThixo buvelisa, apha kummandla wasemhlabeni, inja, intlanzi, imali yokuhlawula ukuvalwa kwendlu, ukuzisa imali yokuhlawula iimoto kunye namakhaya esiwadingayo ebomini, sasindisa ubomi babantwana abathathu, nangaphezulu. Onke la mabali aveliswa buBukumkani bukaThixo okanye mandiyenze ibe yoyobuqu, buBukumkani bukaThixo WETHU! Akufunekanga simangazeke njengoko uBukumkani Bakhe bukhulu ngokugqithisileyo.

UPetros Wesibini 1:3a uthi:

> *Nibone nje, ukuba amandla Akhe obuThixo asiphile zonke izinto ezisingise ebomini nasekuhloneleni uThixo.*

Kuwo onke amabali esiwajongileyo, ndifuna ukubuza umbuzo obaluleke kakhulu, "Ibilukhetho lukabani?" Into endiyithethayo yile: ngaba uThixo ngesiquphe wathatha isigqibo sokuzisa inja kuKirsten, okanye loo ntlanzi kumfazi wam, uDrenda? Ngaba ezi

ziziganeko athe uThixo kwintando Yakhe eyongamileyo wagqiba ukuba uya kusenzela zona? Okanye bekukho esinye isizathu sokuba ezi zinto zenzeke? Ndicinga ukuba impendulo iya kothusa abantu abaninzi. Ndiyazi ukuba yandothusa.

Ukuphendula loo mbuzo, masijonge ibali eliseBhayibhileni elikuLuka 8.

> *Wathi uYesu, "Ngubani na lo undichukumisileyo?" Bakuba bekhanyela bonke, wathi uPetros nabo babenaye, "Mongameli, izihlwele zikuxina, zikukhandanisa nje." Kodwa wathi uYesu, "Ukho ondichukumisileyo; kuba mna ndiyawazi amandla aphumileyo kum."*
>
> *Ke kaloku, ekuyeni kukaYesu apho, izihlwele bezimxinile. Nentokazi ayayinethombo legazi iminyaka elishumi linambini, eyayithe yona phezu koko yadleka impahla yayo iphela ngamagqirha, ayaba nako ukuphiliswa bani. Yeza ngasemva, yachukumisa umqukumbelo wungubo yakhe, lee qoko kwangoko ithombo llegazi layo.*
>
> *Ithe ke intokazi leyo, yakubona ukuba ayifihlakele, yeza igubha, yawa phambi kwakhe, yaxela emehlweni abo bonke abantu, ukuba bekungasizathu sini na ebimchukumisile, nokuphiliswa kwayo kwangoko.*
>
> *Uthe ke yena kuyo, "Ntombi yam, ukholo lwakho lukuphilisile. Hamba ngoxolo."*
>
> — ULuka 8:42-48

IBhayibhile icace gca ukuba uYesu wayexineke macala onke,

kwaye noPetros wamangaliswa ngumbuzo kaYesu, “Ngubani na lo undichukumisileyo?” njengesazinzulu somoya, ndifuna ukwazi, ndidinga ukwazi, ukuba kutheni lo mfazi waphiliswa kwaye kutheni kungekho mntu wumbi. Kwakutheni ukuze intambiso iphumele kuye kuphela ingaphumeli kuye wonke umntu omchukumisileyo ngala mzuzu? Impendulo ilapha, kodwa ngaphambi kokuba ndiphendule loo mbuzo, masibuze omnye umbuzo.

Ngaba uYesu wayemlungiselela ngabom? Wayebeke izandla Zakhe phezu kwakhe? Impendulo nguhayi; enyanisweni, uYesu wayengazi nokuba ukho. Kwanyanzeleka abuze ukuba ngubani lo utsale intambiso kuba zange ambone. Ngoko kwakulikhetho lukabani ukuba aphiliswe ngaloo mini?

Mandibuze ngenye indlela. Ingaba uThixo wakhetha ukumpilisa ngelo xesha okanye yayisisigqibo sakhe sokwamkela kuThixo? Lo ngumbuzo obalulekileyo njengoko abantu abaninzi “belindele” ukuba uThixo enze okuthile ebomini babo. Ndiyakholwa into yokuba uYesu wayengazi nokuba ubekhona ingqina ukuba yayisisgqibo sakhe ukwamkela ingesiso isigqibo sikaYesu sokumphilisa.

Ngoku, oku kuvula isityhilelo esibaluleke kakhulu, kwaye kukuba—uThixo akakhethi ukuba aphilise umntu othile angaphilisi omnye umntu. Sele esinike sonke ukufikelela ekuphilisweni ngokuma kwethu ngokusemthethweni eBukumkanini Bakhe. Ngoko enyanisweni, sithi abakhethayo. Kodwa ndifuna ukwazi, ukuba wafika njani kula mandla? Wagqiba njani ukuba uya kwamkela? UYesu usixelela ngqo indlela yokufika kwigunya namandla oBukumkani. Wathi, “Ntombi yam, ukholo lwakho lukuphilisile. Hamba ngoxolo.” Esi sivakalisi sisixelela yonke into ekufuneka siyazi kwaye siphendule umbuzo wethu wokuba kutheni amkeleyo kwaye kutheni kungekho mntu wumbi owamkelayo apho ngaloo mini. Njengezazinzulu zomoya, masiqale

sijonge ngakumbi eli bali kwaye sibone ukuba singathatha naziphi na izikhokelo zokuba kutheni wamkelayo.

Okokuqala, uYesu umbiza "ntombi yam," nto leyo ethetha ukuba wayeyinxalenye yesizwe sakwaSirayeli. Oku kuthetha ukuba wayenomqophiso noThixo. Okanye unokuthi, wayesemthethweni phambi kwezulu njengommi wesizwe sakwaSirayeli ukuba amkele kuThixo. Le nyani ayinakuba sesona sizathu amkeleyo njengoko wonke owayelapho ngaloo mini wayexine uYesu wayesemthethweni ngokufanayo. Kwakufanele kubekho enye into ebangele ukuba amandla aphume. UYesu ke usixelela esinye isizathu awamkelayo. Enyanisweni, uYesu wathi esi yayisisizathu kanye wamkela ngokobuqu. Wathi ukholo lwakhe lumphilisile.

Ke ngoku siyasazi isizathu sokuba abe nako ukwamkela. Okokuqala, yayililungelo lakhe ngokusemthethweni ukwamkela ekubeni wayeyintombi kaAbraham; kwaye okwesibini, ukholo lwakhe laluyiswitshi eyavumela loo mandla ampompoze ngokobuqu emzimbeni wakhe ngelo xesha kanye. Inyani yokuba wayeyintombi kaAbraham, okuthetha ukuthi wayemi phambi kwezulu phantsi komnqophiso uThixo awawubekayo noAbraham, inokuthelekiswa nenkampani yombane enombane ovuliweyo kwaye neengcingo ezixhumene nekhaya lakho. Kodwa oko akuthethi ukuba izibane zakho ziya kukhanya. Kufuneka uvule iswitshi ukuze izibane zikhanye. Ke ngoku konke esifuna ukufumanisa kukuba iphi na iswitshi okanye yintoni iswitshi. UYesu wayibiza ngokuba lukholo lwakhe, kodwa yintoni ukholo kwaye ndiluvula njani? Lo ngumbuzo obalulekileyo ekufuneka uphendulwe.

Yintoni uKholo?

Ukholo ligama amaKristu aliphosa ngapha nangapha ngokukhululekileyo. Kwaye ndeyisekile kukuba abaninzi, ukuba ayisosininzi, abalwazi ukuba luyintoni na ukholo, kutheni luyimfuneko, bazi njani ukuba baselukholweni, nendlela yokufumana ukholo. Ukuba ukholo luyiswitshi eyaphilisa lo mfazi, ngoko kufuneka sijonge ngokusondeleyo ukholo! Sifumana inkcazo yethu yokholo KwabaseRoma 4:18-21. Owu, Ndiyayazi into oyicingayo, "Hayi, Gary. KumaHebhere 11:1 yinkcazo yethu yokholo."

> *Ukholo ke kukukholosa ngezinto ezithenjiweyo; kukweyiseka bubukho bezinto ezingabonwayo.*
>
> — Hebhere 11:1

Ewe, yimpendulo eqhelekileyo le, kodwa ukuba ujonga isibhalo, amaHebhere 11:1 asixelela ngeenzuzo zokholo, hayi ukuba luyintoni ukholo.

> *Okwakholwayo ngethemba, kungekho nethemba eli, ukuze uAbraham abe nguyise weentlanga ezininzi, ngokoko kwathethwayo, "Iya kuba njalo imbewu yakho." Wathi, engebuthathaka nje ngokholo, akondela emzimbeni wakhe, obuselufile—emayela ekhulwini leminyaka ezelwe—kwanokufa kwesizalo sikaSara. Owathi, ngokusingisele isithembiso sikaThixo, akathandabuza ngokungakholwa; wesuka womelela ngokholo, ezukisa uThixo. Eqinisekile ukuba oko akumise ngesithembiso, unako nokukwenza.*
>
> — KwabaseRoma 4:18-21

Masiqonde imeko yeli bali. UAbraham noSara babengakwazi

ukuba nabantwana. Andithethi ukuba babenengxaki yokukhawula umntwana kwaye kufuneka baqhubeke bezama. Ndithetha ukuba babephantse beneminyaka eyi 100 ubudala, ixesha laliphelile. Imizimba yabo yayingakwazi ukwenza abantwana, kwakungenakwenzeka! Kanti uThixo wathembisa uAbraham umntwana nangona ngokwendalo kwakungenakwenzeka kwaphela. IBhayibhile ithi uAbraham wayeyiseke ngokupheleleyo ukuba uThixo wayenamandla okwenza oko wayekuthetha, nangona kwakukho iinyani zendalo ezazichaza ibali elahlukileyo. Nantsi ke inkcazo yethu yokholo: "ukweyiseka ngokupheleleyo ukuba uThixo unamandla okwenza oko akuthembisileyo." Ndiyibeka ngolu hlobo: **Ukuvumelana nezulu,** kungekuphela nje ngokwengqondo kodwa seyiseke ngokupheleleyo, iintliziyo zethu ziyazinza zize zeyiseke ngokupheleleyo koko akuthethileyo uThixo, nangona ummandla wasemhlabeni ebonisa enye into.

"UKHOLO KE KUKUKHOLOSA NGEZINTO EZITHENJIWEYO; KUKWEYISEKA BUBUKHO BEZINTO EZINGABONWAYO."
— HEBHERE 11:1

Inkcazo Yethu Yokuba Ukholo Luyintono Na:

Ukholo kukweyiseka ngokupheleleyo koko akuthethayo uThixo! Ziintliziyo zethu neengqondo zethu zivumelana nezulu, iintliziyo zeyiseke ngokupheleleyo, ziqinisekile kwaye ziphumlile.

Kutheni Ukholo Lufuneka?

Kutheni uThixo engakwazi nje ukuphilisa wonke umntu osesibhedlele xa efuna? Kutheni engakwazi ukuziqanda iimfazwe? Kutheni engakwazi ukuthumela izithunywa zezulu ukuba zishumayele

Ivangeli kuthi? Ndiqinisekile ukuba uyivile yonke le mibuzo ngaphambili. Impendulo kukuba akakwazi. Asikuko ukuba uThixo akanako ukwenza oko kodwa akanalo ulawulo okanye igunya lokwenza oko. "Gary, ngaba uthi uThixo akanakwenza nantoni na afuna ukuyenza?" ndiyazi ukuba oku kuvakala kungaqhelekanga kuwe ngoku, kodwa masijonge kwiBhayibhile ukuze sifumane impendulo yethu kuloo nto.

> *Ke, wakha wangqina ubani asithi:*
>
> *"Uyintoni na umntu, le nto umkhumbulelayo? Unyana womntu le nto umvelelayo? Wamnciphisa kancina ne kunezithunywa zezulu, Wamthwesa uzuko nembeko. Wammisa phezu kwemisebenzi yezandla zakho."*
>
> *Kuba, ekubeni wazithobela phantsi kwakhe zonke izinto ezo, uThixo akashiyanga nto ingathotyelwanga phantsi kwakhe.*
>
> — Hebhere 2:6-8

Siyabona kwesi sibhalo ukuba uThixo wanika umntu ulawulo olupheleleyo elisemthethweni phezu kwawo wonke ummandla wasemhlabeni xa wabekwa apha. Akukho nto yayingekho phantsi kolawulo lwakhe. Wawulawula lo mmandla ngolawulo negunya elipheleleyo. Amandla akhe okulawula ngegunya ayexhaswa ngurhulumente owayembeke apha. Eneneni, wayelawula ngegunya awayeliphathiswe loBukumkani bukaThixo. Wayenxibe isithsaba salo rhulumente, esasimele uzuko lukaThixo, intambiso, nesigxina sembeko awayesithwele.

Ukuze ube nomfanekiso omhle wendlela ekhangeleka ngayo,

cinga ngokumkani wendalo. Nangona engumntu wendalo kwaye engenawo amandla okwenene kwindalo yakhe, uthwele isithsaba esibonisa ukuba umela kungekuphela nje yena kodwa ubukumkani norhulumente uphela. Amazwi akhe anegunya kuphela ngenxa yokuba axhaswa ngawo onke amandla nobutyebi bendalo borhulumente nobukumkani abumeleyo.

Ukuba ucinga ngegosa elalathisa itrafikhi, liyakumisa ilori enkulu enenqwelo erhuqwayo ngomyalelo, "Yima ngegama lo mthetho." Ewe, ilori inkulu kakhulu kunendoda kwaye indoda, ngokwayo, ayinakumelana nelori, kodwa ilori ime. Ayimi ngenxa yendoda kodwa ngenxa yebheji, emele urhulumente, enxitywa yindoda. Kule meko, urhulumente mkhulu kakhulu kunendoda enxibe ibheji. Kumqhubi welori, akukho loyiko lwendoda, kodwa kukho uloyiko lukarhulumente omelwe yindoda, olubangela ukuba ilori ime. Kukwanjalo nalapha. UAdam wayelawula yonke into edaliweyo kummandla wasemhlabeni. Amandla nolawulo lukaThixo, olumelwe sisithsaba sozuko nembeko, lanika umntu isiqinisekiso sokuba amazwi akhe alawula egameni loBukumkani bukaThixo.

KUNGOKO UTHIXO KUFUNEKA ASEBENZISE ABANTU ABAZALISWE NGUMOYA UKUZE ENZE INTANDO YAKHE EBOMINI BABANTU.

Kubaluleke kakhulu ukuphawula ukuba xa uAdam waphulukana namandla akhe okulawula ummandla wasemhlabeni ngokungcatsha urhulumente kaThixo, waphulukana nesithsaba sakhe. Ummandla wasemhlabeni wawonakele waza watshintsha. Ukufa kwangena kummandla wasemhlabeni, kwaye ngoku uSathana wayenebango elisemthethweni legunya nempembelelo kwicimbi yabantu. Kubalulekile ukuba uqonde ukuba umntu usengumlawuli

osemthethweni phezu kommandla wasemhlabenii, njengoko uThixo wambekayo, kodwa ngoku akanalo igunya lokulawula ngokomoya njengoko wayekade enegunya. Nakwimeko yakhe yokuwa, usenolawulo lomhlaba. Ewe, akasenaso isithsaba sakhe soburhulumente bukaThixo esinomkumxhasa. Akanalo igunya lokulawula ngamandla nozuko lukaThixo, uphulukene nesikhundla sakhe sozuko. Kodwa usekuphela komnyango osemthethwe oya kummandla wasemhlabeni. Kungoko uThixo kufuneka asebenzise abantu abazaliswe nguMoya ukuze enze intando Yakhe ebomini babantu. Ngendlela efanayo, uSathana usebenzisa abantu abaphefumlelwe ziidemon ukuze bachaphazele ummandla wasemhlabeni kwicebo lakhe ngomntu. Lo mgaqo wolawulo lomntu phezu komhlaba ubalulekile ekuqondeni kwakho umthetho woBukumkani, kwaye wakuba uwuqondile, uya kuphendula imibuzo emininzi onokuba nayo kwixesha elizayo malunga nokuba kutheni izinto ezithile zisenzeka, okanye kutheni izinto ezithile zenzeka okanye zingenzeki ngokomoya.

Unokuthi, “Kodwa bendicinga ukuba uThixo ngumnikazi womhlaba nenzaliseko yalo?” Yinyani, ngoWakhe. Ndiyathemba ukuba lo mzekelo uyakukunceda uqonde into endiyithethayo. Ukuba ndiqeshise ngekhaya lam kuwe, nangona ilelam ngokusemthethweni, ndinikezela ngokusemthethweni ilungelo lokuya kulo nangaliphi na ixesha endifuna ngalo. Kukho isolotya kuninzi lwengqeshiso echaza ukuba abanini-mhlaba banokungena nini ngokusemthethweni kwizakhiwo eziqeshisiweyo—umzekelo, ukujongana nento engxamisekileyo okanye ukulungisa—kunye nesixa sesaziso esifunekayo. Ukuba ndizama ukungena kwikhanya ngaphandle kwesi sivumelwano, kuya kuthathwa oku njengokuqekeza emzini, nokuba indlu yeyam. Ukuba ndaphule

umthetho ochazwe kwingqeshiso, ndinganyanzelwa ngokusemthethweni ukuba ndiphume kwindawo nangona iyeyam.

Oku kubonisa isizathu sokuba uSathana adlule kuAdam ukuze afikelele kummandla wasemhlabeni. NguAdam kuphela owayenesitshixo! Kwanyanzeleka ukuba uSathana angene ngomnyango kwaye uAdam wayengulo mnyango. Ukuba uSathana wazama ukuya ngaphaya kukaAdam, ngewayekhutshiwe ngokusemthethweni.

> *Umtyholi, emnyuse entabeni ephakamileyo, wambonisa zonke izikumkani zelimiweyo, ngesiquphe sexesha. Wathi ku uMtyholi kuye, "Ndokunika lonke igunya lazo nozuko lwazo; ngokuba bunikelwe kum, nosukuba ndithanda ndiyamnika bona. Ukuba ngoko uthe wena waqubuda phambi kwam konke oko koba kokwakho."*
>
> — ULuka 4:5-7

Uyabona kule vesi ukuba uSathana ubanga ukuba igunya nozuko (ubutyebi) bezikumkani zabantu bunikwe yena. Ngubani owamnika igunya? Lowo wayenalo uAdam! Ngenxa yoko uThixo akanakusuka angene kwimicimbi yabantu ngaphandle kokungena kumnyango osemthethweni. Ukuba wenjenjalo, uSathana unokuthi waphule umthetho. Hayi, uThixo kwakuya kufuneka angene ngomnyango ofanayo nalowo wasetyenziswa nguSathana ukuzisa urhulumente negunya Lakhe ukuba athwale emhlabeni, kwaye lowo yayingumntu. Kodwa wayekhona umntu onjalo?

> *Ke kaloku uYehova wathi kuAbram, "Hamba umke ezweni lakowenu, kwelokuzalwa kwakho, nasendlwini kayihlo, uye*

ezweni endokubonisa lona. Ndikwenze uhlanga olukhulu, ndikusikelele, ndilikhulise igama lakho, ube yintsikelelo. Ndibasikelele abakusikelelayo, ndimtshabhise okuqalekisayo, <u>zisikeleleke ngawe zonke izizwe zehlabathi</u>.

— IGenesis 12:1-3

UAbraham ubizwa uyise wokholo lwethu kuba ngumntu owavula umnyango womhlaba kuThixo apho zonke izizwe zomhlaba ziya kusikelelwa. Ngokuqinisekileyo, xa le vesi ithetha ngezizwe ezisikelelekileyo, ithetha ngoYesu Kristu, owayeza kuthi kamva avule indlela yokuba urhulumente kaThixo aphinde abe nokufikelela ngokusemthethweni kummandla wasemhlabeni ngokholo lukaAbraham. Ukholo lukaAbraham lwavula umnyango osemthethweni lisenzela izulu, awathi uThixo walivula ngokusigxina ngokwenza isivumelwano esisemthethweni (umnqophiso) noAbraham nembewu yakhe okanye iindlalifa zakhe.

Mandicacise le nto ndiyithethayo. Urhulumente wezulu unokufikelela kuphela kummandla wasemhlabeni ngendoda okanye umfazi osemhlabeni ngenxa yokuba banolawulo olusemthethweni apha. Ukuba semthethweni kunokuphunyezwa kuphela ukuba indoda okanye umfazi beyiseke ngokupheleleyo ezintliziyweni zabo koko uThixo akuthethayo (ukholo).

"NGOKO KE UKHOLO LUPHUMA NGOKUVA UMYALEZO, UMYALEZO KE UVIWA NGELIZWI LIKAKRISTU."

— KWABASEROMA 10:17

Enye indlela yokuyibeka kukuba izulu linokuchaphazela kuphela indoda okanye umfazi osemhlabeni onqwenela aze akhethe ukuba phantsi kolawulo negunya likaThixo. Lo ibiya kuba mgumgaqo owasetyenziswa nguSathana ukungena emhlabeni, esebenzisa

uAdam ukwenjenjalo. Weyisela uAdam ukuba uThixo akanakuthenjwa waza wayikhupha intliziyo kaAdam kwisivumelwano noThixo. Ngenxa yoko, uAdam wakhetha ukukholelwa uSathana waza waligatya igunya likaThixo.

Lo ngumgaqo ofanayo awayeza kuwusebenzisa uThixo ukubuyisela urhulumente negunya Lakhe kummandla wasemhlabeni esebenzisa uAbraham. UAbraham wakholwa kuThixo saza isivumelwano sakhe wabalelwa kuThixo njengobulungisa, nto leyo ethetha ukuba sasikho isivumelwano esiyimfuneko. Esi sivumelwano samaqela omabini, uThixo noAbraham, savumela uThixo ukuba abeke isivumelwano esisemthethweni (umnqophiso) endaweni esiyakuqinisekisa ukungena kwezulu kummandla wasemhlabeni, KODWA kubalulekile ukuqaphela ukuba esi sivumelwano sachaphazela kuphela uAbraham neendlalifa zakhe. Umqondiso walo mnqophiso wanikwa zonke iindlalifa zikaAbraham, ulwaluko. Ukwaluka kukunqunyulwa kwejwabi kwilungu lobudoda. Njengokuba indoda yatyala imbewu yayo emfazini, imbewu yayo kwakufuneka idlule kwelo lungu lobudoda elalukileyo, elathi lavakalisa kuSathana noyise kunye nonina ngokwabo ukuba lo mntwana wayemi phambi kwezulu njengendlalifa yeso sivumelwano sisemthethweni uThixo noAbraham basibekayo.

Njengoko besifundile ngaphambili, nangona kunjalo indoda okanye umfazi ngamnye, nangona <u>benaso</u> eso sivumelwano sisemthethweni, kwakusafuneka bazalisekise imfuneko engokomthetho yentliziyo yabo eyiseke ngokupheleleyo koko wakuthethayo uThixo ukuze banandiphe iingenelo zobuqu zeso sivumelwano esenziwa nguThixo noAbraham. Eneneni, umnqophiso wayekwingcingo eziya endlwini yabo, kodwa kwasukafuneka bavule iswitshi ngokukholelwa nokwenza ILizwi likaThixo ngokobuqu.

Kulungile, ngoku siyazi ukuba yintoni ukholo nokuba kutheni ukholo lufuneka ngokusemthethweni. Ngoku kubalulekile ukuba sazi indlela yokufumana ukholo nendlela yokwazi ukuba siselukholweni.

Silufumana Njani Ukholo?

Nanku umkhondo: Awunakuthandazela ukholo. Umangazekile? Ndicinge njalo.

> *Ngoko ke ukholo luphuma ngokuva umyalezo, umyalezo ke uviwa ngelizwi likaKristu.*
>
> — KwabaseRoma 10:17

Luza njani ukholo ngokuva ILizwi likaThixo? Kuphela apho? Ithini inkqubo? Ngaba kukukuva nje ILizwi kuphela okufunekayo ukuze ukholo lukhuliswe emoyeni womntu? Ukuze siqonde ukuba ukholo luza njani nento ethethwa KwabaseRoma 10:17, sinokujonga kuMarko isahluko 4. Ukuba uphosa iBhayibhile yakho phezulu, kufuneka ihlale ivuleke kuMarko 4; yindlela abaluleke ngayo! UYesu wathi kuMarko 4:13 ukuba awuthanga wayiqonda into ayifundisayo kwesi sahluko, soze uqonde namnye umzekeliso oseBhayibhileni. Ndingathi ibaluleke kakhulu loo nto!

Kutheni sibalulekile esi sahluko? Kungenxa yokuba sisixelela indlela izulu elidibana ngayo nommandla wasemhlabeni, indlela elizuza ngayo ukuba semthethweni, nalapho oko kwenzeka khona. Akukho nto ibaluleke ngakumbi ebomini bakho njengokwazi ukuba esi sahluko sithetha ngantoni. “Busebenza njani obu Bukumkani bukaThixo?” ungabuza. Funda uMarko isahluko 4! Kwesi sahluko,

uYesu usixelela imizekeliso emithathu ephathelene nendlela ukholo oluveliswa ngayo kumoya womntu, njengoko usazi ngoku, luyimfuneko ukuze izulu lingene ngokusemthethweni emhlabeni.

Amabali amathathu kwesi sahluko ngumzekeliso womhlwayeli, umzekeliso wendoda ephosa imbewu, nebali lokhozo lwemostade.

Masiqale ngokujonga kwibali lesibini uYesu alibalisa kuMarko 4 ibali lendoda ephosa imbewu.

> *Wayesithi, "uBukumkani bukaThixo bunjengokuba abengathi umntu aphose imbewu emhlabeni. Aze alale avuke, ubusuke nemini, ibe imbewu intshula ikhula ngohlobo angalwaziyo. Kuba umhlaba uvelisa iziqhamo ngokwawo—kuqala ibe likhaba, ize ibe sisikhwebu, ize ibe yingqolowa ezalisekileyo esikhwebini. Athi ke, xa sithe savuthwa isiqhamo, alifake kwaoko irhengqa, ngokuba kusekusondele ukuvuna."*
>
> — UMarko 4:26-29

Ngaphambi kokuba singene kwesi sicatshulwa, masiqale sichaze amagama ethu. Yintoni na le mbewu uYesu athetha ngayo kwaye yintoni umhlaba? UYesu uchaza loo magama kumzekeliso owandulelayo womhlwayeli kwakwesi sahluko. Imbewu liLizwi likaThixo, kwaye umhlaba yintliziyo yomntu okanye umoya womntu. Ke kulo mzekeliso, sisebenzisa inkcazo kaYesu yaloo mazwi, sinokuthi uYesu uthi uphosa kweyakhe intliziyo ILizwi likaThixo. Emva koko umhlaba okanye intliziyo yomntu iqalisa ukuvelisa ukholo (isivumelwano nezulu) kummandla wasemhlabeni.

Ngaphambi kokuba ndiqhubeke, kubalulekile ukuba ukumbule iinkcazelo yethu yokholo ithi: intliziyo yendoda okanye yomfazi yeyiseke ngokuqinileyo koko kutshiwo lizulu. Esi sicatshulwa

sithi nangona umntu engayazi indlela esebenza ngayo lo nkqubo, ILizwi elahlwayelwa entliziyweni yakhe liqalisa ukukhula lize livelise ukuvumelana ngokwalo. Oku kwenzeka ukuba ulele okanye uvukile; akuna ndaba, inkqubo iyaqhubeka. Njengoko umntu eligcina Ilizwi entliziyweni yakhe, ngokucothayo intliziyo yakhe ivumelana noko kuthethwa lizulu, kwaye ukholo luyaveliswa.

Imbekiselo yethu yesibhalo kuMarko sahluko 4 isixelela ukuba intliziyo ivelisa isivumelwano ngenkqubo. Ibali lisixelela ukuba ekuqaleni xa intliziyo yethu ifumana ILizwi, ukholo luqala ukumila. UYesu uthelekisa eso sigaba nehlumelo. Ihlumelo ke liqhubeka likhula libe likhaba. Ekugqibeleni, isikhwebu simile kwikhaba, kodwa nakwe sisigaba sikamva akukho siqhamo, akukho sivumelwano, kwaye akukho tshintsho kummandla wendalo. Emva koko uYesu uthi inkqubo iyaqhubeka njengoko ikhaba ngoku livuthwa kwaye livelise ingqolowa evuthiweyo. Xa inkqubo ifikelela kwelo nqanaba, xa imbewu evuthiweyo ikwikhwebu, kubakho isivumelwano, nokholo lukho, luvumela indoda okanye umfazi ukuba avune kummandla wasemhlabeni oko kwakutyalwe lizulu entliziyweni yomntu.

Ngoku nika ingqalelo. Masijonge kwakhona ukuba kwenzeke ntoni na. Izulu lihlwayela ILizwi likaThixo kummandla wasemhlabeni, entliziyweni yendoda okanye umfazi apho kufuneka isivumelwano. Ngelo xesha, intliziyo yomntu ayinasivumelwano nezulu, kodwa inkqubo iqalisa ukwenzeka entliziyweni eyenza intliziyo, ngokwayo, ivumelane noko kwakuhlwayelwe. UYesu usebenzisa umfanekiso omhle ukubonisa le nkqubo. Ethelekisa le nkqubo nomlimi ohlwayela imbewu nendlela isityalo esivuthwa ngayo, uYesu usinika umfanekiso wendlela olubonakala ngayo ukholo. Kummandla wemvelo, xa imbewu kwisikhwebu ivuthiwe,

iya kufana **NCAM** nembewu eyahlwayelwa emhlabeni. Manditsho le nto kwakhona.

Xa imbewu kwisikhwebu ivuthiwe, iya kufana—NCAM—nembewu eyahlwayelwa emhlabeni.

Tyala isityalo sombona imbewu evuthiweyo kwisikhwebu iya kuhambelana nembewu oyityalileyo. Ziyintwenye, ziyafana, kwaye incasa inye. Awukwazi ukuwubona umahluko phakathi kwezi zinto zimbini, ziyafana.

Ngoko ke mandicacise into ethethwa nguYesu. Xa sisiva ILizwi (KwabaseRoma 10:17), okunene siphosa ILizwi likaThixo emoyeni wethu, nasezintliziyweni zethu. Ukuba siyaligcina elo Lizwi ezintliziyweni zethu, liya kukhula, kwaye lakuba livuthiwe, imifanekiso ezintliziyweni zethu (ummandla wasemhlabeni) iya kuhambelana noko kuthethwe lizulu. Ukuba siyibeka ngendlela eyahlukileyo, sinokuthi njengoko uhlwayela isithembiso esivela ezulwini entliziyweni yakho, siya kuvelisa ngokuthe ngcembe intembelo yoko uThixo wakuthethayo eyedwa. Ekugqibeleni, intliziyo yakho iya kweyiseka ngokupheleleyo koko likutshoyo izulu, kwaye kuya kubakho isivumelwano. Umzekelo, ukuba uyagula, iimeko emzimbeni wakho zithetha nawe ukuba uyagula. Njengokuba uhlwayela ILizwi likaThixo elithi uThixo ulihlawule ixabiso lokuphiliswa kwakho ngento eyenziwa nguYesu, intliziyo yakho ngokucothayo iqalisa ukweyiseka koko uThixo akuthethayo ngokwayo.

Xa elo lizwi likhula entlizyweni yakho, ukuthembela kwakho ukuba uphilisiwe kuba yinto **oyi**kholelwayo kwaye uyithethe. Intliziyo yakho yeyiseke ngokuqinileyo. Xa usithi, “Ndiphilile,” ayisiyondlela oyicaphulayo; endaweni yoko, yile nto uyikholelwayo kwaye oyaziyo ukuba yinyani. Okuthethwa lizulu ngoku kuba yimbono yakho yenyani.

Yiyo lo nto amaHebhere 11:1 esithi:

> *Ukholo ke kukukholosa ngezinto ezithenjiweyo; kukweyiseka bubukho bezinto ezingabonwayo.*

Kukho ukuqinisekiswa okungaphaya kwendalo koko likutshoyo izulu xa ukholo lukhona, kanti kusekho elinye inyathelo kwinkqubo. Ngoku umntu kufuneka afake irhengqa lakhe ukuze avune, ukuze azise kummandla wakhe wokwenene oko aqinisekileyo ngako entliziyweni yakhe.

> *Athi ke xa sithe savuthwa isiqhamo,* ***alifake kwaoko irhengqa****, ngokuba kusekusondele ukuvuna.*
>
> — UMarko 4:29

Phawula ukuba nangona intliziyo ivumelana nezulu, kwaye inyaniso yezulu iye yaba yinto yokwenene yendoda okanye umfazi, akukho tshintsho lokwenene esele lenzekile kummandla wenyama. Kuba umntu nguye onegunya ngokwemvelo apha emhlabeni, nguye omele ukukhulula igunya lezulu kulo mmandla. UThixo akanakuyenza ngaphandle kwendoda okanye umfazi. Ndingakubonisa oku kwisibhalo esiqheleke kakhulu ebesixubushe ngaso ngaphambili.

> *Kuba umntu ukholwa ngentliziyo, ukuze abe* ***nobulungisa; avume*** *ke ngomlomo, ukuze asindiswe.*
>
> — KwabaseRoma 10:10

Ngentliziyo umntu ukholwa ILizwi, avelise ukholo, abe

lilungisa. Ubulungisa ligama lomthetho elithetha ukulawulwa komthetho. Ngoko ke xa intliziyo yomntu ivumelana nezulu, nentliziyo yakhe yeyiseke ngokupheleleyo koko likutshoyo izulu, unobulungisa. Ngoku kusemthethweni ukuba izulu lungene ebomini bakhe, kummandla wasemhlabeni. Kodwa ubulungisa bubodwa abuwakhululi amandla kaThixo. Njengendlu enombane osuka kwisikhulu sombane, kukho inyathelo elinye ngaphezulu—ukuvula iswitshi ukuze ukhulule umbane, kwaye izibane zikhanye. Ngoba? Kuba njengoko KwabaseRoma 10:10 ekhomba, kukho inyathelo elinye emva kobulungisa.

Indoda okanye umfazi omi phambi kwezulu nomhlaba elilungisa kufuneka avume okanye enze eso sivumelwano sokukhulula amandla kunye nentambiso kaThixo kummandla wasemhlabeni. Nceda sifunde eso sibhalo kwakhona uphinde kwakhona de ube uyayiqonda ngokupheleleyo into endiyithethayo. Le yindlela esebenza ngayo! Yindlela izulu lizuza ngayo ukuba semthethweni kummandla wasemhlabeni, intliziyo lujongano lwezulu kummandla wasemhlabeni, ukuze amazwi nezenzo zethu zibe zizitshixo ezithi zikhulula amandla ezulu. Nceda unike ingqalelo kwinxalenye yesibini yaloo vesi kwakhona: Sithi abafanele ukukhulula igunya lezulu apha.

Umbono wezulu elilindele indoda okanye umfazi ukuba, okokuqala, anikeze ukuba semthethweni, kwaye okwesibini, ulawulo kummandla wasemhlabeni, unokubonwa koko uYesu wakufundisa kuMateyu 16 noMateyu 18.

> *Inene, ndithi kuni, konke enithe nakubopha emhlabeni, kobotshwa emazulwini; nako konke enithe nakukhulula emhlabeni, kokhululwa emazulwini.*
>
> — UMateyu 18:18

UYesu apha uthi wayeza kunika ibandla izitshixo (igunya) loBukumkani bamazulu kummandla wasemhlabeni. Wathi enithe nakubopha emhlabeni izulu liya kuyixhasa, nokuba enithe nakukhulula emhlabeni, izulu liya kuyixhasa. Kwakhona cinga ngepolisa; linegunya, kodwa urhulumente unamandla. Ipolisa liphethe isitshixo okanye igunya likarhulumente, njengoko lalifungiswe ukuba liligosa laloo rhulumente. Into eyilithethayo, urhulumente uyayixhasa. Khumbula, yindoda okanye umfazi kuphela onolwawulo lomthetho apha, kwaye ke yindoda okanye umfazi kuphela onokunika izulu ulawulo olusemthethweni apha.

YINDLELA IZULU LIZUZA NGAYO UKUBA SEMTHETHWENI KUMMANDLA WASEMHLABENI, INTLIZIYO LUJONGANO LWEZULU KUMMANDLA WASEMHLABENI, UKUZE AMAZWI NEZENZO ZETHU ZIBE ZIZITSHIXO EZITHI ZIKHULULA AMANDLA EZULU.

Kukho elinye inqaku elibalulekileyo ekufuneka ulazi ngokholo. Mandibhekise kwisibhalo sethu kuMarko 4 kwakhona okomzuzwana.

> *Kuba **umhlaba uvelisa iziqhamo** ngokwawo—kuqala ibe likhaba, ize ibe sisikhwebu, ize ibe yingqolowa ezalisekileyo esikhwebeni.*
>
> — UMarko 4:28

Khumbula, uYesu wawuchaza umhlaba okhankanywe kulo mzekeliso njengomela intliziyo yomntu, okanye umoya womntu, njengoko benditshilo ngaphambili. Qaphela apha ukholo luveliswa

khona, ngaba oko kuya kumangalisa? Asiyomveliso yasemazulwini, njengoko uninzi lwabantu lukholwa, kodwa iveliswa apha kummandla wasemhlabeni kwaye yimveliso yentliziyo yakho.

Awunako ukulithandazela okanye ukulicela kuThixo. Ukholo aluyomfuneko ezulwini. Asiyi kudinga isivumelwano ezulwini. Hayi, lufuneka kuphela kummandla wasemhlabeni, kwaye linokwenzeka kuphela kwiintliziyo zamadoda nabafazi emhlabeni. Njengoko umzekeliso okuMarko 4 ufundisa, inye kuphela indlela yokulifumana, ngokubeka ILizwi likaThixo entliziyweni yakho kwaye uvumele inkqubo yesivumelwano yenzeke. Ke ukubandifuna ukholo, ndenza ntoni? Bendinokuliphosa entliziyweni yam ILizwi likaThixo ndilivumele likhule de kubekho ukholo.

Ngaphambi kokuba ndimke kuMarko 4, ndifuna ukuthetha ngerhengqa elikhankanywe apho kwakhona.

> *Athi ke, xa sithe savuthwa isiqhamo, **alifake kwaoko irhengqa**, ngokuba kusekusondele ukuvuna.*
>
> — UMarko 4:29

Ndikholelwa ukuba uninzi lwebandla alizange lifundiswe indlela yokusebenzisa irhengqe, nto leyo ethetha ukuba abakhange bafundiswe indlela yokuvuna into abayidingayo. Ibandla ngokubanzi lafundiswa indlela yokupha kodwa kungekhona indlela yokulima nokuvuna kwimbewu eyihlwayeleyo. UYesu ubethe ngqo kule vesi, esithi xa isivuno sokholo lwethu sifumaneka, kufuneka SIFAKE irhengqa. Nangona sinokuba senze umsebenzi omhle wokukhulula imbewu yethu ngokholo, ngaphandle kokuba siyazi indlela yokufaka irhengqa, akusayi kubakho kuvuna. Enyanisweni, nam ndandingazi kwanto ngale nto de iNkosi yaqalisa ukundifundisa

ukuba busebenza njani uBukumkani. Mandikunike imizekelo embalwa yokuba ikhangeleka njani le nto.

Ndamenywa ukuba ndiye kuthetha kwicawe yaseAtlanta. Yayiyinkonzo yangoLwesithathu ebusuku kwaye icawe yayingenkulu kangako kodwa ndandingenangxaki. Ndandikuthanda ukufundisa abantu ngoBukumkani. Xa ndifika ecaweni, ndafumanisa ukuba umnyango uvaliwe kwaye kungekho mntu. Kwakusele imizuzu elishumi phambi kokuba kuqale inkonzo. Ndeva iveni ingxola emva kwam, yayivakala ukuba ayinasithulisi tu. Ndithe ndisajonga khona, ndabona iveni endala, esiskorokoro ingena emva kwendlela yecawe. Andacinga nto ngayo, kuba, ndandikumbindi wedolophu eAtlanta. Ndithe ndisalindile, kwathi gqi indoda ivela emva kwesakhiwo yaza yazazisa njengomfundisi. Wathi uyaxolisa ngokufika emva kwexesha, kodwa iveni yakhe endala yayingafuni ukuqalisa. Wandixelela ukuba kwafuneka aqale iveni ngokuyihlisa kwindlela ehlayo, emva koko wanyusa isantya, nokukhaba i*clutch*, kuba i*starter* sasingasebenzi. Wathi amaxesha amaninzi yayingaqali tu, kwaye kwakuya kufuneka ahambe iimayile ezintlanu ukuya ecaweni.

Njengoko wayeqhubeka endixelela ngecawe yakhe, wandixelela ukuba nangona wayengumfundisi wecawe, owona msebenzi wecawe yayikukondla abantu bombindi wedolophu. Babesondla izidlo ezingaphezu ko 10,000 ngenyanga kuloo ndawo. Njengoko wayethetha umfundisi ndacaphuka. Nanku umntu kaThixo esondla abantu abayi 10,000 ngenyanga, akanayo nemoto ethembekileyo? Ungokuphela komfanekiso kaThixo oya kuze ubonwe luninzi lwabo bantu abondlayo. Ukuba bambona esokola, kufuneka ahamba iimayile ezintlanu ukuya ecaweni nge 100 *degree* yasehlotyeni, yintoni intembelo abanokuba nayo yokuba uThixo unokubanceda?

Ndiyayilungisa loo nto. Ndandinemoto ebuntshana eneemayile eziyi 20,000 ekhaya endinokumnika yona. Ndamxelela ngecebo lam nokuba ndizothumela omnye wabasebenzi bam kumbindi wedolophu eAtlanta nemoto. Yena, ngokuqinisekileyo, wayevuya. Ndachitha obo busuku ndifundisa yena nebandla lakhe ngoBukumkani bukaThixo nendlela obusebenza ngayo ngokunxulumene nemali.

Ndithe xa ndigoduka, ndalungiselela ukuba imoto isiwe eAtlanta. Xa umsebenzi wam weza endlini yam ezokuthatha imoto, ndandisazi ukuba ndenza intengiselwano yomoya nezulu. Ndandisazi ukuba njengokuba ndikhulula loo moto eBukumkanini bukaThixo, ndandinokukholelwa kuThixo ngemoto endinokuthi ndiyidinge okwam. Andingomntu wemoto, nto leyo ethetha ukuba andikho kwiimoto. Abanye abantu bayazithanda, kodwa akunjalo ngam. Imoto sisixhobo njekum. Ngokuqinisekileyo ndiyathanda ukuba nemoto entle, kodwa ndidla ngokuyiqhuba de ifune ukutshintshwa.

Uthe akufika umsebenzi wam, ndaphuma ndaya egarajini yam, ndabeka izandla zam phezu kwaloo moto ndathi, "Bawo, ndiyayikhulula le moto ingene emsebenzini wobulungiseleli Bakho, kwaye njengoko ndikhulula le moto, ndifumana imoto kwakhona...." Ndathandabuza. Ndiyazi ukuba uBukumkani bukaThixo buthe ngqo kangakanani, kwaye bendisazi ukuba igama elithe "imoto" alinakusebenza. Ndandisazi nokuba kufuneka ndicace kwaye mna noDrenda bekufuneka sivumelane malunga nezinto ezithile esizifumeneyo. Ndithe ndisame apho phakathi kwesivakalisi, ndiye ndaqaphela ukuba andiyazi ukuba ndifuna uhlobo lwemoto olunjani. Ke ndiqale phantsi, "Nkosi namhlanje ndikhulula le moto kubulungiseleli Bakho, kwaye ndiyakholelwa ukuba ndifumana

imoto entle ngokwenene njengoko ndihlwayela, kodwa kuya kufuneka ndibuyele kuwe ngemodeli nohlobo xa ndiyifumene loo nto." Yaphela apho; imoto yahamba. Ngenene ndandingenamoto engqondweni endinokuthi, "Ewe, ndifuna LAA moto."

Kwadlula iinyanga ezimbalwa. Kunjalo, uDrenda wayevumelana nam ngokunikisa ngemoto kwaye, njengam, wayengazi ukuba ufuna imoto enjani. Kwiinyanga ezimbini ezizayo sathetha ngeemoto, kwaye ekugqibeleni ngenye imini wathi, "Uyazi, ndicinga ukuba ndingonwabela ukuba nemoto eguqulwayo." Ndamxelela ukuba ndiyavuma, kwaye ndathi ndicinga ukuba oko kuvakala kumnandi, kodwa hlobo luni? Kwakhona, sasingazi luhlobo luni lemoto eziguqulwayo ezikhoyo. Kodwa ngenye imini njengoko sasihamba ngemoto ukuya kwisidlo sasemini, umfazi wam ngequbuliso wathi, "Yiyo lee!" "Yintoni leyo?" ndatsho. "Yiyo lee," watsho esalatha ngaphaya kwendawo yokupaka iimoto kwivenkile yokutyela esasingene kuyo. Ndathi, "Yintoni leyo?" "Laa moto, yile moto ndiyifunayo!" ndiye ndabona imoto eguqukayo ebukhali kwindawo yokupaka. Ndathi, "Masiyokujonga ukuba luhlobo luni na." siye saqhuba saya emotweni samisa emva kwayo. Ke, yiyo loo nto sasiyithandile.

Yayiyi BMW 645Ci, imoto eguqukayo entle ngokuqinisekileyo, kwaye ibiza kakhulu. Ukunyaniseka kuwe, ndithe ndakubona ela hlobo lwemoto, ndacinga, "Kulungile, Nkosi, sibonise ukuba senze ntoni." Ndandisazi ukuba andizukuhlawula $115,000 yeBMW entsha, kodwa ndandisazi nokuba uThixo unokwenza izinto ezimangalisayo. Mna noDrenda khange sixelele mntu ngemoto okanye sithethe nakubani na ukuba sifuna imoto. Emva kweeveki ezimbini, umninawa kaDrenda wasitsalela umnxeba esithi, ""Ndiyifumene imoto kaDrenda!" wathi, "Ndibone le moto ihliswe ixabiso, kwaye

ngequbuliso, ndaziva ngathi le moto imele ukuba yekaDrenda; kwaye bekumele ndikuxelele ngayo." "Yimoto enjani?" Ndabuza. YiBMW 645Ci, ikwimeko entle, ndithetha entle. Ineminyaka embalwa ubudala, imayile zisezantsi, kwaye akukho mkrwelo kuyo. Igqibelele. Ngapha koko, uyayazi indoda eyithengisayo." "Ndiyamazi?" ndatsho. "Ewe, wathi; kufuneka umtsalele umnxeba ngayo." Ke, xa endixelela uhlobo kunye nemodeli yemoto, ndisazi ukuba yiyo kanye imoto mna noDrenda sasisithi siyayithanda nje iiveki ezimbalwa ezidlulileyo, ndandisazi ukuba uThixo wayenento ethile.

Ndatsalela umnxeba indoda yemoto. Ewe ndandimazi, sancokolo nje kancinci ngemoto, endixelela isimo esihle imoto ekuso. Emva koko wathetha la mazwi kum. "Uyayazi oko sisefowninini sithetha ngale moto, ndiva ngathi le kumele ukuba yimoto kaDrenda." Ndandingamxelelanga ukuba ndijongela uDrenda imoto. Indoda yaqhubeka yathi, "Ndiyakuxelela into endiza kuyenza, ndizakuthengisela nge $28,000." Iindlebe zam zaziphantse zingayikholelwa into ebendiyiva. Imoto yayixabisa kakhulu kunoko. Xa ndixelela uDrenda ngayo, wayevuya kakhulu. Sahlawula imali ngalo moto kwaye sisenayo nanamhlanje. Isahamba kwaye ikhangeleka intle. Akukabikho mkrwelo kuyo, kwaye sithathe uhambo oluninzi kuloo moto sihlise iphahla, isandi somculo singxola, nelanga liphefumla ubomi kwimini ediniweyo.

Uhambo lwethu esalithathayo sasiqhuba la moto iguqukaya kwiintaba zaseColorado nezinto zethu zokucampisha evenini. Intombi yethu uKirsten wayekunye nathi kolo hambo, kwaye ndikhumbula siqhuba eKansas kwi I-70 ebusuku sihlise iphahla. UKirsten wayelele emva njengoko ndiqhuba. Iinkwenkwezi zazikhanya ngokuqaqambileyo phezu kweentloko zethu, kwaye indlela yayingenamntu ngaphandle kwelori okanye ezimbini.

Yayiyenye yobo busuku bugqibeleleleyo apho umoya ulungile kwaye yonke into imangalisa emhlabeni. Sichithe iiveki ezimbini ezilandelayo siqhuba eRockies ndiye ndafumanisa ukuba ilunge kangakanani le moto. Linye igama elinokuyichaza—Iyamangalisa!

Kodwa nanku umbuzo wesigidi seedola. Ifike njani la moto? Kwakutheni ibe yimoto kanye uDrenda awathi ngayo, “Yiyo lee!”? Ndandisazi ukuba uBukumkani bukaThixo buzise lamoto ebomini bethu. Ndandisazi ukuba xa ndandihlwayela loo moto kula mfundisi, ndandibeka umthetho womoya endaweni yawo. Ndikhumbula ndisithi ndifumana imoto, hayi i*SUV*, hayi i*jeep*, imoto; Ndikhumbula ndisithi entle. Kodwa mna noDrenda kwakufuneka sifake irhengqa. Imoto yayingazikuvela side sithi “Yiyo lee!” nangona ndandiselukholweni xa ndandikhulula loo moto, sasingekafaki irhengqa de uDrenda wathi, “Yiyo lee!”

Kwenzeka esinye isiganeko esavelisa lo mgaqo ngeyona ndlela inkulu. Njengoko usazi, Ndiyakuthanda ukuzingela. Ndihlala kwilizwe lokuzingela elilungele kakhulu, kwaye ndisikelelekile ngokuba nomhlaba wam wokuzingela. Kwiihektare zam eziyi 60, ndineehektare eziyi 19 zemithi eqinileyo neehektare eziyi 10 zomgxobhozo. Ndizingele amaxhama kunye nomatse minyakale ngephumelelo enkulu. Kuhlala kukho amadada namarhanisi abhabhayo, kodwa ngesizathu esithili, andizange ndicinge nyani ngokuwazingela. Owu, kanye okanye kabini kule minyaka, mna namakhwenkwe sasihamba siye emgxobhozweni kwaye sitsibele amarhanisi ambalwa ukuze siwatye ngesidlo sangokuhlwa. Kodwa andizange ndizingele amadada.

Ke, kwiminyaka embalwa edlulileyo, njengoko ndandibukele amadada amaninzi ebhabha emgxobhozweni, ndacinga ukuba ndingazama ukuzingela amadada. Wowu, kwakumnandi kakhulu!

Bendingasoze ndiphinde ndiyeke. Ngexesha lokuzingela amadada ekwindla, ndiye ndafumanisa ukuba ndidinga ukuziqhelanisa nokudubula amadada. Ndikwazile ukubamba ambalwa kwaye ndafumanisa ukuba alungile kakhulu ukuba atyiwe nawo. Ndiqaphele ukuba amaxesha amaninzi amadada ayephuma nje kwiliso lam okanye abe kude kumpu wam, nto leyo endandikholelwa ukuba ibe negalelo ekuphoseni kwam. Ndandisebenzisa umpu wam oqhelekileyo, umpu endandiwusebenzisela yonke into ukusuka kwimivundla ukuya kumaxhama, iRemington eyimodeli 11-87. Ungandifumani kakubi, ndiyawuthanda lompu, kwaye ngumpu olungileyo. Kodwa ndeva ukuba kukho imipu emitsha eyenzelwe ukuzingela amadada nje. Ifihliwe kwaye ingena amaqhokobhe ezi intshi ezintathu nesiqingatha zemagnum, ndandiyazi ukuba iya kunceda kwezo zithonga zinde zidlulayo. Ndandicebe ukukhangela omnye wayo phambi kokuba kuqale ixesha elilandelayo lamadada.

Ke, ixesha lamadada laliphelile, kwakuyinyanga yoMqungu ngoku, kwaye ndandihamba eCabela ndicinga ukuba ndiza kudlula kwindawo yemipu ukuze ndibone ukuba injani na le mipu. Ndithendingena kwicala lemipu, ndabona ukuba banecala elipheleleyo lemipu eyokuzingela amadada. Ndiye ndajonga embalwa yawo ndacinga ngokuthenga lo ndiwuthandayo, kodwa yayiyi $2,000 kwaye ixesha lalizinyanga ukuba lifike. “Ndizakulinda,” ndazicingela. Kodwa ndenza into engaqhelekanga njengoko ndandiza kuhamba. Ngokwenene andizange ndiyiqonde into endiyenzayo xa ndiyenza. Ndiyenze nje ndingacinganga.

UTHIXO WAYEFUNA NJE UKUNDIBONISA UKUBA UYANDITHANDA. WANDIBONISA UKUBA UYANDITHANDA XA ENDITHUMELA UYESU KWAYE WANDINIKA UBUKUMKANI!

Ndikhombe lompu bendiwufuna ndathetha ngokuvakalayo, "ndizaku banawo la mpu, egameni likaYesu." Kwakhona, khange ndicinge kakhulu ngayo, ndandisenza nje isibhengezo sokuba ndiza kuba naloo mpu. Intliziyo yam yayinomfanekiso ocacileyo wompu wedada endandiwufuna.

Ndamenywa ukuba ndithethe kwinkomfa yezoshishino kwiiveki ezimbalwa kamva, kwaye kukho into eyenzekayo apho eyathi yatsala ingqalelo yam. Emva kokuba ndithethile, umnini wenkampani uye weza kum esithi bebefuna ukundithengela isipho bebulela ukuza kwam. Wathi, "Besisazi ukuba uyathanda ukuzingela, ke sikuthengele lo mpu. Ndandothukile xa bekhupha umpu wamada omtsha kraca, i*Benelli*, umpu oyi*semi-automatic*, kanye lo ndandiwubone evenkileni, lo ndandikhombe kuwo! Wavela njano loo mpu? Ndaphisa ngenqwaba yemipu kwiminyaka edlulileyo kodwa andizange ndiyifake irhengqa. Ngamanye amagama, loo mipu ndandiyihlwayele ngokholo nesisa kodwa andizange ndifake irhengqa. Ndandingazange ndithi "Nkosi, yiyo le! Yile ndiyifunayo." Kodwa ngomzuzu ndisenza njalo, kwavela isivuno!

Ndandibalisela omnye umlumgiseleli ongumhlobo wam ngebali lompu. Wathi, "Ewe, ndiyacinga ukuba uThixo uyayenza loo nto ngamanye amaxesha. Uya kusikelela ngesipho esincinci esikhethekileyo ukuxelela ukuba uyakuthanda." Ndithe ndisacinga ngale nto ayithethileyo, ndaqonda, "Hayi, ayichanekanga. Ewe, uThixo uyandithanda, kodwa wayengafuni nje ukundimangalisa ngesipho esincinci." Inja, intlanzi, amaxhama aze ngolandelelwano ngokuchanekileyo, iimoto zazifike zonke hayi kuba uThixo wayefuna nje ukundibonisa ukuba uyandithanda. Wandibonisa ukuba uyandithanda xa endithumela uYesu kwaye wandinika uBukumkani!

Ndifuna ukuxelela elinye ibali malunga nokuvuna. Njengoko besele ndikuxelele, andingomntu weemoto. Siziqhuba de zifune ukutshintshwa. Umzekelo yi*Honda Pilot* yethu eneminyaka-esibhozo ubudala. Siyayithanda laa moto, iluncedo, isebenza kakuhle, ibonakala intsha, ke ngenxa yoko sayigcina. Kodwa sasidla ngokucinga ngokuthenga I*SUV* enkulu yokuthwala abakhweli kunye neendwendwe. Kwixesha elidlulileyo saqesha i*Cadillac Escalade* komnye wemicimbi esasiwubambile kwi*Now Center* kwaye mna noDrenda sayiqhuba. Sayithanda. Siwuthandile umbala wayo omhlophe weperile, kwaye sithande le imfutshane sasiyiqhuba ngokuchaseneyo nohlobo olude i*Escalade* yayifumaneka ngalo. Sithe, "Yiyo le esiyifunayo, i*Cadillac Escalade*, iperile emhlophe, uhlobo olufutshane. Kufuneka sithenge enye yezi." Ubomi babuxakekile kwaye ngenene sasingenalo ixesha lokujonga sicinge ngokuyithenga.

Malunga nenyanga kamva, ndandisanda kuphuma kumnyango wam wangaphambili ndiyokuthatha iphepha lam lasekuseni kwindlela engaphambili, kwaye ifowuni yam yakhala. Yathi indoda, "Molo, Mfundisi, ndifuna ukuthengela i*Cadillac Escalade*, ufuna umbala onjani? Ndothukile, ndathi, "Wowu, intle loo nto. Mna noDrenda sithanda eziyiperile emhlophe." "Kulungile" wathi, "makhe ndijonge macala onke ndibone ukuba ndingafumana ntoni." Ngexa yemincili, ndiye ndalibala ukumxelela ukuba siyithanda kakhulu emfutshane. Injongo yakhe yayikukufumana enonyaka okanye emibini ubudala kwaye ikwimo entle kunye neemayile eziphantsi kakhulu.

Ke, asivanga kule ndoda into engange nyanga wade wafowuna wathi, "Ndine *Escalade* yakho; ndibana nam ngeli xesha kule ndawo, ugoduke nayo." Ngoko sadibana naye kwaye wayene Escalade eyiperile emhlophe emfutshane. Yayintle! "Ndiyaxolisa

ukuba kuthathe ixesha elide ukubuyela kuwe," watsho. Ndizamile ngenene ukufumana le inde, kodwa zikwifuno enkulu bekungekho nenye. Ekuphela endayifumanayo yile imfutshane. Ndiyathemba ukuba ilungile." Ilungile? Yiyo kanye ebesiyifuna nento kanye sasiyithethile!

Kwakhona, ndibuza umbuzo: yavela njani i*Escalade* esasiy-ifuna? Ke, okokuqala, ndiphise ngeemoto ezisibhozo ngaphandle kwemoto endayinika umfundisi endithethe ngayo ngaphambili. Kodwa andizange ndithi, "Yiyo le!" malunga nemoto ngaphambile de uDrenda enze loo nto ngeBMW. Ngoku, kwakhona, mna noDrenda siye savumelana kwaye savakalisa, "Yiyo le!" Ndithe iminyaka ukuba icawe yenze umsebenzi oncomekayo wokufundisa ngokupha kodwa umsebenzi ombi wokufundisa abantu indlela yokuvuna. Ngoko ungatsho ukuba yintoni irhengqa kumabali andulelayo? Ndiyathemba ukuba icacile! Ndihlwayele iimoto ezininzi ngokholo, ukuze ndibuyelwe, kodwa mna noDrenda asizange sivumelane ngemoto entsha. Kwakhona, saqhuba iimoto zethu okwethutyana, kodwa umzuzu zither, "Yiyo le!" yavela. Irhengqa ngamazwi ethu!

> *Ukufa nokuphila kusemandleni olwimi, abaluthandayo baya kudla isiqhamo salo.*
>
> — ImiZekeliso 18:21

Kwakukho ixesha apho icawe yayibonakala ifundisa okuninzi malunga nokuvuma kwethu. Bendikunye nabantu, kwaye nawe ngokunjalo, abanokuthetha into bavale imilomo yabo bathi "Kufuneka ndijonge into endiyivumayo." Oko kuvakala njengento encomekayo, kwaye ndiyavuma ukuba kuya kukunceda ugcine

ILiziwi entliziyweni yakho. Nangona kunjalo, ukujonga into oyivumayo ngenene akunanto yakwenza nerhengqa. Intoni? Kodwa bendicinga ukuba uthe nje irhengqa ngamazwi ethu. Ewe, nditshilo, kodwa ukuqonda indlela yokuthetha into elungileyo ayisositshixo ngokwayo.

> *Kuba inene ndithi kuni, **<u>Othe</u>** kule ntaba Funquleka, uphoseke elwandle, angathandabuzi entliziyweni yakhe, asuke **<u>akholwe</u>** ukuba **<u>ezo zinto azithethayo</u>** zinokwenzeka wakuzuza oko athe wakuthetha.*
>
> — UMarko 11:23

Kwakhona, irhengqa kuMarko isahluko 4 ngamazwi akho! Ngexesha uMarko isahluko 4 exubusha irhengqa, sele exubushe inkqubo yokholo nendlela yokulifumana. Ithi yakuba imbewu ivuthiwe faka irhengqa kuba ukuvuna kusondele. Isivuno sifikile ngenxa yokuba uselukholweni, uvumelana nezulu entliziyweni yakho. Le vesi ingasentla kuMarko 11 inika umgaqo ofanayo. Intliziyo yakho ikholwa ILizwi, emva koko uthethe kwaye ukhulule igunya lezulu. Kodwa qaphela eli bizana, "*akholwe ukuba ezo zinto azithethayo zinokwenzeka*." Ukucikideka kokholo kukuba uyakholwa yiloo nto uyithethayo. Ukuthetha nje okanye ukuvuma ILizwi likaThixo asilokholo. Ngaphandle kokuba intliziyo yakho ivumelana nezulu, ungavuma ude uyojika apho ujika khona akukho nto iya kwenzeka. Ngaba kufuneka sibeke iliso kuvumo lwethu okanye intliziyo yethu?

> *Umntu olungileyo, ebuncwaneni obulungileyo bentliziyo yakhe, uvelisa oko kulungileyo; nomntu okhohlakeleyo,*

> *ebuncwaneni obukhohlakeleyo bentliziyo yakhe, uvelisa oko kukhohlakeleyo; kuba umlomo wakhe uthetha ngokuphuphuma kwentliziyo.*
>
> — ULuka 6:45

> *Nazintweni zonke zigcinwayo, londoloza intliziyo yakho; Kuba aphuma kuyo amathende obomi.kususe kuwe ukujibiliza komlomo, Nokuthi gu bucala komlomo kudedise kuwe.*
>
> — ImiZekeliso 4:23-24

Sibona ngokucacileyo ukuba oko sikuthethayo kuphuma ezintliziyweni zethu noko ikukholelwayo. Ngokulandela inkqubo ekuMarko 4, siyayazi indlela yokutshintsha into ekholelwa yintliziyo yethu kwaye siyizise ekulungelelaniseni izulu nangokholo. Xa seyiseke ngokupheleleyo, sifaka irhengqa kumazwi nakwizenzo zethu. Uyifumene? Kuhle, ngoku masiqhubele phambili.

Njengokuba siqhubeka ngengxoxo yethu ngokholo, ndifuna ukuzisa umbuzo ekufuneka ukwazi ukuwuphendula.

Ndazi Njani ukuba Ndiselukholweni ngokwenene?

Lowo ngumbuzo omkhulu kwaye **kufuneka** wazi ukuba akunakwenzeka ukuba uthandaze umthandazo wokholo ngaphandle kokuba ube selukholweni kuqala. Kukho iindlela ezininzi zokwazi ukuba uselukholweni okanye hayi, zininzi iimpawu ekufuneka uzazi kwaye uzijonge. Unokwenza izigqibo-ezininzi-ezimbi ezisekelwe kuloyiko xa ungekho elukholweni. Izigqibo ezisekelwe kuloyiko ziya kuhlala zikuthimbela kwisiqalekiso somhlaba kwaye ziya kukwenza uphoswe kuko oko uThixo akufunelayo. Buyintoni ke ubungqina

bokuba uselukholweni? Uphawu lokuqala lulula; ungajonga emva kwingcaciso yethu yokholo kwaye uqonde ukuba ukweyiseka ngokupheleleyo entliziyweni yakho sisitshixo sokwenyani. Kodwa amaxesha amaninzi sicinga ukuba seyisekile kodwa sivumelana kuphela ezingqondweni zethu neLizwi kungekhona ezintliziyweni zethu. Kufuneka ukwazi ukubona umahluko. Xa weyiseke ngokupheleleyo kukho, ngokuqinisekileyo, ukuvumelana ngengqondo noko likutshoyo ILizwi kodwa kwanokwazi kokuqiniseka, ukuzithemba okuzisa uxolo nolindelo.

> *Ukholo ke kukukholosa ngezinto ezithenjiweyo; kukweyiseka bubukho bezinto ezingabonwayo.*
>
> — Hebhere 11:1

Ukuba unobungqina bokuba unento ethile, ngaba bungabasafuna ukuqinisekiswa ukuba unayo? Akunjalo. Kwakhona, xa uselukholweni kubakho ukwazi, uxolo, kunye nokuthemba ukuba unako oko likuthetheleyo ILizwi likaThixo, naxa ungayiboniyo. Abantu abaninzi bayithetha ngolu hlobo: "Ndiyazi ukuba ndiyazi ukuba ndiyazi ukuba ndiyazi ukuba ndiyazi ukuba ndinayo." Oku kwazi kuphuma ngaphakathi hayi kwinto oyixelelwa zizimo. Kusemntwini wakho womoya okanye entliziyweni yakho. Uloyiko luphelile, akusekho ingcinga ezihleliyo zokukhathazeka ezizalise ingqondo yakho; uyazi ukuba yenziwe.

Enye inkalo yokuba selukholweni luvuyo nolindelo. Impendulo yakho ilapha. Unayo! Ukholo lungaphezulu kokuziva unoxolo okanye ukuzithemba, nangona uya kuba nako. Kufuneka ukwazi nokukhusela isikhundla sakho ngokwasemoyeni. Xa ndisitsho, cinga ngenkundla kwaye wena njengegqwetha ubuza ingqina.

Kutheni ukholelwa kwinto oyikholelwayo ngemeko yakho? Ungasikhusela njani isikhundla sakho? Inye kuphela impendulo. ILizwi likaThixo.

Umzekelo ukuba kukho umntu oza endlwini yakho aze athi, "Phuma endlini yam," ungathi, "Owu, Ndiyaxolisa; sinike usuku, siyakuphuma"? Hayi, ubungeke, mhlawumbi ubuya kuhleka. Ukuba umfo uthe, "Hayi, yindlu yam le; phuma okanye ndodibana nawe enkundleni," impendulo yakho yoba, "Ndodibana ngovuyo enkundleni!" ekuchotshelweni kwetyala, uya kumbonisa ngokuzolileyo umantyi iimpepha zakho zendlu. Wayeya kujonga kanye kuzo abambe enye indoda ngokukuhlukumeza kwaye amenze ahlawule zonke iindleko zenkundla. Ukuzithemba kwakho akumiselwanga kwindlela oziva ngayo kunye neemvakalelo zakho, kodwa kunoko, emthethweni nakwinyani yokuba ungumnikazi wendlu ngokusemthethweni.

"UKHOLO KE KUKUKHOLOSA NGEZINTO EZITHENJIWEYO; KUKWEYISEKA BUBUKHO BEZINTO EZINGABONWAYO."
— HEBHERE 11:1

Xa kufikwa ekubeni selukholweni, Ndifumanisa ukuba amaxesha amaninzi abantu abangayiqondiyo into yokholo babhideka ngokulula ngokubeka ithembalabo kwizenzo zabo endaweni okuphela komthombo wabo wokholo, eliLizwi likaThixo. Kulula ukubhidanisa isenzo okanye indlela yokwenza, yokwenza ngokweLizwi likaThixo namandla okwenene oBukumkani, aphuma kwintliziyo eyeyisiwe ngokuqinisekileyo. Umzekelo ukuba uhlwayele imali eBukumkanini bukaThixo, ndaza ndakubuza ukuba kutheni ukholelwa ukuba uya kwamkela imbuyekezo ngaloo nto, impendulo yakho ayifanele ithi, "kuba ngalo mhla ndinike isixa esithile semali." Isivumo sijonge kwisenzo sakho, kwindlela

yokwenza, kwaye akukho iankile yengqiniseko. Isiqinisekiso sakho sinokuvela kuphela kwiLizwi likaThixo.

Andikwazi ukubala inani labantu endithandaze nabo xa ndibabuza ukuba kutheni bekholelwa ukuba bayakwamkela xa ndithandaza bavele bandijonge bengenampenduli. Xa ndibuza, ndikhangela ukholo lwabo, ukuvumelana kwabo nezulu. Ndifuna ukubeva besithi, "Ndiyazi ukuba ndizakwamkela kuba uThixo undithembisile kwincwadi ethile nakwivesi ethile ukuba yeyam." Ukuba abakwazi ukundinika isibhalo kukho ithuba lokuba, abana ankile kwaye abanalo nofifi apho inqanawa wabo iya khona.

Khumbula, ukholo lunokubakho kuphela xa uyazi intando kaThixo. Ngoba? Kuba ukholo lunokubakho kuphela xa intliziyo yakho ivumelana nentando kaThixo. Ndikholelwa ukuba abantu abaninzi bacinga ukuba baselukholweni xa bengenjalo. Kwakhona, iingqondo zabo zisenokuvumelana ukuba ILizwi likaThixo liyinyaniso kwaye lilungile, kodwa ukholo lubakho kuphela xa iintliziyo zabo zeyiseke ngokupheleleyo. Kwabaninzi, iingqondo zabo zivumelana neLizwi likaThixo, ukanti iintliziyo zabo azizinzanga.

Nanku umzekelo omhle wale nto ndithetha ngayo, endikholelwa ukuba uya kubonisa ukuba abaninzi abakho elukholweni xa becinga ukuba bakulo. Bekunokuthini ukuba bendinokuxelela ukuba bendisanda kufumanisa ukuba isibhakabhaka asikho luhlaza, njengoko bebesitsho abantu, kodwa loo mbala uluhlaza njengoko bebewubiza njalo ibingumbala otyheli? Ngamanye amazwi, ndikuxelele ukuba sasifundiswe ngokungachanekanga ubomi bethu bonke malunga nemibala kwaye uluhlaza ayingo luhlaza ngokwenene kodwa ngutyheli. Ungathini? Ungakhamisa ngumothuko ukhawuleze uthathe ifowuni yakho ufowunele itishala

wakho webanga lokuqala umngxolise, umtyhole ngokumosha ubomi bakho, ngokufundisa yonke imibala ngokungachanekanga? Andicingi njalo. Bekungayi kubakho kusabela ngokweemvakalelo zoloyiko, kungabikho drama. Ungazi ukuba ndisisidenge, uyikhabe le ngxelo njengenangqiqo, kwaye uqhubeke ngosuku lwakho. Ngoba? Kuba weyiseke ngokupheleleyo ukuba uluhlaza nguluhlaza!

Ngoku, masithelekise imizekelo yam kwingxoxo yethu yokholo. Kungathini ukuba buweyiseke ngokupheleleyo ngoko kuthethwa nguThixo ngokuphilisa, aze ugqirha akuxelele ukuba uza kubulawa ngumhlaza? Buza kujonga loo gqirha ucinge ukuba sisibhanxa kuba ubusazi ukuba akukho ndlela loo nto inokwenzeka. Ngoba? Kungenxa yokuba weyiseke ngokupheleleyo ngamalungiselelo okuphilisa awawahlawulelayo uYesu. Uyayibona? Ewe, abantu abaninzi bayathandaza, kodwa ekuhloleni, ndifumanisa ukuba imithandazo yabo ayiyomithandazo yokholo kodwa yethemba, nabo bengaqinisekanga ngesiphumo. Sihlobo sam, yiyo le nto kubaluleke kangaka ukuba sizakhe ngeLizwi likaThixo. Kufuneka siyazi intando kaThixo ukuze sibe nentembelo koko akuthethayo, size kananjalo sikugatye oko kungeyontando Yakhe. Mandikunike umzekelo kobam ubomi obonisa indlela ekubaluleke ngayo ukuzondla ngoko uThixo akuthethayo ngobomi.

Ndandidiniwe, njengoko yayiziiveki ezimbalwa ezinzima njengomnini weshishini (bekungaphambi kokuba ndibengumfundise wecawe). Ishedyuli yam yayigcwele ngumenxeba wentengiso kwaye, ngokuqinisekileyo, uxinzelelo lwezemali lokuphila ngekomishini. Ndandisiya kugqirha wamazinyo ukulungisa amazinyo. Yonke into yayihamba ngokwesiqhelo de ugqirha wamazinyo wandijova nge*Novocaine*. Uthe xa efaka inaliti, kwavakala ukuxhuzula ngesiquphe, emva koko umhlathi wam wangqingisholo

kwangoko, ngokuchaseneyo nokuba ngqingqisholo kancinci kancinci. Ndothuka ndaxelela ugqirha wamazinyo ukubakwenzeke ntoni. Wathi, "Owu, ndiyaqikelela ukuba ndibethe umthambo."Ndakhawuleza ndambuza, "Iqhelekile loo nto?" Wathetha la mazwi, "Ke, iqhele ukuphola." "Intoni?" Ndimve kakuhle? "Gqirha uthetha ukuthini ukuba iqhele ukuphola?" wathi, "Malunga neepesenti eziyi 80 ukuya ku 85 yexesha, iyaphola ngokupheleleyo ngaphandle kwesiphumo esibi esisigxina."

Intoni? Ngequbuliso ndafikelwa luloyiko. Ngoku kuthweni? Iza kuphola? Ingqondo yam ibiqala ukuzala zingcinga zoloyiko. Emva, kwedinga lam, ubuso bam bahlala bungqingqisholo ngokungafaniyo nesiqhelo sedinga nogqirha wamazinyo apho ubungqingqisholo buphela kancinci kancinci. Ndandisiya kwidinga lomthengi malunga neyure kude nedinga likagqirha wamazinyo, ngoko ndandinexesha elininzi lokucinga malunga noko kwakusanda kwenzeka. Kodwa indlela yonke eya kwelo dinga, ndandingcungcutheka, kungekhona kuyo nayiphi na intlungu, kodwa ngenxa yokungabikho koxolo kunye noloyiko olwalujikeleza engqondweni yam.

Endleleni egodukayo ndisuka kwidinga, kamva emini, ndamisa kwindlu yomhlobo. Ubuso bam babusengqingqisholo, ndandifuna isiqinisekiso emntwini ukuba izophola le nto. Qaphela impazamo yam: Khange ndijonge eLizwini likaThixo kodwa ndijonge kumntu ongelokholwa eliqinileyo ngokuzithemba kwam. Ndimxelele lo mntu okwenzekileyo kwaye ndilindele ukuba athi, "Asiyonto inkulu, Gary; iza kuphola." Endaweni yoko, nantsi into endayivayo, "Owu, hayi!" ndandinomhlobo owakha wenzekelwa yilo nto, kwaye ubuso bakhe abuzange buphole; ubuso bakhe buye bakhubazeka ukusukela ngoko." Ndandingayikholelwa le nto ndandiyiva!

Ingqondo yam yayinoloyiko olugqithisileyo ngoku. Ndenze ngathi ndiyazi ukuba kuzolunga kwaye ndambulelela ngexesha lakhe. Ndiphelelwe lithemba, ndiye ndaya kwikhaya lomnye umhlobo ndabuza kwa lombuzo, ndothukile ndeva kwaloo mpendulo inye, "Owu, hayi," watsho, "Ndandinomhlobo owakha wenzekelwa yilo nto, ubuso bakhe abuzange buphole; ubuso bakhe busakhubazeke nanamhlanje."

NGELO XESHA, NDANDISAZI UKUBA EKUPHELA KWETHEMBA LAM YAYILILIZWI LIKATHIXO.

Emva kolo tyelelo, ndiye ndaphulukana nolawulo. Ndandisazi ukuba uThixo uyaphilisa (engqondweni yam), kodwa ndandingakwazi ukulususa olo loyiko. Ngokuqinisekileyo intliziyo yam yayingeyisekanga. Ngobo busuku, ndandineentlungu! Ingqondo yam yayizele luloyiko, kwaye ubuso bam babusengqingqisholo njengokuba bebunjalo kwiofisi kagqirha wamazinyo. Ndithe ndisazama ukulala, ndaqala ndeva iintlungu phantsi kwendlebe yasekunene. Ingaba kunjalo? Utata wam wayekhe walwa idabi ne*Bell's palsy* kunyaka okanye emibini ngaphambili, kwaye wandixelela ukuba iqale ngeentlungu phantsi kwendlebe yakhe. I*Bell's palsy* yenzeka xa umthambo-luvo olawula izihlunu zobuso, ohamba kumngxuma omcinane kwithambo elingaphantsi kwendlebe, uxinwa lisulelo okanye ukudumba.

Ndithe ndilele apho ndizama ubuthongo, ndandisiva la mazwi ejikeleza kwingcinga zam, "Uzakuba ne*Bell's palsy* njengotatakho." Xa ndivuka ekuseni, ndandine*Bell's palsy*! Ngoku, yayingengomhlathi wam kuphela owawungqingqisholo kodwa nobuso bam bonke kwicala lasekunene babungqingqisholo ngokunjalo, kwaye ndandingakwazi ukuvala amehlo okanye umlomo wam. Ndandikwimeko embi ngokweemvakalelo.

Ndaya kugqirha wasekuhlaleni ukuze ndiqinisekise iintsolo zam. Emva kokuhlolwa, wandijonga wathi ngenene ndine*Bell's palsy*. Ndiye ndathi, "Kwenzekani emva koko?" Wathi, "Ke, malunga ne 80 ukuya kwi 85 pesenti yeemeko, iya kuphola ngaphandle kokukhubazeka okusisigxina." "Usanda kuthetha into endicinga ukuba uyitshilo?"

Ngelo xesha, ndandisazi ukuba ndisengxakini. Ndandisazi ukuba uSathana akazukuphelela apho, kwaye ndandingafuni nokuyibona into eza kulandela. Ndandisazi ngokwaneleyo ngemfazwe yomoya ukuze ndiqonde ukuba ndandisingise kwicala elingelilo. Khumbula, oku kwakuyiminyaka eyadlulayo ngaphambi kokuba ndazi kakhulu malunga nezi ntlobo zezinto. Kodwa ndandisazi ngokwaneleyo ukuba ndiqonde ukuba kufuneka ndijongane nale nto ngokomoya ukuba ndiza kuba nayo nayiphi na impumelelo yokuyoyisa. Ndaye ndaqaphela ukuba olu yayilulungiselelo lweedemon ukundibamba xa ndidiniwe kwaye ndingalindelanga nayiphi na ingxaki.

Ngelo xesha, ndandisazi ukuba ekuphela kwethemba lam yayiliLizwi likaThixo. Ngokwam ndandingenawo amandla okunqanda uloyiko olwalulawula ingqondo yam. Ndiye ndabhala amakhadi ayi 3x5 anezibhalo eziphilisayo kuwo kwaye ndawaxhoma kuyo yonke indlu. Ndaguquka phambi kweNkosi kwaye ndaqalisa inkqubo yokukhulisa ukholo entliziyweni yam. Ndandisazi ukuba kufuneka ndihlwayele ILizwi entliziyweni yam ukuze ukholo lukhule, ukuze ndicinge ngeLizwi likaThixo imini yonke.

Ekuqaleni zange kutshintshe nto. Ubuso bam bahlala bungqingqisholo, ndahlala ndisiliswa umoya woloyiko. Emva kweveki, kungekho nto itshintshileyo ebusweni bam, yenzeka! Kanye njengokuba isibhalo esikuMarko 4:26 sisifundisayo, ndathi ndakuhlwayela ILizwi entliziyweni yam, lwaqala ukumila ukholo,

kuqala yaba incakuba, kwaza kwalandela ikhaba, kwaza kwalandela isikhwebu, kwaza kwalandela ukhozo oluvuthiweyo kwisikhwebu.

Kuyo yonke le nkqubo, akukho sivumelwano ngenxa yoko akukho lukholo—okwangoku. Nangona kunjalo, nangona ndingaboni tshintsho okanye ndingazi ukuba le nkqubo isebenza njani, ngokwesibhalo sethu kuMarko 4, izinto ziyatshintsha ngokwenene. Olu tshintsho ndithetha ngalo alukho kummandla wendalo obonakalayo, kodwa utshintsho lwenzeka ezintliziyweni zethu. Ukuba sibambelela eLizwini, ILizwi litshintsha ngokuchothayo inkqubo yenkolelo yeentliziyo zethu ukusuka kweyokungakholwa ukuya kwisivumelwano nezulu ngokwayo. Ngoko ke kule meko, ndabambelela eLizwini, ndisazi ukuba yayikuphela kwempendulo yam.

Ngequbuliso, ngenye imini, njengoko ndandihamba endlwini yam kukho onke loo makhadi ayi 3x5 anezibhalo eziphilisayo kuwo axhonywe kuyo yonke indawo, ndiye ndajonga kwelinye endilibonileyo izihlandlo ezilikhulu. Kodwa kweli tyeli xa ndilijonga, BAM! Ngequbuliso, intambiso yeza phezu kwam, uloyiko lamka kwangoko, NDAYAZI ukuba ndiphilisiwe. Ewe, ubuso bam babusengqingqisholo. Kwakungekho tshintsho kodwa ndandisazi ukuba ndiphilile. Kwiiyure nje ezimbalwa ubuso bam babuqhelekile, bonke ubungqingqisholo buphelile. Makabongwe uThixo! ILizwi liyasebenza!

Nangona ndandibuvumele ubomi bam bomoya baba buthathaka ngenxa yokungakhathali nokuxakeka, ekugqibeleni ndayibona impazamo yam ndaza ndaguquka kububudenge bam. Oku kwakukudala xa ndandiqala ukufunda indlela ukholo olusebenza ngayo ngokwenene, kwaye ndandingenawo amava amaninzi kule ndawo. Ndijonga emva kwinto endayenzayo, ndibuza abantu

ngekamva lam xa ndisengxakini endaweni yokuba ndiye ngqo eLizwini likaThixo njengobudenge. Ndithe ndakuqonda ukuba kuqhubeka ntoni, ndaguqukela kwiLizwi likaThixo ngokuzithemba. Ngelishwa, abantu abaninzi abayithembanga le nkqubo kuba abazange bafundiswe ngokholo nokuba luza njani. Kuba bengayazi inkqubo, xe bephantsi koxinzelelo, bayaliyeka ILizwi, becinga ukuba alisebenzi.

Luqonde Uhlaselo lukaSathana

UChristine weza ecaweni yethu engazi ngoThixo. Wazalwa ngokutsha kwenye yeenkonzo zethu zakusasa ngeCawe kwaye ubomi bakhe batshintsha kakhulu. Ecaweni yethu sineklasi yokufundisa ngoBukumkani. Enye yeendawo esithetha kwaye sifundise ngayo lilungelo elisemthethweni lokufumana impiliso. UChristine wayenengxaki ngokuva kwakhe iminyaka. Enyanisweni, wayesele enxibe isixhobo sokuncedisa ukuva kangangeminyaka eyi 40 kwaye wayesele ephulukene ne 50 pesenti yokuva kwakhe. Uninawakhe wayesisithulu, kwaye umnakwabo naye wayekhathazwa yiloo ngxaki enye yokuphulukana nokuva. Xa uChristine esiva ukuba njengekholwa, wayenelungelo elisemthethweni lokuphiliswa wavuya kakhulu!

Eklasini, umfazi wam wabeka iizandla zakhe phezu kwakhe kwaye wathandazela ukuba iindlebe zakhe zivuleke, kwaye ngoko nangoko *pop*, wayekwazi ukuva kakuhle. UChristine waqalisa ukukhwaza ekhala edumisa uThixo. Xa inkosikazi yam, uDrenda, noChristine beza bendixelela iindaba ezimnandi, ndanomnqweno wokumlumkisa ngohlaselo lukaSathana. Ndixelele uDrenda ukuba ayalele uChristine ukuba iimpawu ziqale ukubuya ukuba athethe

ngesibindi kulo mba kwaye axele ukuba uphilisiwe kwaye uSathana makarhoxe. Ngentsasa elandelayo lwafika uvavanyo. Ukuva kwakhe kuye kwabuyela ekungakwazini ukuva kakuhle. Ke wenze kanye le nto sasiyithethile, "Hayi! Sathana, andiyamkeli le nto. Ndiphilisiwe kwaye *nda*philiswa, egameni likaYesu!" *Pop*! Iindlebe zakhe zavuleka kwaye zahlala zivulekile ukusukela ngoko.

Khumbula ukuba uSathana uya kuhlasela kwaye azame ukuwuthatha kwakhona umhlaba. Ungamvumeli ukuba enze njalo. Yima phezu kweLizwi likaThixo!

Kwesi sahluko, ndithathe ixesha ukukunika isiseko sokuqonda ukuba luyintoni ukholo, lusebenza njani, wazi njani ukuba uselukholweni, kwaye ulufumana phi ukholo. Ukuze uBukumkani bukaThixo busebenze ebomini bakho, kufuneka ukwazi oku. Khumbula, uYesu wathi kumfazi, "Ukholo lwakho lukuphilisile." Kwaye kuya kuba njalo nakuwe: ukholo lwakho, intliziyo yakho yeyiseke ngokupheleleyo koko likutshoyo izulu, nokufaka irhengqa kuya kuba yimpendulo yakho kuyo nayiphi na ingxaki okanye imfuno onokuthi ujongane nayo ebomini.

ISAHLUKO 6

INTSIKELELO YENKOSI

Ndandihleli kwivekile yokutyela nomfazi wam nesithethi esindwendweleyo. Kwakumalunga no 10:00 ngokuhlwa, kwaye sisanda ukugqiba inkonzo yangokuhlwa enamandla. Uye weza umncedisi ezothatha i-*order* yethu saqala ukuncokola. Isithethi sam sendwendwe saqala ukumxelela indlela ebimnandi ngayo inkonzo yethu yangecawe. Emva koko wathi, "Uyathanda ukuzingela?" wathi uyathanda ukuzilenga. Isithethi sam sendwendwe sasihlala siwavuyela amabali am okuzingela, kwaye enyanisweni, ndandimnike enye yeencwadi zam *Faith Hunt* ngobo busuku ukuba aye nayo ekhaya ukuze ayinike umhlobo wakhe. Ndandiphethe incwadi endandiza kuyithumela ekhaya naye ecaleni kwam ndiyibeke phantsi.

Umncedisi waqhubeka ethetha ngendlela awayezingela nokuzingela ngayo kodwa akazange alifumane ixhama. Indwendwe lam kunye nam saqala ukucacise indlela uBukumkani bukaThixo obusebenza ngayo kwaye wayenokulindela ukufumana ixhama rhoqo xa ephuma uyokuzingela. Wayengazi ngokwenene ukuba

acinge ntoni ngathi. Kodwa ndakhumbula incwadi endandinayo ndaza ndathi ndiza kumnika yona. Ndaxelela indwendwe ukuba ndizomnika enye incwadi wavuma. Umncedisi wandibulela waza wathembisa ukuba uza kuyijonga le ncwadi, kodwa ndandicinga ukuba mhlawumbi yayiya kuba sisihlandlo sokugqibela ndisiva kuye. Bekungenjalo.

Unyaka kamva, kwafika kwa esisithethi sendwendwe ecaweni sathi ukuba siyayithanda ivenkile yokutyela esasiye kuyo kunyaka odlulileyo kwaye sabuza ukuba singaya khona na. Senjenjalo. Sithe sakuhlala phantsi, samangaliswa kukuba sinomncedisi omnye nakula nyaka udlulileyo. Uthe xa esiza, wasijonga wathi, “Molweni, nanilapha kunyaka odlulileyo, sathetha ngokuzingela amaxhama.” Sathi, “Ewe, siyakhumbula.” Wathi, “ndiyifundile incwadi ondinike yona, kwaye ndenza ekutshoyo. Ndifumene amaxhama amabini kulo nyaka udlulileyo kwaye ndilindele ukufumana amaxhama am nakulo nyaka.” Sasivuyela ukuva ibali lakhe kodwa sasingamangazekanga. UBukumkani busebenza ngamaxesha onke!

Ndandibambe intlanganiso yabefundisi abamalunga no 25, ndibacacisela ngoBukumkani bukaThixo nendlela obusebenza ngayo. Yayiyintlanganiso entle. Ndathi xa ndiza kuphuma kwigumbi lentlanganiso nabasebenzi bam becoca, kwangena omnye umfundisi. Yena nomfazi wakhe beza kumkam baza bacela ukuba bathethe nathi. Umfundisa waqalisa ukusixelela ukuba indlu yakhe yayiza kuvalwa ekupheleni kweveki ngaphandle kokuba eze malungane $6,900. Wachaza ukuba wayengenamali ngaphandle kwe $100 egameni lakhe, awayeyiphethe ngesandla ngoku. “Yiyo yonke imali endinayo,” watsho, “kodwa ndifuna ukuyihlwayela njengoko ufundise ngokuhlwanje, ukuba wena nomfazi wakho

nivumelana nathi ngemali esiyidingayo kule veki." Sabambana izandla sonke sathandaza sibulela uThixo ngemali.

Malunga nenyanga kamva, ndabona lo mfundisi mnye komnye umcimbi weza kum evuya. "Kufuneka ndikuxelele ukuba kwenzeke ntoni," watsho. "Khange ndikuxelele oku xa besithetha ngaphambili, kodwa mna nenkosikazi yam sineshishini ecaleni elincinci lezikipa zesilika esiliqhuba kwigaraji yethu kanye ngexeshana. Asenzi into ingako ngalo, kodwa ngamaxesha athile siya kufumana umthengi. Ke, usuku emva kokuthandaza kwethu nani, samkela intengiso eziliqela ezifika kwi $8,900 xa zizonke. Kwakufuneka sisebenze nzima ngaloo veki, kodwa ngoLwesihlanu, sasisele sinayo i $6,900 esasiyidinga ukuze sigcine ikhaya lethu. Enkosi!"

Ndandikwinkomfa yabefundisi emantla eNorth Carolina nabanye abefundisi abamalunga ne 500. Ndandingathethi ndandizimasa kuphela. Indoda yeza kum yathi, "ndifuna ukuthetha nawe." Wayengumfundisi waseGermany, wathi unebali elinika umdla afuna ukundixelela lona.

Unyana wakhe, ovelisayo, ngandlela thile wafumana ii*CD* zam. Emva kokuba ezimamele, wagqiba kwelokuba uza kufumana i*PlayStation 3* ngokholo kuba wayengenayo imali. Ndiyathemba ukuba wonke umntu uyazi ukuba yintoni i*PlayStaton 3*, kodwa ukuba awuyazi, yinkqubo yokudlala yekhompyutha. Unyana wacacisela uyise oko wayekufunde kwii*CD* zam nendlela afuna ukuhlwayela ngayo imbewu aze athandaze noyise ngale nto. Ngoko ke umfundisi wandixelela ukuba akazange acinge nto ingako ngayo, kodwa njengomfundisi wecawe, wafumana imbewu kunyana wakhe, umnikelo wemali owenziwa ecaweni. Yena nonyana wakhe bathandaza kunye kwaye bavumelana ukuba unyana ngoku une*PlayStation 3*, kwaye bagqiba kwelokuba umba ugqityiwe.

Ngosuku olulandelayo, enye indoda yasecaweni yabo yatsalela umfundisi umnxeba yaza yambuza ukuba unyana wakhe akanangxaki na ukwenza imali eyongezelelekileyo njengoko wayenomsebenzi wexeshana awayefuna ukuncedwa ngawo. Unyana wavuya kwaye wenza imali eyaneleyo kuloo msebenzi weentsuku ezimbini yokuthenga i*PlayStation 3*.

Oku kwayitsala ingqalelo yonyana, kwaye emva kweeveki ezimbalwa kamva, umfundisi wathi unyana wakhe wabuyela eofisini yakhe waza wamcela ukuba avumelane naye ngenye into. Umfundisi wandixelela ukuba wathi, "Ngokuqinisekileyo," kodwa wamangazeka xa unyana wakhe embuza ukuba uya kuvumelana naye na ukuba uThixo angamnika izihlunu ezinkulu. Umfundisi undixelele ukuba akazi ncam ukuba makamphendule njani unyana wakhe kule nto. Kodwa ekugqibeleni, waxelela unyana wakhe ukuba uya kufuneka enze indima yakhe xa ecela izihlunu kwaye uya kuvumelana naye lo gama nje eyiqonda loo nto. Wavuma unyana wakhe. Ngoko kwakhona unyana wahlwayela izilunu ezinkulu, kwaye bathandaza ngokuvumelana ngoku.

Ngosuku olulandelayo, kwamisa imoto kwindlela kamfundisi. Yayilusapho lasecaweni. Xa umfundisi ephuma esiya kuthetha nabo bathi babecoca igaraji yabo kwaye bane intsimbi yokunyusa ababecinga ukuba unyana kamfundisi usenokuyifuna. Ukuba akunjalo, babecinga ukuba umfundisi usenokuba wazi ngomnye umntu ebandleni owayenokuzithanda. Umfundisi wandixelela ukuba akukho mntu wayesazi malunga nomnqweno wonyana wakhe wokuba nezihlunu nokuba babesanda ukuthandaza ngale nto kubusuku obungaphambili. Umfundisi wathi wayothukile! Wangena endlini wathi kunyana wakhe, "Ziphi eza *CD*?"

Ezi ntlobo zamabali zixhaphakile. Ndiziva ngalo lonke ixesha, kwaye ndifuna ukuba ziqheleke ebomini bakho ngokunjalo. Ukuze kube ngoku siye saseka kwaye saxoxa ngemiba eliqela ebalulekileyo yendlela esebenza ngayo imithetho yoBukumkani bukaThixo, kunye nendlela isivumelwano okanye ukholo liyimfuneko ngayo ukuze izulu lifumane ukuba semthethweni okanye ulawulo kummandla wasemhlabeni. Ngoku, masingene nzulu ngakumbi kwindlela le mithetho yoBukumkani enokunceda ngayo kwimfuno yethu yezemali.

Intsikelelo kaYehova, yiyo etyebisayo, imbulaleko ayongezi nento kuyo.

— ImiZekeliso 10:22

Xa ndandiqala ukubona esi sibhalo, ndacinga, "Ngokuqinisekileyo, asithethi kanye into esiyithethayo, akunjalo?" Kodwa ndifumanise ukuba sithetha kanye le nto siyithethayo! Ukuze siqonde ukuba esi sicatshulwa sithetha ngantoni, kuya kufuneka sijonge emva ekuqaleni, xa umntu wayedalwa.

Ke, wakha wangqina ubani, esithi:

"Uyintoni na umntu, le nto umkhumbulelayo? Unyana womntu le nto umvelelayo? Wamnciphisa kancina ne kunezithunywa zezulu, Wamthwesa uzuko nembeko. Wammisa phezu kwemisebenzi yezandla zakho."

Kuba, ekubeni wazithobela phantsi kwakhe zonke izinto ezo, uThixo akashiyanga nto ingathotyelwanga phantsi kwakhe.

— Hebhere 2:6-8

Sisifundile esi sicatshulwa ngaphambili, kodwa sibalulekile kwingxoxo yethu ngoku. Ekudalweni komntu, yonke into esemhlabeni yabekwa phantsi kolawulo lwakhe. Akubangakho nto ingathotyelwanga phantsi kwakhe. Wayelawula ummandla wasemhlabeni ekwisikhundla segunya awayesinikezelweyo kwaye ethwele isithsaba soburhulumente awayemmela. Wayembethe intambisa yaso kwaye ezukiswe ngendawo ayinikiweyo yegunya. USathana, owayevukele uThixo, wayesele egxothiwe emhlabeni ngaphambi kokuba uAdam abekho. USathana wayemthiyile umntu njengoko wazifumana sele elawulwa ngulo mntu uthwele isithsaba segunya likaThixo. USathana ngoku kwafuneka azithobe kwesi sidalwa esasithe ngokwendalo yaso yomzimba, sasibuthathaka kunaye. Ngokomoya, nangona kunjalo, ilizwi ngalinye elathethwa nguAdam lalinegunya elifanayo ngokungathi uThixo wayelithetha ngokwakhe. UAdam, unyana kaThixo, wayelawula phezu komhlaba ekwesi sikhundla segunya nobungangamsha.

Ngoko ke uSathana wayemthiyile umntu kwaye walinqwenela igunya awayenalo phezu komhlaba. Ekuphela kwempendulo yakhe yayikukuthabatha ngandlela thile isithsaba, isikhundla lo mntu wayenaso, asisuse kuye. Kwakukho ingxaki enye kuphela encinane. USathana wayengenawo amandla okuthatha isithsaba kuAdam, ekuphela kwethemba lakhe yayikukuba ngandlela ithile angamqhatha uAdam ukuba asikhulule ngokwakhe isithsaba. Ngokweyisela uEfa ukuba uThixo wayengenakuthenjwa kwaye ubomi bunokungaphezulu kunoko wayebaxelela, uAdam noEfa bakhethe ukukholelwa uSathana kunoThixo bavukela uThixo. Ekugqibeleni,

"INTSIKELELO KAYEHOVA, YIYO ETYEBISAYO, IMBULALEKO AYONGEZI NENTO KUYO."
— IMIZEKELISO 10:22

uAdam noEfa baphulukana nesikhundla sabo esisemthethweni segunya kuBukumkani bukaThixo, waza uSathana waba nguthixo weli hlabathi, njengoko sibona uPawulos ethetha naye apha ku 2 KwabaseKorinte.

> *Athe uthixo weli phakade wazimfamekisa ngaphakathi kwabo iingqiqo zabakholwayo, ukuze singabengezeli kubo isikhanyiso seendaba ezilungileyo zobuqaqawuli bukaKristu, ongumfanekiselo kaThixo.*
>
> — 2 KwabaseKorinte 4:4

Ngaphambi kokuba uAdam avukele, wayenandipha iingenelo zokuba ngunyana. Yonke into awayenayo uThixo yayiyeyakhe ukuba ayonwabele kwaye akazange ayazi imini yokuswela okanye ingcinga yokoyika nangemini enye ebomini bakhe. Yonke into awayedinga ukuze aphile kwisijikelezi-langa somhlaba yayisele ibekwe apha ngaphambi kokuba adalwe.

Ukuba sicinga emva ngeentsuku ezintandathu zokudala kwincwadi yeGenesis, sifumanisa ukuba umntu wadalwa ekupheleni kosuku lwesithandathu lwendalo, inxalenye yokugqibela yecebo likaThixo lokudala ela phunyezwayo. Isiphelo sakhe yayikukuphila ngomhla wesixhenxe, awathi uThixo wawuvakalisa njengomhla wokuphumla. Oku kwakungekuko ukuba uThixo wayediniwe kodwa wayegqibile kwaye yonke into igqityiwe. Khawucinge okomzuzwana ngento awayeyigqibile uThixo icebo elizukileyo awayenalo ngomntu. Okulusizi kukuba, uAdam wancama yonke loo nto, kwaye ngelo xesha, waphulukana nokuma kwakhe okusemthethweni eBukumkanini.

Xa uThixo waya kuye emva kwesigqibo sakhe sokungamthobeli, uThixo wathi kuAdam:

> *Uqalekisiwe umhlaba ngenxa yakho; uya kudla kuwo ubulaleke, yonkebimihla yobomi bakho. Uya kukutshulela imithana enameva neenkunzane, udle umfuno wasendle. Uya kudla ukudla kokubila kobuso bakho, ude ubuyele emhlabeni kobuso bakho, ude ubuyele emhlabeni, kuba uthatyathwe kuwo; ngokuba uluthuli, uya kubuyela kwaseluthulini.*
>
> — IGenesis 3:17b-19

Into yokuqala endifuna uyibone kukuba uThixo akazange awuqalekise umhlaba, nguAdam owenza njalo. Wayenolawulo olupheleleyo phezu kwawo. Wayengumgcini walo. UAdam, enolawulo olupheleleyo phezu komhlaba, wenza ukreqo kurhulumente kaThixo kwaye wamgxotha uThixo. Esi sigqibo saba nemiphumo emikhulu kungekuphela nje kuAdam kodwa kwanakuwo wonke umhlaba nakuwo onke amadoda okanye abafazi ababeya kuphila emhlabeni ukusukela ngaloo mini. Nangona wayesalugcinile ulawulo lwakhe kummandla wasemhlabeni awayelunikwe nguThixo, ngoku uziva engenamandla okulawula ngokwembono yesithsaba norhulumente awayekhe wammela nowayexhasa ulawulo lwakhe. Ukwahlulwa kubomi, ukufa, okwayinto engaqhelekanga kuAdam, ngoku kwathatha ulawulo.

UThixo ujongana noAdam ngoko akwenzileyo aze axelele uAdam ukuba ngoku, okokuqala, ngonyana wakhe, uphulukene nokuma kwakhe okusemthethweni kurhulumente kaThixo. Kwaye ngenxa yokuba uAdam wayengummeli waloo rhulumente kwisijikelezi-langa somhlaba, izulu liye laphulukana nommeli walo osemthethweni elathi ngalo lafumana ulawulo kummandla wasemhlabeni. Okwesibini, umhlaba ngokwawo ngoku uchaphazelekile kwaye awusayi kuphinda uvelise ubonelelo njengoko wawusenza

njalo ngaphambili kuMyezo waseEden. Ngoku ukubulaleka nokubila kukaAdam kwakuya kufuneka ukuze umhlaba uvelise oko wayekudinga ukuzu aphile. Ngoku ameva neenkuzane ziwela emasimini kwaye ubomi buba nzima; ukuphila kuba yindlela yobomi.

Ndiyibiza indlela enzima yobomi nengqondo yokuphila, ingcoliswe livumba loloyiko nokufa, nto leyo inzima kuye wonke umntu oweza emva kukaAdam, inkqubo yokuqalekisa yomhlaba. Kulapho mna nawe sakhulela khona kwaye inkqubo yokuphila sonke siyazi kakuhle. UDavide uyibiza ngokuba ngumfula wethunzi lokufa kwiNdumiso 23.

> *Nokuba ndihamba Emfuleni wethunzi lokufa, andiyi koyika bubi, ngokuba unam wena.*
>
> — IiNdumiso 23:4

Ngummandla apho uloyiko lokufa lungene emoyeni. Kodwa kukwakho nesinye isiphumo esibi. Umntu uphulukana nobudlelwane bakhe noThixo kwaye ke, ngenxa yoko, akazazi—ulahlekelwa yinjongo yakhe yendalo kunye nesazisi sakhe. Xa umntu wayedalwa, wanikwa injongo, isabelo. Wayeza kulawula umhlaba egameni likaThixo. Ngamanye amazwi, wayenikwe isabelo nenjongo kaThixo ebomini bakhe. Kodwa ngoku ingqondo yomntu itshintshele ekuphileni. Ukuphila kuba yinjongo yakhe kwaye ukuphila kwakhe sisabelo esingunyazisiweyo.

Ngoku, sonke isigqibo umntu asenzayo siya kuhluzwa ngesi siqalekiso sokuphila, nokuba kubonelelo lokufumana okanye lokugcina. Akukho xolo; yonke imihla izele kukubulaleka nokubila. Ekuphela kwendlela yokusinda kobu bomi bokuphila, ugqatso

lweempuku njengoko silubiza ngolo hlobo namhlanje, kukuba ngandlela thile nobonelelo elaneleyo eligciniweyo ukuze ekugqibeleni siyeke ukubaleka. Eli liphupha layo yonke indoda nomfazi ukusukela ekuweni komntu. Le yinjongo yabo ephamnili, ukuyeka ukubaleka. Nabani na onethamsanqa ngokwaneleyo lukuba nobonelelo olongezelelweyo ngoku ulugcina ngononophelo olukhulu nokhuseleko. Babambelela kulo ngoloyiko olukhulu lokuphulukana nalo, kuba ukuba benza njalo, baya kunyanzelwa okanye bakhotyokiswe ukuba babaleke ngokubulaleka nokubila kwakhona.

KWINKQUBO YESIQALEKISO YOMHLABA YOKUPHILA, WONKE UMNTU UDINIWE KUBALEKA.

Iphupha lomntu, injongo yakhe yokuphila, njengoko benditshilo, kukufumana ngandlela ithile isibonelelo esaneleyo ukuze ayeke ukubaleka njengekhoboka ukuze aphile kwaye afumane ukuphumla. Ndifuna ukuqinisekisa ukuba unokuqonda okucacileyo ngale nyani: Kwinkqubo yesiqalekiso yomhlaba yokuphila, wonke umntu udiniwe kubaleka.

Ndikhumbula ndihleli nomfundisi ngenye intsasa. Wayendixelela ukuba wayebuthanda ubulungiseleli rhoqo kusasa wayevuka de wakhumbula imeko yakhe yemali, amatyala, nokungabi namali. Wathi imiba yakhe yemali yayifana nengubo emanzi ezama ukufunxa kwa kanye ubomi bakhe kwaye imhluthe lonke ulonwabo lwento ayenzayo. Ayingabefundisi kuphela abanjongene nolu hlobo lokungasebenzi kakuhle. Yindlela yokuphila yoninzi lweentsapho njengoko behlala ematyaleni, ngamabona ndenzile.

Wonke umntu ukhangela indlela yokuphuma, kwaye ekuphela kwendlela yokuphuma bubutyebi, ukuba nezinto ezingaphaya

kokwaneleyo. Phantsi kwenkqubo yesiqalekiso yomhlaba, isazisi ngoku sichazwa ngento onayo kunye nemali onokuyenza. Okokuqala, umntu uzama ngamandla ukugquma ubuze bakhe, ukulahlekelwa yinjongo yakhe yokwenene eyiliweyo kunye nesazisi sakhe, aze athabathe into yomgunyathi. Ngoku uzama ukuthathela indawo intambiso kaThixo, eyayimgubungele ngozuko, ngobutyebi. Okwesibini, ukwazama ukuthathela indawo isithsaba sakhe sembeko, awayelawula kuso eBukumkanini bukaThixo, ngekratshi lobomi nokulawula abanye abantu. Umntu ngoku utyiwa yinto enye—ukufumana okanye ukugcine ubutyebi. Isazisi sakhe ngoku sifumaneka kubutyebi anabo namandla anokuwasebenzisa kwabanye abantu. Ubume kunye nesikhundla kuluntu sibalulekile kakhulu ekuzithembeni komntu owileyo.

Cinga ngayo. Ngowuphi umbuzo oqhele ukubuzwa yindoda kwenye indoda? Ingaba wenzani ebomini ukuziphilisa? Ngoba? Ngaba ngokwenene sixhalabile okanye sinomdla? Hayi ngokwenene, kodwa umbuzo ubeka inqanaba lentlonipho yethu kuloo ndoda. Ngamanye amazwi, sizibuza ukuba, "Ngubani na le ndoda? Sesiphi isikhundla okanye isithomo akuso kummandla wasemhlabeni? Kufuneka ndimnike intlonipho engakanani na?" Ngoku, ndithetha kuphela ngokwembono yendoda apha, manenekazi. Ndiyaqonda ukuba nina manenekazi nisebenza ngokwembono eyahlukileyo ngokupheleleyo yesazisi.

Namhlanje le nkqubo yesiqalekiso yomhlaba isasebenza! Abantu bayakuhluza izigqibo zabo ngesihluzo sokufumana okanye ukugcina imali. Abantu baya kuthutha iidolophu bathathe umsebenzi ohlawula ngcono ngaphandle kokicinga kabini ngokubhekisele kwinjongo yabo. Wonke umntu ufuna ukwaziwa. Ngoba? Kungenxa yesazisi (isikhundla) nobutyebi.

Uphando lathathwa phakathi kwamawaka abafundi bamabanga aphakathi malunga nokuba ngowuphi umsebenzi ababefuna ukungena kuwo xa bekhulile. Amashumi amathandathu-anesihlanu epesenti athi injongo yabo yomsebenzi yayikukuduma. Ukuduma? Ukugqibela kwam, ukuduma ngokwako ayingomsebenzi.

Olunye uhlolisiso lwafumanisa ukuba abasebenzi abayi 30 pesenti bayithiyile imisebenzi yabo, kwaye olunye lwafumanisa ukuba enye i 40 pesenti abayithandi imisebenzi yabo. Ngoko sinabasebenzi abayi 70 eU.S. abangayithandi into abayenzayo! Ngoko ke kutheni belapho? Kungenxa yokuba bangamakhoboka okuphila, bebaleka ngokubulaleka nokubila ukuze nje baphile. Injongo nothando azikho kwiingcinga kuninzi lwaba basebenzi, ukuhlawula amatyala yeyona nto ikhuthazayo. Ukukhotyokiswa kwimfuno yokufumana imali kushiya indawo encinane yokhetho. Ohlawula eyona mali ininzi uyaphumelela ngalo lonke ixesha. Ibizwa ngokuba lugqatso lweempuku! Kulapho sihlala khona mna nawe. Yiba nomfanekiso engqondweni yakho we*hamster* ebaleka ngesantya esiphezulu njengoko inako, ayiyindawo kwivili le *hamster*. Siyahleka sicinge ukuba imnandi. Kodwa kwihlabathi lokwenyani, ayithandeki, ayithandeki kwaphela. Abantu ubayafa kwelo vili baze bangaze bafike apho bebenethemba lokuba baya kuphelela khona.

Nani nize ningafuni ukuthi ningadla ntoni na, nisele ntoni na; kanjalo nize ningathingazi. Ngokuba <u>zonke ezo nto zingxanyelwe</u> ziintlanga zehlabathi; uYihlo ke uyazi ukuba niziselwe ezo zinto. Funani uBukumkani bukaThixo nina, zaye zonke ezo zinto ziya kongezelelwa kuni.

— ULuka 12:29-31

Ukubaleka ngokubulaleka nokubila yeyona nkqubo esiyaziyo. Ukuba ndikuxelele ukuba kufuneka uphume ematyaleni, ndithetha ukuba KUFUNEKA uphume ematyaleni kwiinyanga eziyi 12 okanye usapho lwakho lonke luya kuthunyelwa e*North Pole* ngonaphakade (Ndisebenzisa umzekelo ogqithisileyo ukwenza inqaku), uza kwenza ntoni? Ndiza kuxelela into obuya kuyenza. Uya kuqalisa ukwenza isicwangciso sokubila kwaye ubaleke ngesantya esiphezulu. Ungathi, "Ke, ndingasebenza imisebenzi embalwa yethutyana. Inkosikazi inokusebenza eminye imisebenzi yethutyana, nabantwana banokuncedisa." Uyabona, leyo kuphela kwenkqubo yokubonelela oyifundileyo, inkqubo yokubulaleka nokubila. Mandikunike omnye umfanekiso wale nkqubo.

Masicinge ukuba bendibaleka ndisihla ngestrato sakho, kwaye ndifumene ibhegi yephepha emdaka kwelinye icala lestrato sakho enezigidi ezilishumi zeedola kuyo. Ndandinemincili, kodwa ndisazi ukuba kufuneka ndiyixele. Kuba ndikwazi, ndabaleka ndaya kowenu ndacela ukusebenzisa umnxeba wakho. Nditsalele isebe likasherifu umnxeba umile umamele. Ndabaxelela into eyenzekileyo nento endiyifumeneyo. Emva kokuthula ixeshana njengoko bebejonga iingxelo zabo, bandixelela ukuba abanayo ingxelo yokuba imali ilahlekile kwaye ndingayigcina. (Andicingi ukuba bangathetha loo nto, kodwa iyasebenza kumzekeliso wam.) bathi xa bendixelela loo nto ndavele ndaxhuma ndakhwaza luvuyo. Ndakuxelela into abayitshiloyo, ndingakwazi ukuzibamba luvuyo.

Uncume njengokuba ndivuya ndikucacisela yonke le nto. Kodwa ucinga ukuba ubuya kwenza ntoni etafileni ngesidlo sangokuhlwa ngobo busuku njengoko ubuxelela umlingani wakho elo bali? Buya kuncuma? Andicingi njalo. Ubunokuthi, "LOO NTO________________!" ugcwalise isithuba, akunjalo?

Wazi njani ukuba igama elithi, "AYILUNGANGA" liyimpendulo echanekileyo? Ndiza kuxelela ukuba njani, kuba yindlela owakhuliswa ngayo. Ukubulaleka nokubila yayiyndlela eyayisenziwa ngayo.

Kumzekelo wam, ndifumene imali ngaphandle kokusebenza, kwaye oko kukuqhatha inkqubo. Akulunganga. Bekungalunganga kuba khange ndiyisebenzele loo mali; ndiyifumene nje. Usazi ukuba mhlawumbi awusoze ube nethamsanqa elinjalo, waphathwa ngumona nobukrakra, usazi ukuba iintsuku zakho zisazakuzaliswa bubukhoboka obunyanzeliweyo ukuze uphile.

Xa kuthelekiswa, ukuba ngenye imini ndize ecaweni zonke iimpahla zam zikrazukile zimdaka ndaphakama ndathi ebantwini, "Siyenzile! Mna noDrenda sisebenze iiyure eziyi 22 ngosuku kule minyaka ilishumi idlulileyo, kwaye ekugqibeleni siyihlawulile indlu yethu," indawo yayiza kugqabhuka ngovuyo nokuncoma. Ngoba? Kungenxa yokuba kukho umntu oyenzileyo, kwaye ufumanise ukuba iyakukhuthaza. Kukho umntu oyenzileyo; kukho indlela yokuphuma! Mhlawumbi singabamba amazinyo, sinyamezele, sihlawule ixabiso, kwaye sikhululeke kananjalo. Kodwa kwakutheni ukuze wonke umntu angakhwazi aqhwabe izandla ngoku ndandifuneme imali ecaleni kwendlela? Kodwa kutheni kubelula kuwe ukuba ugcwalise isithuba? Kungenxa yokuba le yindlela ocinga ngayo; yile nto uphupha ngayo nawe. Ukulunga yindlela yokubulaleka nokubila esiye sayifunda sonke. Imali ngaphandle komsebenzi ayilunganga.

Kodwa ukubaleka kuloo nkqubo yokubulaleka nokubila liphupha lomntu wonke. Ukuba sisityebi, ukuba ngusozigigidi yingcinga enomtsalane kubantu abaninzi. Isigidi seedola, asiyiyo le nto yayiyiyo ngaphambili kodwa ukuba nje linani, isathetha ngobutyebi. Ubutyebi bunika ithuba lwenkululeko emi ngokwahlukileyo

kubomi bokusebemze mihla yonke obuphilwa ngabantu abaninzi. Wonke umntu udiniwe kubaleka, kwaye ukuba nezigidi zeedola kuya kuthetha ukuba banokuyeka kwaye ekugqibeleni benze oko bafuna ukukwenza. Cinga ngayo: Yintoni umtsalane welotho? INKULULEKO! Inkululeko yokuba nokhetho, ukwenza izigqibo ezingajikelezi ekuhlawuleni amatyala okanye ukuziphilisa.

Umboniso, *Who wants to be a Millionaire*, uthandwa kakhulu. Unomtsalane kuba wonke umntu uphupha ngaloo nkululeko. Njengoko bebukele umboniso, baya bandakanyeka ngokweem-vakalelo, bekhuthaza umntu okhuphisanayo, ngethemba lokuba baphumelele.

Ukutshintsha isihloko ngokufutshane, ubusela kwingcaciso yayo elula kukwasisibonelelo esingahambi nomsebenzi. Ngengqiqo egqwethekileyo, bukwabonelela ngenkululeko kwinkqubo yesiqa-lekiso yomhlaba. Masivumelane ke ukuba wonke umntu ufune ukuyeka ukubaleka! Kodwa ngaba ikho indlela yokuphuma? Izikimu zemali zininzi. Ndifumana ubuncinci be iimeyile ezilishumi ngosuku kubantu bapheseya kolwandle abandixelela ibali labo elilusizi lokuba bazuze ilifa lwezigidi zeedola eziyi 20 kwaye badinga umntu oza kubanceda bayikhusele kwindawo ekhuselekileyo. Bathi bazakundinika isiqingatha sayo ukuba nje ndingavolontiya ukuba ndithathe imali yabo ndiyikhusele. Ngokuqinisekileyo, emva koko bafune iadresi yam ye imeyile kwaye ukuba ndihlawula imali encinci yokulungisa, imali yokuthumela, imali ye *insurance*, nantoni na abafuna ukuyibiza intlawulo abayicelayo ukuba ikhulule ilifa. Nyani? Ndibonakala ngathi ndifana nesidenge?

Ndinomthengi onditsalele umnxeba, wafuna ingcebiso ngotyalo mali. Ndibuze umthengi wam imibuzo, ndafumanisa ukuba unezigidi ezintlanu zeedola zokutyala. Wandixelela ukuba

akanayo le mali okwangoku, kodwa isuka kwilifa. Ndambuza ukuba ucinga ukuba liza kulungiswa nini na ilifa, wathi kwiiveki ezimbini. Ndiye ndamtsalela umnxeba malunga neeveki ezimbini, wathi liza kuthatha ixesha elidana. Wayenengxaki yokuba ilifa likhutshwe kwibhanki yaseEurope eyayilibambile. Ke, yafumana ingqalelo yam, ndiye ndaqala ukubuza imibuzo. Ibali lalikukuba wayenomalume owasweleka eFrance. Lo malume wamshiyela izigidi ezintlanu zeedola. Nangona kunjalo, kwakukho imfanelo yerhafu eyi $50,000 eyayisafuneka kwilifa eyayifanele ihlawulwe ngaphambi kokuba lithunyelwe kuwe. Wandixelela ukuba usazama ukuyifumana imali kwaye ufake isicelo semali mboleko yendlu.

Ndimbuzile ukuba unalo na igqwetha, wathi, ewe igqwetha elalimtsalele umnxeba osuka eFrance lalijongene nayo. Ngoko awunalo igqwetha laseAmerica elisebenza kule nto? Wathi, "Hayi, ndineli landitsalela umnxeba eFrance." Uya waqhubeka wacacisa ukuba ngenxa yokuba kunzima ukuza ne $50,000 igqwetha laseFrance lathi liza kuhlawula isiqingatha semali, nokuba ndingambuyisela emva kokuba imali ikhululiwe. "Hayi, ndithe, bubuqhophololo obu!" nangona wayengazange ave ngalo malume ngaphambili, wayekholelwa ukuba le yinyani. Ndamtsalela umnxeba emva kweeveki ezimbini, wathi uphantse wayifumana yonke imali yokuthumela ebhankini. Kwakhona, ndamxelela, "Sele benazo izigidi ezintlanu zeedola." Ukuba bafuna ngokwenene ukurhafisa imali banokuthumela i imeyile okanye bathumela ifomu ngobusuku ukuze uyityikitye uyithumele emva ibagunyazisa ukuba bathathe i $50,000 kwimali abasele benayo." Kodwa wayengandikholelwa kwaye eyisekile ukuba bathetha inyaniso.

NgeCawe nje egqithileyo bendinemeko efanayo. Umfana wayendicela ingcebiso ngotyalo mali malunga nemali awayeza

kuyifumana kwilifa lapheshya. Andamyeka agqibezele isivakalisi sakhe. Ndathi, “Ndiyazi, Ndiyazi, bafuna ukuba uthumele umrhomo othile emva koko baya kuyikhulula imali, akunjalo?” “Ewe, wazi njani?” ndamxelela into enye, ukuba bubuqhophololo. Nangona wayengamazi lo mntu bekuthiwa ubhubhile, kwaye engenalo igqwetha apha eU.S., wandilwisa ngendaba yemali. Kutheni aba bantu bekholelwa le nto? Kuba bafuna ukukhululeka! Abanako ukuyiyeka ngenxa yokuba, ezingqondweni zabo, ukuba kukho ithuba nokuba lincinci kangakanani na ukuba yinyani, bayayifuna.

Mandenze omnye umzekelo. Ishishini lenkonzo yezemali lam noDrenda likwiUnited States yonke. Lishishini elilungileyo! Ithuba kwinkampani yam liyinyani; ndinabantu abenza amakhulu amawaka eedola ngonyaka. Kodwa kuninzi onokufunda kwishishini lam. Uphatha iimali zabantu. Kukho imithetho ekufuneka uyazi nezicwangciso zamafa onokuzifunda.

Kuye kwafuneka ndiqhube iintengiso zikanomathotholo eColumbus, Ohio, kwisikhululo sikanomothotholo sasekuhlaleni samaKristu ndicela ii*CV*, njengoko ndandikhangela abagqatswa abambalwa abalungileyo. Sasinamalunga nabayi 50 abazileyo. Endaweni yokumisela udliwano ndlebe kwangoko, ndiye ndagqiba ekubeni ndibambe isheshini yoqhelaniso kwihotele ekufutshane ukunceda ukujonga abafake izicelo. Intlanganiso yayiyakuquka amandla amakhulu inkampani yethu enawo kwindawo yentengiso, indlela esimiswe ngayo ukuba singaneli nje ukwabelana ngendlela esebenza ngayo imali kodwa nokubeka le ngcebiso kumbono wehlabathi wobuKristu. Siye sathetha ngendlela inkampani yethu esebenza ngayo ngokubhekisele kwiinkqubo, imbuyekezo, uqeqesho, kunye neemfuno zelayisensi. Ndandisazi ngokusuka

kumava ukuba uninzi lwabagqatswa bam baya kurhoxa xa bebona ukuba ungakanani umsebenzi owenziwayo ukuze wenze i $200,000 ngonyaka.

Emva kwentlanganiso, ndandisihla ngeholo lasehotele ndabona ukuba iholo elikhulu lalizele ngabantu abangaphezu ko 1,000. Bonke babezele isizathu esifanayo. Inkampani edumileyo yamanqanaba amaninzi yayinika intetho malunga nokuba yinxalenye yenkampani yabo. Kodwa kwakutheni ukuze abantu abaninzi baze xa kuthelekiswa nabayi 50 kwigumbi lam? Eyona mpendulo ilula—imali! Ngelishwa, kwaye asiyiyo le nto yayithethwa yinkampani yamanqanaba amaninzi, kodwa umbono yayikukuba, "Ukuba ndithe ndangena, ndithumele abantu abathathu, bam, ndingusozigidi." Ngoku, ndibekho ixesha elide ngokwaneleyo ukuba ndazi ukuba nabani na owenza imali enkulu kumashishini amanqanaba amaninzi usebenza nzima!

Ewe, isakhono sikhona, kodwa kwakhona umbono yimali elula kwaye "Ukuba ndiyeke eli thuba lihambe, jonga bonke aba bantu balapha, ndiza kuphoswa lithuba lobomi!" ndicela ungandivi kakubi. Ndinabahlobo abaninzi abalungileyo abenze izigidi kwezi ntlobo zeenkampani, kwaye kukho ii*MLM* ezininzi ezinkulu phandle apha. Kodwa ndibonisa nje ingqondo umntu oqhelekileyo ofuna umsebenzi kwi*MLM*. Ukuthengisa imali elula yimali enkulu kwinkqubo yesiqalekiso yomhlaba wokusinda.

NGAPHANDLE KOKULUNGISA INTO YEMALI, UYA KUHLALA UBALEKA PHANTSI KWENKQUBO YENGQONDO YESIQALEKISO YOMHLABA UBOMI BAKHO BONKE.

Ukuba unokuma okomzuzwana kwaye uzibuze ukuba ucinga kangakanani ngemali, nokuba ukuyifumana okanye ukukhusela

oko unako, uya kumangaliswa. Ndizakuyithetha kwakhona ukuze uqonde into endiyithethayo: wonke umntu ufuna ukuyeka ukubaleka kwaye bandiniwe kukuphila nje ukuze baphile. Umtsalane weholide kukuba sinokuyeka. Umtsalane wokuthatha umhlala phantsi kukuba ekugqibeleni singayeka senze into esifuna ukuyenza. Ungandivi kakubi. Iimbono zabantu abaninzi ngobomi asikuko ukuba bafuna ukuhlala nje bangenzi to. Kwaye andithi yintando kaThixo nangawe. Hayi, sidalwe ukuba sisebenze kwisabelo sethu, injongo yethu edalwe ngokukodwa. Ngelishwa, abantu abaninzi baxakeke kakhulu bebaleka nje ukuba baphile kangangokuba bancama amaphupha abo kwiminyaka eyadlulayo.

Ndiqinisekile ukuba uve umntu othetha le nto, okanye mhlawumbi uyithethile ngokwakho: "Kuya kufuneka ndiye emsebenzini namhlanje." Njengoko sele ubonile, abantu abaphatheki kakuhle ngokweemvakalelo xa "kufuneka" baye emsebenzini. Kodwa, bayachuma xa befuna ukusebenza ngenzondelelo koko bakwenzayo. Ngokwesiqhelo, akunjalo kwisininzi esikhulu sobomi babantu. Endaweni yoko, basathi "Kufuneka ndiye emsebenzini namhlanje." Ukwenza nje umvuzo, olunye nje usuku eofisini, olunye usuku lokuphila kwaye uphantse ungayenzi. Uninzi luqala kakuhle ebomini bezele yimincili. Umsebenzi abawuthathileyo nje ukuze bahlawule amatyala yayiyinto yethutyana, bade balungise izinto ezithile. Kodwa into abayiqondileyo kukuba ubomi baba mfiliba, kwaye kwimiyaka yabo engamashumi amane, baqonda ukuba akukho ndlela yokuphuma. Ibizwa ngokuba yingxaki yaphakathi kubomi, kwaye okokuqala, baqonda ukuba bababambekile.

Mhlobo wam, obu asibobomi njengoko uThixo wabuyila ukuba buphilwe. Sele uyazi loo nto. Kodwa ukubaleka elikamva lilusizi yilo nto mna noDrenda kudala sisithi ukuba awuyilungise into yemali,

awusoze uyifumane injongo yakho, injongo eyodwa yobomi bakho. Ngaphandle kokulungisa into yemali, uya kuhlala ubaleka phantsi kwenkqubo yengqondo yesiqalekiso yomhlaba ubomi bakho bonke.

Ukuba awuyilungisi into yakho yemali, awusoze uyifumane injongo odalelwe yona.

Ngokuthelekisa, masithethe ngendlela ubomi bakho ubonukuba ngayo. Masicinge ngento othanda ukuyenza. Masithi yigalufa. Wakhe weva umntu esithi, "Yhu kufuneka ndiyokudlala igalufa namhlanje"? Okanye uve umntu esithi, "Yhu, bubusuku bangoLwesihlanu; ndiyabucaphukela ubusuku bangoLwesihlanu. Akwaba bekungoMvulo ekuseni, ukuze ndibuyele emsebenzini." Okanye masithi into othanda ukuyenza kukuloba. Ndingakhe ndikuve usithi "yhu, kufuneka ndiyokuloba namhlanje"? Hayi, ndiyathandabuza ukuba ndingakuva oko kuba uyayithanda loo nto. Kuya kwenzeka ntoni ukuba ubuphila ubomi bakho ngolo hlobo lwenzondelelo yento oyenzayo, kwaye ukwazi ukugxila kwinto oyithandayo ufumane indawo yakho emnandi, hayi indawo yakho yokubila ebomini? Kungathini ukuba ubunemali efunekayo ukuze unakekele usapho lwakho kwaye uphile ubomi obungenax-inzelelo lwemali? Ikhona ngokwenene indlela yokwenza oko? Mna noDrenda sifumanise ukuba ikhona!

Intsikelelo kaYehova, yiyo etyebisayo, imbulaleko ayongezi nento kuyo.

— ImiZekeliso 10:22

Thatha ixesha elide, ucothe ujonge esi sibhalo. IsiHebhere sithetha ubutyebi ngaphandle kokubulaleka okongeziweyo. Uyibonile? UBukumkani bukaThixo bubonelela ngendlela yokuphuma kwinkqubo yokubulaleka nokubila awasishiya nayo uAdam. Ngaba le vesi ngokwenene inokuthetha oko ikutshoyo? Ungavuma ukuba kunjalo, ngoko usanda kufunda ezona ndaba zilungileyo ozivileyo kwixesha elide kakhulu. Ngokuchanekileyo! Yiyo loo nto UIsaya 61 eprofeta ngoYesu noko wayeza kukwenza kubulungiseleli Bakhe, esithi:

> *UMoya weNkosi uYehova uphezu kwam; ngenxa yokuba uYehova endithambisele ukuba ndishumayele iindaba ezilungileyo kumahlwempu.*
>
> — UIsaya 61:1

Kodwa yintoni iindaba ezilungileyo kumntu obanjwe kubomi bokuphila benkqubo yesiqalekiso yomhlaba? Inkululeko yezemali, ngokuqinisekileyo! UYesu uthi ukuba uBukumkani bukaThixo bubonelela ngaphandle kwemida wenkqubo yesiqalekiso yomhlaba yokubaleka ngokubulaleka nokubila. Masivume. Ungabaleka ngesantya kwaye abantu abaninzi, babaleka kakhulu kwaye bafumanise ukuba abakhawulezi ngokwaneleyo ukuze bakhululeke. Ndandibaleka ngesantya kangangoko ndinako kule minyaka isithoba mna noDrenda sasinamatyala amakhulu. Amakhulu amawaka abathengi inkampani yethu ebabonileyo kule minyaka eyi 27 idlulileyo, nabo babebaleka ngesantya kangangoko benako. Ukanti, nangona babekhuthele, babesabambekile kubomi bobukhoboka bezemali. Bonke basitsalele umnxeba ngenxa yokuba

babenoloyiko lokuqonda ukuba abanathemba ngokwezumali, amaphupha abo okuzimela ngokwezimali ekhangeleka enzima nangakumbi ukufezekiswa, kwaye umbono wayethathelwe indawo kukuphila. Jonga igama elithi ubonelelo (*provision*) kunye nam okomzuzwana.

Ukubonelela (*provision*) kukuba-nombono (*pro-vision*).

Ngaphandle kobonelelo akunakubakho mbono kuba ngaphandle kobonelelo, ukufumana isibonelelo, kuba ngumbono wakho. Kwakhona, le yindlela abantu abaninzi abaphila ngayo—ubomi obungenambono. Obu bubukhoboka ngeyona ndlela yabo ekhohlisayo.

ISAHLUKO 7

UMNYANGO

Masihlole okomzuzwana oko sikufundileyo malunga noBukumkani bukaThixo. Okokuqala, siye safunda ukuba umntu wabekwa emhlabeni ukuze alawule umhlaba. Sibone kumaHebhere 2:7-8 akukho nanye into ehlabathini engathotyelwanga phantsi komntu. Ngenxa yoku sifumanise ukuba umntu sisitshixo okanye umnyango kummandla wasemhlabeni. USathana wayekwazi oku, yiyo loo nto wayejolise kuAdam noEfa kwisicwangiso sakhe sokuzuza igunya phezu komhlaba. Xa uAdam noEfa benikezela kwisicwangciso sikaSathana senkohliso, bona baza baqhawula igunya likarhulumente kaThixo phezu kobomi babo. UMoya kaThixo, owawubagubungela kwindalo, ngoku kwafuneka urhoxe. Baba ze kungekuphela ngokwenyama kodwa nangokomoya. Ndinomfanekiso ngqondweni womothuko abadibana nako xa uMoya kaThixo wemka kubo. IBhayibhile ithi kwangoko baqala ukuluka amagqabi omkhiwane ukuze bazigqume, njengoko babeziba beze.

Nangona umntu wayesenesikhundla sokulawula umhlaba njengoko wayesinikwe ekudalweni, ngoku wayephulukene negunya namandla akhe okulawula ummandla wasemhlabeni ngokomoya.

Ngenxa yokuba wayekhethe ukuvukela uThixo waza wakhetha ukukholelwa nokuzimanya noSathana endaweni kaThixo, umntu waba phantsi kwegunya likaSathana kwaye, ngenxa yoko kwaisigwebo esifanayo awasifumanayo uSathana (*Lucifer*) xa wagxothwa ezulwini. Isigwebo yayiyindawo ebizwa ngokuba sisihogo, indawo yentuntumbo nokugxothwa kubukho bukaThixo ngonaphakade. Kufuneka kuphawulwe ukuba isihogo asizange sidalelwe umntu okanye kucingwe ngomntu xa sidalwa. Yayingeyonjongo kaThixo ukuba nawuphi na umntu aye khona.

> *Uya kuthi nakwabangasekhohlo, "Mkani kum, nina baqalekiswa, niye emlilweni ongunaphakade, owalungiselwa uMtyholi nezithunywa zakhe."*
>
> — UMateyu 25:41

Ukuze ahlangule umntu kwesi siphelo, kwakuya kufuneka uThixo amisele kwakhona igunya likarhulumente Wakhe emhlabeni. Kwakuya kufuneka afune indlela yokulithatha igunya likaSathana ngoku. Kwakukho kuphela indlela enye eyayinokwenzeka ngayo. Umntu owayengena sono kwakuya kufuneka ngokuzithandela athathe isohlwayo sokufa esikhundleni sikaAdam. Kodwa kwakukho ingxaki encinci yokuba eso sicwangciso sibenako ukwenzeka. Wonke umntu osemhlabeni ngoku, eyinzala kaAdam, wayedyojwe sisono kwaye wayengenako ukuthwala uMoya kaThixo negunya Lakhe. Kodwa uThixo wayenesicwangciso sokuyoyisa le ngxaki. Isicwangciso sasiza kufuna ukuba iimfuneko Zakhe zobulungisa, umthetho Wakhe, zimiselwe zize zibhalwe kummandla wasemhlabeni apho umntu ohlala emhlabeni wayenokugwetywa njengomsulwa kwangaloo mthetho mnye, ukuba oko

kwakunokwenzeka. Kungelo xesha kuphela eyawekuthi loo mntu azinikele ngokusemthethweni ukuma endaweni kaAdam, athathe kuye isohlwayo sikaAdam.

Kodwa kwakukho umba wokwenene ngale ngcinga njengoko umntu owayenokulenza eli dini wayengenakuba yinzala kaAdam, njengoko loo mnombo wawungcolisiwe wasuswa kubukho bukaThixo. Ke isicwangciso sokuhlangula sasinokwenzeka njani? Ukuze oku kwenzeke, kwakuya kufuneka ukuba uThixo abeke umntu emhlabeni owayengasuki kumnombo kaAdam owayeya kuvuma ukuzincama ngenxa yomntu. Ke umhlaba wawunikwe kuAdam nenzala yakhe, ngoko ke phantsi kwegunya elisemthethweni, nako oku kwakuya kuba ngokungekho mthethweni. Kwakukho kuphela indlela enye yokwenza oku, kodwa enye kuphela. Loo mntu kwakuza kufuneka azalelwe apha, kodwa kungekhona kumnombo kaAdam.

Ekuqaleni, unokuvuma ukuba oku kwakhona, akunakwenzeka. Kodwa ngokobuchwepheshe, yayikhona indlela. UThixo wayenokubeka ngokusemthethweni imbewu yendoda kumfazi emhlabeni ukuba wayenokufumana indoda eyayinokumvumela ukuba enze oko, ngaloo ndlela emnika igunya elisemthethweni lokwenza oko. Khumbula, umntu wayephethe isitshixo sommandla wasemhlabeni. USathana wayesebenzise kwaesi sitshixo ukuze afikelele kummandla wasemhlabeni kwaye abe isikhundla somoya sikaAdam segunya phezu kwawo. Ukuze isicwangciso sikaThixo sisebenze nokugqina ukuba semthethweni kweso sicwangciso kummandla wasemhlabeni kuSathana, owayeya ukuba kophulwe umthetho ngokuqinisekileyo, kwakuya kufuneka uThixo afune indoda nomfazi ababeya kumkholelwa ukuba babe nomntwana xa kungenakwenzeka ngokupheleleyo nangokusisigxina ukuze babe

nomntwana. Kwakuya kufuneka bakholelwe kuThixo ukuba enze into engenakwenzeka.

Ukuzalwa kwaloo mntwana kwakuya kunxulumanisa nokuzalwa kwakhe isithembiso sekamva lakhe, sokuba ngomnombo wakhe zonke iintlanga zaziya kusikelelwa, njengokuba kwakuya kuthi ngomnombo wakhe uThixo abe negunya lokuzisa uYesu emhlabeni. Ukuba kwakukho isibini esikholelwa kuThixo ukuba unokuyenza loo nto, ukukhawula umntwana esibelekweni esifileyo, sikholelwe ukuba ngalo mntwana zonke iintlanga ziya kusikelelwa nokuba ukuzalwa kwakhe kwakuya kubanika inzala eninzi kunesanti eselunxwemeni lolwandle, emva koko uThixo wayeza kuba semthethweni okuyimfuneko ukuze kamva abeke imbewu Yakhe kuMariya, unina kaYesu. Kodwa ngaba uThixo wayenokuyifumana indoda enjalo? Igama lakhe nguAbraham, uyise wokholo lwethu.

> *Owakholwayo ngethemba, kungekho nethemba eli, ukuze abe nguyise weentlanga ezininzi, ngokoko kwathethwayo: "Iya kuba njalo imbewu yakho." Wathi, engebuthathaka nje ngokholo, akondela emzimbeni wakhe, obuselufile—emayela ekhulwini leminyaka ezelwe—kwanokufa kwesizalo sikaSara. Owathi, ngokusingisele kwisithembiso sikaThixo, akathandabuza ngokungakholwa; wesuka womelela ngokholo, ezukisa uThixo. Eqinisekile ukuba oko akumise ngesithembiso uThixo, unako nokukwenza.*
>
> — KwabaseRoma 4:18-21

UAbraham noSara bakholelwa kuThixo baza bazala u uIsake xa babebadala kakhulu kwaye bengakwazi ukwenza abantwana. Ngokuba uAbraham wayekholwe kuThixo, isithembiso sasinokuza

kuphela ngomnyango awawuvulayo uAbraham. UYesu kwakuya kufuneka eze ngomnombo kaAbraham. Mandiyicacise kakuhle le nto. Ukuze uThixo azise uYesu emhlabeni, kwakufuneka ukuba aze ngomnombo kaAbraham. Kwakufuneka enjenjalo! Ukuza ngoAbraham yayikuphela kwendlela oku kwakuya kuba semthethweni. Yiyo loo nto ukuba ujonga kwisahluko sokuqala sikaMateyu, ufumana uluhlu olukruqulayo lokuba lo na lo bazalalo na lo. Esi sahluko sisahluko sokuqala ngesizathu. Sigqina into yokuba apha emhlabeni uYesu wayeyinzala kaAbraham. Oku kwakufuneka kubhalwe apha emhlabeni apho uSathana abanga ulawulo lwakhe olusemthethweni negunya. Ukuba olu luhlu aluchanekanga okanye uYesu akazange aze ngomnombo kaAbraham, ke uSathana wayenokubanga ukuba ukuzalwa kukaYesu kunye nobomi bubuqhetseba kwaye wayengafanelekanga ukuba ahlawule ixabiso lesono sethu.

NGOKU BAHAMBA NGAPHEZU KWESIQALEKISO SOKUBULALEKA NOKUBILA UKUZE BAPHILE.

Ukuba uyakhumbula, uSirayeli wayenemithetho emininzi eyayosalela ukutshata ngaphandle kwesizwe sayo. Ukutshata ngaphandle kohlanga lwabo kwakusohlwaywa ngokufa. Ngoku uyazi ukuba kutheni loo mnombo kwakufuneka uhlale unyulu kwaye kwakutheni wawujongwe ngokusondeleyo. Ewe, wawunokufumana ukuba bavumela abafazi bangaphandle kwelizwe lakwaSirayeli abatshate indoda engimSirayeli, njegoRahabhi owayehlala kwisixeko saseYeriko waza wafihla iintlola ezazithunywe ukuba ziye kuhlola ilizwe. Ewe, udweliswe apho kwisahluko sokuqala sikaMateyu njengoko wayetshate nendoda engumSirayeli. Kodwa kufuneka uqonde ukuba kwinkcubeko yamaYuda yayiyindoda eyayithwala umnombo.

Mandithethe ngento engaqhelekanga okanye enzima okomzuzwana. Kukho iingxoxo ezininzi malunga nokuba umntu unexesha elingakanani emhlabeni. Ngaba ikho indlela yokwazi impendulo ngokwenene? Ewe! Ndingakuqinisekisa ngale nyani inye. Olo luhlu kwisahluko sokuqala sikaMateyu kufuneka luchaneke. Akunakubakho mntu ongekhoyo okanye mna nawe asinakonwabela usindiso esilonwabelayo ngoku. USathana uya kuthi akukho mthethweni. Olo luhlu kufuneka lugqibelele! Ngokusekelwe koko, unokuqikelela uqikelelo lwexesha elipheleleyo lomntu emhlabeni. Ndicinge ukuba ndithethe ngayo apha.

> *"Ndikwenze uhlanga olukhulu, ndikusikelele, ndilikhulise igama lakho, ube yintsikelelo. Ndibasikelele abakusikelelayo, ndimtshabhise okuqalekisayo, <u>zisikeleleke ngawe zonke izizwe zehlabathi.</u>"*
>
> — IGenesis 12:2-3

Njengoko ubona kwesi sibhalo, lo mnyango wokungena kummandla wasemhlabeni owamiselwa nguAbraham lisango elisemthethweni awayeza kuthi ngalo uYesu Kristu asikelele bonke abantu basemhlabeni. Nangona uAbraham nenzala yakhe bamnika uThixo ukuba semthethweni nolawulo eliyimfuneko ukuze azise amandla nempembelelo karhulumente Wakhe ukuba aphinde athwale emhlabeni, umntu wayesabanjwe bubunzima besono nokufa ngokomoya de uThixo azise uYesu emhlabeni, apho wayeza kuhlawula ixabiso lesono sikaAdam. Kodwa ngokubhekisele kubonelelo, ngoku sifumanisa ukuba uAbraham neendlalifa zakhe, abo babenalo uphawu lolwaluko, banempumelelo. Ngoku bahamba ngaphezu kwesiqalekiso sokubulaleka nokubila ukuze baphile.

UAbram waye esisityebi Kunene ngemfuyo, nangesilivere, nangegolide.

— IGenesis 13:2

Sibona kwesi sibhalo utshintsho olukhulu elaziswa ngulo mnqophiso ngokubhekisele kubonelelo. Ngaba ubona into eyahlukileyo malunga nento ayithethayo uThixo kuAbraham xa ithelekiswa naleyo wayithethayo kuAdam kwiGenesis 3:17? Khumbula, emva kokuba uAdam onile, uThixo wamxelela ukuba ngoku wayeza kuphila ngokubulaleka nokubila kwakhe. Kodwa ngoku malunga noAbraham, sibona umahluko. UThixo uthi, "Ndizakwenza!" Ayithi ukuba uAbraham wayekelwa kwisakhono sakhe sokubaleka nokubila ngokubulaleka. Ithi ngoku uThixo ubandakanyekile. UThixo uthi, "Ndizakwenza!" ngoko sibona uAbraham esokola ebomini emva koku? Hayi ncam!

UAbraham wayesisityebi! Abantwana bakhe babezizityebi. UAbraham wayephila ubomi obungaphandle kwenkqubo yesiqalekiso yomhlaba. Wayenoku ngapha kokwaneleyo! Akuzange kuthathe xesha lide ukuba abantu babone umahluko. Lo mahluko waqhubeka ukuhla kuwo wonke umnombo wakhe. Enyanisweni, kwizizukulwana ezimbalwa emva kukaAbraham, umzukulwana wakhe uYakobi wayesebenzela uLaban, uyisezala kaYakobi. ULaban wabona intsikelelo kuYakobi waza wazama ukumqhatha ngephumelelo yakhe. Kodwa uThixo

UYEHOVA WOKUVULA UVIMBA WAKHE OLUNGILEYO, IZULU LILINIKE IMVULA ILIZWE LAKHO NGEXESHA LAYO, AWUSIKELELE WONKE UMSEBENZI WESANDLA SAKHO.

— DUTERONOMI 28:8A

wajika izicwangciso zakhe zokuba intsikelelo kwaba kukwenzakala kwakhe waza wamsikelela uYakobi ngobutyebi obuninzi. Into endiyithethayo kukuba nangona abantu bazama ukuyinqanda le ntsikelelo, abakwazanga. Ngalo lonke ixesha iindlalifa ziwugcinile umnqophiso wazo kwaye zinqula uThixo, uThixo wabaphumelelisa.

Cinga ngeziphumo zale nto ndiyithethayo! Ndifumana zonke iintlobo zeencwadi neeimeyile ezivela kubantu abandixelela ukuba ndithetha kakhulu ngemali. Bandixelela ukuba ukuphumelela kwam asiyontando kaThixo. Bagxinisisa ukuba sonke kufuneka sibandezeleke kubomi bethu ngeendleko ezinkulu ukuze sikhonze uThixo. Ndingavumelana nenxalenye yengxelo yabo. UYesu wathi impumelelo yethu iya kusibangela ukuba sitshutshiswe kuMarko 10:30. Ngelishwa, amaKristu amaninzi akholelwa ukuba uThixo ungumsebenzisi okhohlakeleyo kwaye kufuneka sihlupheke bubomi bokuphila, senze isifungo sobuhlwempu, kunye nokubandezeleka ngokugula nezifo. Hayi eso sisiqalekiso somhlaba, asiyiyo intsikelelo! UThixo ufuna ukumisa iintsikelelo zakho.

UThixo ufuna Ukukumisa!

Ngaphandle kokuba imali yakho ikhuseleke kwaye isekwe, uyanyanzeleka ukuba ubaleke ngendlela yokuphila ubomi bakho bonke, ungakwazi ukuphumeza isabelo sakho somoya, uphile ubomi bobukhoboka. Jonga into uThixo awayixelela isizukulwana sikaAbraham kwiDuteronomi 28:8-13.

> *"UYehova uya kuthetha intsikelelo, ibe nawe emaqongeni akho, nasezintweni zonke osisa kuzo isandla sakho, akusikelele ezweni elo akunikayo uYehova uThixo wakho. UYehova*

wonimisa nibe ngabantu abangcwele kuye, njengoko wakufungelayo, xa uthe wayigcina imithetho kaYehova uThixo wakho, wahamba ngeendlela zakhe. Zibone zonke izizwe zehlabathi, ukuba igama likaYehova libizwe phezu kwakho zikoyike. UYehova wokwandisela okulungileyo—esiqhameni sesizalo sakho, nasesiqhameni sempahla yakho ezitho zine, nasesiqhameni somhlaba wakho—emhlabeni lowo awafungayo uYehova kooyihlo ukuba wokunika.

UYehova wokuvula uvimba wakhe olungileyo, izulu lilinike imvula ilizwe lakho ngexesha layo, awusikelele wonke umsebenzi wesandla sakho. Uboleke iintlanga ezininzi, ungaboleki kuzo wena. UYehova wokwenza ube yintloko, ungabi ngumsila. Ukuba unika ingqalelo kwimiyalelo kaYehova uThixo wakho endininika yona ngalo mhla kwaye niwulandele, woba yintloko, ungani ngumsila."

Qaphela ukuba kweli lizwe litsha babengekamiselwa nangona babenesithembiso. Kodwa uMoses ubaxelela ukuba uThixo uya kuba misela! Ukuze uqonde ukuba loo nto inokukhangeleka njani nento uThixo azama ukuyithetha kubo cinga ngomthi weoki. Xa usisithole, awumiselwanga. Nabani na angawususa awuse apho ATHANDA khona. Kodwa xa loo mthi weoki ukhula uze uvuthwe, akukho mntu uya kuwushukumisa loo mti. Umisiwe.

UYehova uya kuthetha intsikelelo, ibe nawe emaqongeni akho, nasezintweni zonke osisa kuzo isandla sakho, akusikelele ezweni elo akunikayo uYehova uThixo wakho. UYehova wonimisa…

— IDuteronomi 28:8-9

Ngoko kukhangeleka njani ukumiswa ngokwezimali? UThixo usixelela kanye apha kwivesi 12b:

> *Uboleke iintlanga ezininzi, ungaboleki kuzo wena. UYehova wokwenza ube yintloko, ungabi ngumsila.*

UThixo wayesithi uza kubasikelela kangangokuba babe ngababolekisi, bangaze baphinde babe ngababoleki. Babeyakuba yintloko bangaphi ngumsila. Umsila awunakhetho apho uya khona, uhamba kuphela apho intloko ikhokelela khona.

> *Isityebi siya kuwalawula amahlwempu; nobolekayo likhoboka endodeni embolekayo.*
>
> — ImiZekeliso 22:7

Obolekayo akamiselwanga. Baba kwinceba yombolekisi, besebenza njengamakhoboka angenankululeko. Kodwa uThixo uthi, "Hayi! Ndizakumisa! Akukho mntu unokuxelela ukuba shiya ikhaya lakho kuba liza kube lihlawulwe. Akukho mtu unokuphinda athathe imoto yakho, kuba iza kube ihlawulwe. Ikhitshi lakho liza kugcwala kukutya, kwaye uya kuhamba kumhlaba wakho ohlawulelweyo, ufezekisa isabelo osinikiweyo nguThixo ngoxolo olugqibeleleyo lwezemali. Uya kimiswa.

UThixo ufuna uphumelele!

ISAHLUKO 8

AMANDLA OKUNYANISEKA

Into oza kuyifunda ngumgaqo onamandla woBukumkani, kangangokuba ndiziva ngathi iwufanele umxholwane wale ncwadi. Siyifumana kwibali nokubomi bukaYosefu, umzukulwana kaAbraham. Ndikunike imvelaphi, uYosefu wayethiywe ngabaninawa bakhe, babefuna ukumhambisa. Enyanisweni babefuna ukumbulala, kodwa omnye wabaninawa akazange afune bade bafike apho, endaweni yoko, bamthengisa kubarhwebi ababekuhambo bamthwala bamsa eYiputa apho wathengiswa kuPotifare, ukapteni kubalindi bakaFaro.

Ke kaloku oYosefu wahliswa wasiwa eYiputa. UPotifare umbusi wakwaFaro, umthetheleli wabasiki, umYiputa, wamthenga kumaIshmayeli, abemhlisele khona. UYehova waba naye uYosefu, waba yindoda enempumelelo; waba sendlwini yenkosi yakhe, umYiputa lowo. Yabona inkosi yakhe ukuba uYehova unaye, ukuba zonke izinto abezenza, uYehova ubezenza zibe nempumelelo esandleni sakhe. UYosefu

> *wababalwa emehlweni ayo, wayilungiselela; yamenza umveleli wendlu yayo, neento zonke ebinazo yazinikela esandleni sakhe.*
>
> *Kwathi, ukususela ekubeni yamenza umveleli wendlu yayo neento zonke ebinazo, wayisikelela uYehova indlu yomYiputa lowo ngenxa kaYosefu. Yabakho intsikelelo kaYehova ezintweni zonke ebinazo, endlwini nasezindle. Zonke izinto ebinazo yaziyekela esandleni sikaYosefu, ayakhathalela nanye into ebikuye, ingesiso isonka esidlayo.*
>
> — IGenesis 39:1-7

Nika ingqalelo kwivesi 2a, "*UYehova waba naye uYosefu, waba yindoda enempumelelo*." Ithetha ukuthini le nto? UThixo akakho nomntu wonke? Kumxholo wento ebesiyixoxa kwizahluko ezidlulileyo malunga nomnombo, impendulo nguhayi. Khumbula, ukholo lukaAbraham nomnqophiso owalandelayo wanika uThixo ukungena ngokusemthethweni kuAbraham neendlalifa zakhe-kuphela. Ke xa sithetha ngoThixo ekunye nomntu wonke mayingabhidaniswa noThixo ethanda wonke umntu, wenza njalo. Kodwa kwabo bangenamthetho phambi koThixo. Akukho nto anokuyenza.

> *Okokuba ngelo xesha nibe ningenaKristu ningazani nawo umzi wakwaSirayeli, ningabasemzini kuyo iminqophiso yalo idinga, ningenathemba, <u>ningenaThixo ehlabathini</u>. Ke ngoku ngoKristu Yesu, nina, enibe nifudula nikude, nithe naba kufiphu ngalo igazi likaKristu.*
>
> — KwabaseEfese 2:12-13

Qaphela ukuba esi sibhalo sithetha ngoku ngabinawo

umnqophiso, oko kuthetha ukuba uThixo namandla Akhe anqanyulwe ngokomthetho emntwini. Ngoba? Kuba uThixo akanagunya okanye ulawulo kummandla wasemhlabeni ngaphandle kwesivumelwano esisemthethweni, umnqophiso owenziweyo, nendoda okanye umfazi emhlabeni. Le vesi iyiveza ngokucacileyo xa isithi ngaphandle komnqophiso, abantu abanathemba kwaye abanaThixo ehlabathini. Khumbula ukuba ekubeni uYesu wasimisela umnqophiso omtsha, ngoku singamalungu endlu kaThixo nabemi boBukumkani obukhulu. (KwabaseEfese 2:19). Ke ngoku, xa sijonga emva kwisibhalo sethu esikwiGenesis 39, siyaliqonda ibinzana elithi "*uYehova waba naye uYosefu*" lalithetha ukuba ngokusemthethweni, uThixo wayenempembelelo esemthethweni kubomi bukaYosefu ngomnqophiso owamiselwa ngutatomkhulu uAbraham. Lo mnqophiso usemthethweni, ovumela intsikelelo nempembelelo kaThixo, wawugqitha okubulaleka nokubila benkqubo yommandla wasemhlabeni. Kwakusemthethweni ukuba uThixo amsikelele uYosefu.

Khumbula into eyathethwa nguThixo kuAbraham ngaphambili, "*Ndizakwenza*." Kuba uThixo waba naye uYosefu, emnceda ebomini, wayephumelela kuyo yonke into awayeyenza, kangangokuba inkosi yakhe eyayingumhedeni, uPotifare, yabona umahluko omkhulu kwisakhono sikaYosefu xa sithelekiswa namanye amadoda amaninzi awayewabonile. Kumule ndikhankanye apha ukuba xa siphumelela ngoncedo lukaThixo, abantu abaphila phantsi kwenkqubo yesiqalekiso yomhlaba yokuphila bayawubona umahluko! UPotifare wachukumiseka kangangokuba wabeka uYosefu ukuba alawule indlu yakho yonke.

Mininzi imigaqo yoBukumkani etyhiliweyo kwesi sicatshulwa sesibhalo, kodwa isitshixo sityhiliwe apha. Ndiyibiza ngokuba

"Amandla Okunyaniseka," okanye ungayibiza ngokuba "Ngumgaqo kaPotifare." Ufunyanwa kuGenesis 39:5:

> *Kwathi, ukususela ekubeni yamenza umveleli wendlu yayo neento zonke ebinazo, wayisikelela uYehova indlu yomYiputa lowo ngenxa kaYosefu.* ***Yabakho intsikelelo kaYehova ezintweni zonke ebenazo uPotifare, endlwini nasezindle.***

Ndifuna ufumane umfanekiso ocacileyo wento eyenzekayo apha. Ngenye imini uYosefu wayengaphethanga kwelandelayo uphethe. IBhayibhile yenza inqaku lomzuzwana nexesha xa olo tshintsho lwenzeka. Yabakho intsikelelo kaYehova phezu kwazo zonke izinto zikaPotifare, nendlu yakhe! Kodwa wayengamazi uThixo kaYosefu kwaye engeyonxalenye yesizwe sakwaSirayeli. Inokwenzeka njani le nto kwaye ithetha ukuthini? Nantsi impendulo. Wathi uPotifare akuyibeka phantsi kwegunya likaYosefu, engazi, indlu yakhe waba phantsi komnqophiso awayenawo uYosefu noThixo.

Izinto zikaPotifare, indlu, nazo zonke izinto zatshintsha iZikumkani!!

Uyabona, izinto zikaPotifare zazisabotshelelwe ngokusemthethweni kwinkqubo yesiqalekiso yomhlaba de zaba phantsi kwenkathalo kaYosefu. Xa uPotifare wabeka indlu yakhe phantsi kolawulo lukaYosefu, akazange aqonde ukuba wayeyibeka phantsi kwempembelelo yentsikelelo kaThixo. IBhayibhile iqhubeka isithi njengoko uYosefu wayephethe, uPotifare akazange azikhathaze okanye azikhathaze ngayo nantoni nangaphandle kwesonka wayesidla. Wayengenaxhala! Ngaphandle kwexhala, uPotifare, kwakufuneka agxile kwisabelo sakhe kunye nenjongo yakhe

njengokapteni wabalindi baseYiputa. Kuninzi okubonwayo apha, kodwa oko uPotifare wadibana nako, engazi, koko amaHebhere 4 akubiza ngokuba luphumlo lweSabatha, kwaye ewe, iyafumaneka kumakholwa oMnqophiso Omtsha.

Ukuba ufunda ngeSabatha, uya kufumanisa ukuba uThixo akazange avumele abakwaSirayeli ukuba benze nawuphi na umsebenzi ngaloo mini, kwakungekho kubila okanye ukubulaleka okwenzekayo. ISabatha, ngokuqinisekileyo, yayilusuku lwesixhenxe lweveki, kwaye lalihambelana nomhla wesixhenxe wokudala. Usenokukhumbula ukuba umhla wesixhenxe wokudala yayilusuku awaluvakalisa uThixo njengomhla wokuphumla. Kwakungekuko ukuba uThixo wayediniwe kodwa, kunoko, kwakungenxa yokuba wayegqibile. Yonke into yayigqityiwe. Umhla wesixhenxe yayilusuku awayedalelwe ukuphila ngalo umntu, usuku olungenaxhala, yonke into eyayifuneka umntu sele ikhona ngaphambi kokuba ayifune. Kodwa ke, siyazi ukuba uAdam waphulukana nokuphumla xa wavukela uThixo. Ngokuvukela uThixo, uAdam wawaqhawula amandla kaThixo okumbonelela. Ngaloo ndlela, waphulukana naloo ndawo yobonelelo awayeyibonelela ngaphambili uThixo. UAdam ngoku kwanyanzeleka ukuba azibonelele echitha lonke ixesha lakhe esebenza ngokubulaleka kwakhe nokubila ukuze nje aphile.

Kodwa uThixo akazange amshiye umntu engenathemba. Wanika umntu umfanekiso wentsalela awayeza kuyibuyisela ngenye imini. Wawubizwa ngokuba ngumhla weSabatha, umfanekiso wemini apho umntu kwakungayi kufuneka abulaleke nzima aze abile ukuze aphile. Wathi akuba uPotifare wangena kwintsikelelo kaYehova eyaphunyezwa nguYosefu ngaloo mnqophiso, wangena emandleni kaThixo okubonelela ngoYosefu waza wafumana ukuphumla. Yonke into yayinakekelwe; wayengenaxhala.

Zonke izinto ebinazo yaziyekela esandleni sikaYosefu, ayakhathalela nanye into ebikuye, ingesiso isonka esidlayo.

— IGenesis 39:6

Ukuze uqonde ukubaluleka komhla weSabatha nokuba yintoni na uThixo awayembonisa umntu, kufuneka ubuze umbuzo olula. Yayinokwenzeka njani imini yeSabatha? Ndithetha ukuthi phantsi kwenkqubo yesiqalekiso yomhlaba, umntu wayebaleka yonke imihla ukuze aphile. Ukuba oko kuyinyaniso, kwakunganyanzelekanga njani ukuba umntu abaleke ngomhla weSabatha? Wayebonelelwa njani ngeSabatha ukuba wayengenakusebenza? Lowo ngumbuzo olungileyo kwaye kufuneka uphendulwe, kwaye empendulweni sifumana isityhilelo sonke "sentsikelelo kaYehova" awathi uYosefu wahamba kuyo.

Ndicinga ukuba umzekeliso omhle walo mgaqo ufumaneka kwiLevitikus isahluko 25 xa uThixo ecacisa uNyaka weNtlokomo kwisizwe sakwaSirayeli. Ukunika imvelaphi, uNyaka weNltokoma wawubakho rhoqo emva kweminyaka eyi 50, kwaye kukho ukubaluleka okukhulu kulo nyaka endingayi kungena kuyo apha. Nangona kunjalo, inxalenye endifuna ukuba uyiqonde kukuba babengenakuhlwayela izityalo zabo ngaloo nyaka. Enyanisweni babengenakuhlwayela izityalo zabo kunyaka we 49 kuba yayingunyaka weSabatha. Ke ndifuna ukuba ufumane umfanekiso ocacileyo wento eyenzekayo: uSirayeli waxelelwa ukuba akanakuhlwayela kunyaka we 49 nowe 50. Emva koko kwakuza kufuneka balinde de kuphele unyaka we 51, emva kokuba betyale izityalo, ukuze izityalo zivuthwe. Ngoko, uThixo wayebaxelela ukuba babeya kuba neminyaka emithathu yexesha ngaphandle kokuvuna. Ukuba

bendikuxelela ukuba awuzukwazi ukurhola iminyaka emithathu, usenekukhathazeka. Ke, uSirayeli wayekhathazekile. Ngokwendalo, bekungenakwenzeka. Kodwa uThixo wayebabonisa into.

> *"Xa nithe, Sodla ntoni na ngomnyaka wesixhenxe? Naku singahlwayeli, singahlanganisa lungiselelo lwethu. Ndoyiwisela umthetho intsikelelo yam ibe kuni ngomnyaka wesithandathu, iluvelise ungeniselo lweminyaka emithathu. Nohlwayela ngomnyaka wesibhozo, nidle amahasa kude kube ngumnyaka wesithoba; nodla amahasa lude lufike ungeniselo lwawo."*
>
> — ILevitikus 25:20-22

ISabatha yayinokwenzeka kuphela ngenxa yokuba uThixo wawusikelela umhla wesithandathu ngokuphindwe kabini, okanye ngaphezu kokwaneleyo. Vumela elo binzana lijikeleze ingqondo yakho kancinci. Asiyonto yonke indoda nomfazi abayilangazelelayo, ukuba na ngaphezu kokwaneleyo? Xa uThixo wayenika umntu isabelo esiphindwe kabini ngokusu lwesithandathu, wayekhumbuza umntu ukuba wayengumboneleli wabo, kwaye wayehlala ebonelela ngaphezu kokwaneleyo. Masinyaniseke, ngaphezulu kokwaneleyo kunika inkululeko kugqatso lweempuku. Isisusa ebukhobokeni sibe nokhetho. Okona kubalulekileyo, kusikhulula ukuba sifumane kwaye siphumelele kwinjongo yethu kunye nothando lwethu. Yile nto uPotifare wayeyonwabela. Ukungabi naxhala. Yonke imfuno yakhe yayinakekelwe. Ekuphela kwento ekwakufuneka anike ingqalelo kuyo yinjongo yakhe. Kwakhona, njengoko mna noDrenda besitshilo, "De ulungise into yemali, awusoze ukwazi ukufumana injongo yakho." Kodwa kukho iindaba ezimnandi!

Uphumlo lweSabatha lusekhona namhlanje, kwaye lunika indawo apho iimfuno zethu zingahlanganyezwa khona kwaye sinokuphumelela ngapha kokuphila.

> *Ngoko ke lusele, uphumlo-lweeSabatha kubantu bakaThixo; kuba nabani othe wangena ekuphumleni kukaThixo wophumla nakumsebenzi wakhe (inkqubo yokubulaleka nokubila, ukuphila) njengoko uThixo wenjenjalo ekuphumleni Kwakhe.*

UBukumkani bukaThixo bodlula umthetho wommandla wasemhlabeni wokubulaleka nokubila kuPotifare, buya kwenza okufanayo nakuwe. Njengoko sifunda indlela yokungena kuBukumkani bukaThixo, sinokuphumelela kwaye sifumane injongo. Ubomi bunokuba mnandi, buzale luthando novuyo, ngokwenene!

> *Intsikelelo kaYehova, yiyo etyebisayo, imbulaleko ayongezi nento kuye.*
>
> — ImiZekeliso 10:22

Intsikelelo kaThixo yiyo etyebisayo, kwaye uThixo akongezi mbulaleko kuyo!!! Singaphila ngaphezu kwenkqubo yokubulaleka nokubila yeGenesis 3:17. Ndiphila phantsi kwaloo nkqubo yokuphila iminyaka emininzi de ndafunda indlela uBukumkani bukaThixo obusebenza ngayo. Unokuyifunda loo nto nawe. UThixo unawe! Unokukunceda! Unokuphumelela. Hayi, mandiyibeke ngenye indlela: Kufuneka uphumelele. OoPotifare behlabathi, abo bangamaziyo uThixo kwaye bagobe phantsi kwesiqalekiso sokungabi nathemba, ukusebenza nzima, bezama ukuphila, babukele. Abachukunyiswa lunqulo lwakho, zizakhiwo zecawe yakho, okanye izibhalo zakho kuba ababoni ngaphaya kokuswela

kwakho iimpendulo. Awunakulindela ukuba abantu bakumamele xa ubaxelela indlela uThixo mkhulu kangakanani xa kwangaxeshanye uphila kuxinzelelo lwemali olunzima nokuswela nokuphila njengoko besenza. Hayi, kufuneka ubonise indlela uBukumkani obubukeka ngayo njengoYosefu. Andifuni ukuba nzima, kodwa abantu abazozidenge. Bafuna iimpendulo.

Ndandingenalizwi lwempembelelo iminyaka emininzi. Zange kubekho mntu ondicelileyo ukuba ndibe se*TV*; ndandingakhokheli ibandla lamawaka. Ngoba? Kuba ndandingenanto yokuthetha, ndingenazisombululo, ndingena mpendulo, nobungqina bokuba uThixo uyaphila kwaye unam. Ndandiboleka imali kusapho lwam ukuze ndiphile. Imoto yam yayiwohloka, indlu yam yayidilika, kwaye ubomi bam babungahlangani. Kutheni umntu eyokufuna ukuva ukuba uThixo wam mkhulu kangakanani? Ewe, ndandisendleleni eya ezulwini, kwaye izulu yeyona nto inkulu, kodwa abantu abayi kumamela ukuba limangalisa kangakanani izulu ngaphandle kokuba ubonise izulu kwaye kummandla wasemhlabeni. Mamela, konke endikuthethayo kukuba ukuba uThixo unguThixo kwaye ILizwi Lakhe liyinyaniso, kufuneka isebenze. Ubomi bethu bufanele bubukeke bahlukile kwaye bahluke! Kufuneka sifikelele kwesi sizukulwana ngenyaniso yoBukumkani. OoPotifare babukele.

Ngoko kutheni ndibhale umxholwana wale ncwadi *Amandla Okunyaniseka*? Kungenxa yokuba uPotifare wangena eBukumkanini bukaThixo kwaye wonwabela ukuphumla kweSabatha apho ukubila nokubulaleka bungeyondlela yobomi, apho kungekho loyiko, kwaye kulawula uxolo. Kulapho ukuphila kuthathelwa indawo yinjongo nothando, nobuhlwempu buginywa kukubonelela. Wayenza njani loo nto? Wazisa iingxaki zakhe namaxhala phantsi kolawulo loBukumkani bukaThixo. Nangona wayengayiqondi into

awayeyenza, wazimanyana noThixo. Wavumelana naye waza waba phantsi kolawulo loBukumkani bukaThixo. UPotifare wayehlakaniphile ngokwaneleyo ukubeka imicimbi yakhe phantsi kwenkathalo kaYosefu kuba wayebone iimpendulo. Ungayenza nawe loo nto; yile nto mna noDrenda sayenzayo. Yindlela ixhama elavela ngayo, imali eyavela ngayo, iimoto, kunye nekhaya sasilidinga lavela ngayo. Ke mandikunike ingcebiso. Ukuba ufuna ukonwabela yonke into uThixo anayo kuwe, tshintsha ukunyaniseka kwakho. Yeka ukuzimanyanisa nawo onke amathandabuzo nokungakholelwa okukungqongileyo. Tshintsha ukunyaniseka kwakho kwaye uvuyele uBukumkani bukaThixo!

ISAHLUKO 9

UYABONDLA!

Ukuqala kwam ukudibana noDon, wayeze eofisini yam etyhafile kwaye enamatyala. Kwakungekho nto yayibonakala ihamba kakuhle ebomini bakhe ngelo xesha. Xa ndihlala naye sithetha, ndafumanisa ukuba usemva ngeenyanga ezintathu okanye ezine ngerenti yakhe kwaye phantse onke amanye amatyala awayenawo. Kwakukho iingxaki zomtshato—umfazi wakhe wayekruqukile yimeko yabo yezemali kwaye wayesele eqalise ukungamhloniphi uDon njengoko wayengakwazi ukondla yena nabantwana babo abahlanu. Inyaniso yayikukuba, uDon wayengazihloniphi. Kwaye wayenemibuzo emininzi.

Umsebenzi wakhe wawubandakanya ukuthengisa i-insurance yezempilo kulo lonke ilizwe laseOhio, kodwa ukusilela kwakhe ngempumelelo kwamkhokelela ngokukhawuleza kwintlekele yezemali.

Nangona wayenezi zinto ezichasene noDon, ndabona isakhono kuye. Wayekulungele ukufunda kwaye ekulungele ukusebenza. Loo ndibaniselwano inamandla yandenza ndanomdla ngokwaneleyo ukuba ndimqeshe kwaye ndizityale kwintlalontle yekamva lakhe. Ekugqibeleni, yayilutyalo olwahlawula izabelo ezinkulu kuthi sobabini.

Inkampani yam yayisanda kuphumelela uhambo oluya eHawaii komnye wabathengisi bethu, kwaye ndaziva ukuba eli iyakuba lithuba elihle lokwabelana noDon malunga noBukumkani bukaThixo. Nangona uDon wayengumKristu, wayengenako ukuqonda endandinako. Kwaye nangona ndazama izihlandlo ezininzi ukwabelana naye ngemigaqo kaThixo kule ndawo, akazange abonakale eyikholelwa le nto ndiyithethayo.

Ndaqhubeka ndikhangela indlela yokubamba ingqalelo kaDon eyayiza kumnceda aqonde ukuba naye, wayenokuphumelela ngokufunda indlela uBukumkani bukaThixo obusebenza ngayo. Nangona kunjalo, uDon wayetyhafiswe kangangokuba wayenobunzima bokukholelwa ukuba utshintsho lunokwenzeka ngokwenene. Ndandiyazi ukuba olu hambo laseHawaii yayilithuba lam.

Kwiiveki ezingaphambi kokuba mna noDon sihambe, sathetha ngento esiza kuyibona nesizakuyenza apho. Omnye umdla okhethekileyo wayetsale ingqalelo kaDon ngokungafaniyo nayipha na enye into. Wayefuna ukubamba i*blue marlin* kumanzi amahle oLwandlekazi lwePacific. “IHawaii yikomkhulu ye*blue marlin* yehlabathi,” wandixelela uDon enemincili. “Kudala ndifuna ukubamba i*blue marlin*, liphupha lam. Okwesihlandlo sokuqala kwiiveki ezimbalwa, ndabona ukukhanya emehlweni kaDon. Ikhona into eyamenza abenemincili, kwaye ndandisazi ukuba imincili yakhe iya kuvula umnyango wesifundo esinamandla.

Ndathi, “Don,” “uyazi ukuba kunokwenzeka ukuba wazi, ungathembi, kodwa wazi ukuba uya kubamba i*blue marlin* eHawaii ngokungena eBukumkanini bukaThixo?” ebhidekile kodwa enomdla, uDon wafuna ukwazi ngakumbi, kwaye ndaqubeka nengcaciso yam malunga noBukumkani. Ndacaphula UMarko 11:24, othi, “*Ngenxa yoko ndithi kuni izinto enisukuba nizicela, nithandaza, kholwani*

ukuba ninokuzamkela; noba nazo." KuDon, oku phantse kulunge kakhulu ukuba kungakholeka. Ndithathe ixesha ukumnceda ukuba aqonde uBukumkani nendlela yokukhulula ukholo lwakhe. Kwaye ke, ngaphambi kokuba sihambe kuhambo lwethu, yena nenkosikazi yakhe bahlwayela kanye njengokuba ndenzile ngexhama lam, bathandaza ngokuvumelana, kwaye bakholelwa ukuba bamkele i*blue marlin.*

Ngelo xesha uDon wenza konke wayekwazi ukwenza ukuze axhase inxalenye yakhe yesivuno. Wenza uphando ngezikhephe ezikhoyo kunye namaxabiso kwaye ekugqibeleni wahlawula ukapteni wesukhephe awayeyeziva emthemba. Yonke into yayilungisiwe, kwaye sonke sasinemincili ngokuya kumanzi aluhlaza aseHawaii.

Usuku lokukhwela isikhephe lwafika, kwaye njengoko sasikhwele isikhephe, ngovuyo saxelela ukapteni ukuba namhlanje yayilusuku esiza kubamba ngalo i*blue marlin.* Ngelixa sasilindele ukuba sibe nosuku oluyimpumelelo lokubamba ezinye iintlanzi, wasiqinisekisa ukuba kwakungekho thuba lokuba sibambe i*blue marlin* ngala mini. Ngezikhephe ezimbini kukhenketho oluqashiweyo yonke imihla kwezi nyanga zine zidlulileyo, abasebenzi bakhe beza ne*blue marlin* enye. Oku kwakungenxa yokuba lalingekafiki ixesha le*marlin,* kuba i*marlin* zintlanzi ezifudukayo. Singavumi ukutyhafiswa, ngembeko samxelela ukuba siza kwamkela enye saza saqhubeka silungisa izinto zethu zokuloba.

Emva kweeyure ezintandathu zokuloba, kungenzekanga nto, kwaye ndandiba nexhala lokuba ukusilela ukubamba kunokwenza ukholo lukaDon lube luthathaka. Kwixhala lam ndiye ndakhwaza umbuzo kuye, "Don," ndakhwaza ndikwibhulorho ephezu kwakhe, "mandikubuze umbuzo. Uyamkele nini laa *blue marlin*, xa ivela okanye xa sithandaza?" ngokuzithemba, uDon uphendule

ngamandla, "ilula loo nto. Ndiyamkele xa ndithandaza." Ndavuya ndaze ndaqiniseka xa ndisiva impendulo yakhe. Kulapho ndaye ndazi ukuba uDon uwuthathele phezulu umyalelo wam kwaye wayezimisele ukubamba i*marlin*.

Iimizuzu kamva, intonga kaDon yaqala ukucula njengoko igobele elwandle kwaye abasebenzi bakhwaza, "Intlanzi!"

"Ningabinamincili kakhulu," walumkisa ukapteni. Yintlanzi enkulu ngokuqinisekileyo, kodwa asiyiyo i*blue marlin*. I*Marlins* ziza kanye phezu kwamanzi kwaye zixhume kakhulu emoyeni, kwaye le ntlanzi ihlala nzulu." Yadlula imizuzu njengoko uDon wayeqhubeka nokujijisana nentlanzi eyayingasondeli ngaphezulu ukuze ibonwe. Njengoko uDon wayed-iniwe, intlanzi yayidinwe kakhulu kwaye kungekudala yayeka ukulwa. Mna noDon sasingamangazekanga njengoko wayetsala, i*blue imarlin* enkulu entle, kodwa wonke umntu owayekhwele isikhephe wayemangalisiwe.

NJENGOKUBA UMOYA UNGENAKUBONWA KODWA UNEMPEMBELELO EBONAKALAYO KUMMANDLA WENDALO, NGOKO UBUKUMKANI BUKATHIXO BUYINYANI KWAYE BUNEMPEMBELELO KUMMANDLA WENDALO.

Umfanekiso kaDon kunye nentlanzi yakhe uhlala eofisini yam kuze kube namhlanje njengobungqina kwabanye kunye nesikhumbuzo esiqhubekayo kum okanye inyaniso yoBukumkani. Ngaphandle, yayiyintlanzi nje. Kodwa kuDon, i*marlin* yayithetha kakhulu. Ukuba uBukumkani busebenzele i*marlin*, ngokuqinisekileyo bebuya kusebenza kuyo yonke enye into awayey-idinga ebomini. KuDon, yayisisiqalo nje sokuqonda impembelelo uBukumkani bukaThixo babubanayo ebomini bakhe.

Buyela umva kumawaka ambalwa eminyaka uya kufunda ngomntu ogama linguNikodemo, owabuza uYesu ngokukodwa ngoBukumkani bukaThixo. Isahluko 3 sencwadi kaYohane sibhale impendulo kaYehova, "*Umoya uphepheza apho uthanda khona, uze usive isandi sawo, kodwa ungawazi apho uvela khona, nalapho usinga khona: bakwanjalo bonke abazelwe nguMoya*" (v. 8). Laa mini intle phakathi kwesikhephe noDon ngumzekelo omhle wale nto onokuwufumana.

Ngoxa mna okanye uDon singazange sibubone uBukumkani bukaThixo, ngokuqinisekileyo sabubona saza sayiva impembelelo yabo njengoko laa *marlin* inkulu yeza ngaloo mini. Njengokuba umoya ungenakubonwa kodwa unempembelelo ebonakalayo kummandla wendalo, ngoko uBukumkani bukaThixo buyinyani kwaye bunempembelelo kummandla wendalo. Ngokufunda imithetho elawula uBukumkani bukaThixo, senza utshintsho ebomini bethu njengoko wenzayo uDon ngaloo mini.

Kulungile, nanku umbuzo. Yavela njani i*marlin*?

Kukho impendulo yalo mbuzo. Awukwazi nje ukuthi yenziwe nguThixo. Hayi, kufuneka sazi ukuba sazi njani ukuba iya kuvela. Kufuneka uyazi le nto kuba kunokubakho usuku apho ufuna i*blue marlin* okanye imoto eluhlaza okanye ukutya. Inyani yeyokuba inqaku lebali alikho malunga nokuloba ngaphezu kwamabali am okuzingela eyamalunga namaxhama. Ibali lisinika ukuqonda malunga noBukumkani nendlela obusebenza ngayo. Kwakukho isizathu sokuba i*marlin* ivele! UYesu wachitha ixesha elininzi efundisa abafundi bakhe ngendlela uBukumkani obusebenza ngayo, kodwa ngaphandle nje kokuthetha ngabo, wababonisa.

Nceda unike ingqalelo. UBukumkani abusebenzi njengommandla wasemhlabeni okhulele kuwo. Ngenene awuyi kukwazi

ukuyiqonda ngokupheleleyo ngengqondo yakho. Busebenza ngokwemithetho, imithetho nje eyahlukileyo kunaleyo siyiqheleyo apha kummandla wasemhlabeni. Kodwa sinokuyifunda loo mithetho. UYesu wachitha ixesha elininzi ebonisa kwaye efundisa le mithetho yoBukumkani naphi na apho wayesiya khona. Elinye lamabali endiwathandayo apho uYesu wabonisa uBukumkani lenzeke kuMarko 6. Libali elidume kakubi (elidumileyo) ngoYesu esondla amadoda ayi 5,000 ngezonka ezihlanu neentlanzi ezimbini. Nangona ndilifunde ibali izihlandlo ezisigidi ndikhulela ecaweni, akukho namntu wakha wandixelela ukuba uYesu wayenza njani loo nto.

> *Kuthi kwakubon' ukuba seyihambile kakhulu imini, beze kuye abafundi bakhe, bathi, "Le ndawo iyintlango, nemini seyihambile kakhulu; bandulule bemke, baye emaphandleni ajikelezileyo nasemizaneni, bazithengele izonka; kuba bengenanto bangayidlayo."*
>
> *Waphendula wathi kubo, "Bapheni nina badle."*
>
> *Bathi kuye, "Kuya kuthatha umvuzo weenyanga ezisibhozo! Simke na siye kuthenga izonka ngeedenariyo ezimakhulu mabini sibaphe badle?"*
>
> *Uthi ke yena kubo, "Izonka eninazo zingaphi na? "Hambani niye kukhangela."*
>
> *Besazi, bathi, "Zihlanu—neentlanzi ezimbini."*
>
> *UYesu wabathethela ngelithi, mababahlalise bonke, babe ziziqhu ngeziqhu engceni eluhlaza. Bahlala phantsi beziingcamba ngeengcamba ngamakhulu, nangamashumi ngamahlanu. Wazithabatha izonka zozihlanu neentlanzi zombini, wathi ekhangela ezulwini wasikelela, waziqhekeza izonka,*

wanika abafundi bakhe ukuba babeke phambi kwabo; wathi neentlanzi zombini wazabela bona bonke. Badla ke bonke bahlutha. Baza basusa izitya zizele ngamaqhekeza zalishumi elinazibini, basusa nakwiintlanzi. Baye abo babezidla izonka ezo bekumawaka omahlanu amadoda.

—UMarko 6:35-44

"Yesu, sinengxaki. Abantu balambile kwaye ngaphandle kokuba bemke ngoku, abasoze bakwazi ukugoduka kude kube sebusuku kakhulu, kwaye sixhalabile." Uthini ke uYesu kubo? "Owu, bantu, ninyanisile. "Ndilahlekelwe ngumkhondo wexesha ngokupheleleyo, masivale intlanganiso kwangoku." Hayi, Uthi nje, "Bapheni nina badle." Intoni? IBhayibhile ibhale amadoda ayi 5,000 ayelapho, kodwa ukubala abafazi nabantwana kwakunokubakho ngokulula abantu abayi 20,000 apho. Ukondla elo qela labantu, nokuba ubunezixhobo esele zikhona, bekuya kuba ngumsebenzi omkhulu, umsebenzi ongenakwenzeka. Ndiqinisekile ukuba abafundi babengayikholelwa le nto yayithethwa nguYesu. Indlela abasabela ngayo kwisisombululo Sakhe isinika ingcaciso ecacileyo ngengqondo ekhoyo kummandla wasemhlabeni. "Kodwa, Yesu, oko kuya kuthatha umvuzo weenyanga ezisibhozo! Simke na siye kuthenga izonka ngeedenariyo ezimakhulu mabini?" Okokuqala, qaphela indlela abayiguqulela ngayo ngokukhawuleza ingxaki yabo yokunqongophala kobonelelo kwinkqubo yesiqalekiso yomhlaba yezoqoqosho, ukubulaleka, nokubila, iinyanga ezisibhozo kanye.

Ngenye imini ndandithandaza uThixo wandixelela ukuba ndinengqondo yenyama. Ndandixakiwe; ithetha ukuthini loo nto? Ndandinengxaki ngenkanuka? Hayi, wayebhekisa ekucingeni kwam nendlela ndandisikelwe umda ngayo ukucinga kwenkqubo

yesiqalekiso yomhlaba kwakuhluza Ikamva lam ngendlela ngengqondo yam ecinga ukuba ndinokubaleka ngokukhawuleza kangakanani na. Sonke siyakwenza oku. Ukuba sifuna indlu entsha, siye sifumanise ukuba yimalini, kwangoko sibale ukuba sinako ukuyihlawula. Siyibala njani loo nto? Ngokusebenzisa inkqubo yesiqalekiso yokuqonda ukuba sinokubaleka ngokukhawuleza kangakanani na. Masibone, ndenza i$15 ngeyure ndiyiphindaphinde ngeeyure eziyi 40 ngeveki ilingana… "Wowu, ayikho indlela endinokuyithenga ngayo loo ndlu." Ngoko uyibeke ecaleni kuba ayinakwenzeka. Ukuba sihluza zonke iimbono ngesihluzo esithi ndinokubaleka ngokukhawuleza kangakanani na, ASINAKUZE singene kwindlela yokuphila yoBukumkani kuba uThixo akabotshelelwanga kuloo nkqubo. UThixo wayendixelela ukuba ndifuna ukubandakanya uBukumkani, kuya kufuneka ndiqalise ukucinga iingcinga zoBukumkani—zonke izinto zinako ukwenzeka!

Kulapho abafundi babekhona xa babesithi, "Kuya kuthatha umvuzo weenyanga ezisibhozo." Babesithi ngumsebenzi ongenakwenzeka ukondla abantu abaninzi kangako.

Mandibonise xa uYesu esithi "Bapheni nina badle," kwavakala njani kubo. Cinga ukuba ndingumfundisi wakho, kwaye uhlangabezane namaxesha amanzima kwaye usemva ngentlawulo yendlu. Wawusemva ngeenyanga ezintathu uza kuphulukana nendlu yakho. Ngoko weza kum wacela ukuba ibandla lingakunceda ngentlawulo. Ndiye ndathi kuwe ngokuzolileyo "Ndinombono ongcono. Kutheni ungayihlawuli yonke nje, akuyi kufuneka ukuba ube neentlawulo kwaphela?" ubuya kundijonga ngembonakalo ethi, "akukho ndlela yokuba iye wayiqonda into endiyithethayo." "Hayi, Mfundisi, ndicinga ukuba awundivanga kakuhle. Asinamali, yiyo loo nto size kuwe. Sidinga nje ibandla lisincede ukuze intlawulo yethu ibe

sexesheni.” Kwakhona, Ndikujonge ngokuzolileyo ndithi, “Hayi, Ndiyayiqonda le nto uyithethayo, kwaye ndikunike isisombululo esihle. Kufuneka uhlawule nje indlu, awuyi kuba neentlawulo kwaphela.” Njengomatshini wepinball othambekayo, buya kucinga ukuba ndiyaphambana.

Ke, yindlela abafundi babeziva ngayo. “Yesu, awuzimiselanga ngokwenene ukondla bonke aba bantu bayi 20,000, akunjalo? Oko akunakwenzeka. Asinazo izixhobo zokwenza oko. Kwaye ukuba senze icebo lokuhamba siyokusebenza nzima ngokwaneleyo ukuze sifumane loo mali, siququzelele iinqwelo kunye nekomiti ukuba bayothatha isonka, xa sibuya nesonka, wonke umntu uyokuba efile. Nokuba besinayo imali, asinalo ixesha lokuyenza le nto.” Le yindlela esisabela ngayo kwizinto ezingenakwenzeka kwindalo xa singaboni ndlela yokuba yenzeke. Xa singenabonelelo, umbono wethu uyafa.

UYesu akazange abashiye pha abafundi kulo meko bengenazo impendulo, kwaye ngengazange abaxelele ukuba bondle abantu ukuba kwakungekho ndlela yokwenza oko. Wayesele eza kubabonisa enye inkqubo—uBukumkani busebenza. Abafundi ngoku bebhidekile, uYesu wathatha ulawulo.

“Nina ntoni? Hambani niye kujonga,” watsho uYesu. Abafundi babuya bathi, “sinezonka ezihlanu neentlanzi ezimbini.” Zakuba zifunyenwe izonka ezihlanu neentlanzi ezimbini, uYesu ucela abafundi ukuba bazizise Kuye. Uthabatha isonka nentlanzi waze wazisikelela waza wazibuyisela kubo. Kwiliso lenyama, akukho nto yayitshintshile, kodwa kummandla womoya, kwenzeke into ebaluleke kakhulu, into ebalulekileyo ekuqondeni kwethu uBukumkani. UYesu uyalela abafundi ukuba bakhuphe isonka nentlanzi, kwaye babukele bemangazekile njengoko ukutya kusanda phambi kwamehlo abo kuze kondle bonke abantu abayi 20,000 de

bangakwazi ukuqhubeka ukutya. Kwenzeka ntoni? Ingaba yenzeka njani?

Ukufumanisa, kufuneka sibuye umva kancinci kwaye siqwalasele ngokusondeleyo iinkcukacha zesi siganeko. Igama elithi “sikelela” ngokoqobo lithetha ukwahlula okanye ukungcwalisa. Ngoko sinokuthi xa uYesu wayethetha phezu kokutya waza wakusikelela, isonka nentlanzi zahlulwa kobunye ubukumkani zisiya kobunye.

Kummandla wasemhlabeni, ukondla abantu abayi 20,000 ngezonka ezihlanu neentlanzi ezimbini akunakwenzeka. Kodwa ngoBukumkani bukaThixo, zonke izinto zinako ukwenzeka. Enyanisweni, ibali alipheli apha. Ngaphambi kokuba liphele, abafundi baqokelela iibhaskiti eziyi 12 zokutya okuseleyo. Izonka ezihlanu neentlanzi ezimbini ziye zisuke ekunganeliyo, zahluthisa abantu abayi 20,000 baza banokutya okuninzi kunokutya babenako ekuqaleni? Yindlela yoBukumkani leyo, ngaphezu kokwaneleyo!

Njengesazinzulu somoya, xa ndijongisisa ebalini, ndiye ndabona indlela efanayo uThixo wandinika yona ngexhama. Ngokuzingela kwam amaxhama, uThixo wandifundisa ukuba ndiqale ndihlwayele eBukumkanini bukaThixo inxalenye yayo nayiphi na into endiyidingayo. Wenjenjalo umfana ngesonka nentlanzi wayenazo. Wazibeka phantsi kwegunya loBukumkani bukaThixo, zanda, zondla abantu abayi 20,000 kwashiyeka nebhaskiti eziyi 12. Qaphela ukuba isonka sanda saba sisonka, neentlanzi zanda zaba ziintlanzi. Le yindlela obusebenza ngayo. Ndingahlwayela intlanzi eBukumkanini kwaye iya kwanda

UTHIXO WANDIFUNDISA UKUBA NDIQALE NDIHLWAYELE EBUKUMKANINI BUKATHIXO INXALENYE YAYO NAYIPHI NA INTO ENDIYIDINGAYO.

ibe yintlanzi. Kodwa kwenzekani ukuba ndidinga intlanzi ndingenayo intlanzi yokuhlwayela? Impendulo—imali! Khumbula, imali yinkqubo yotshintshiselwano. Mna nawe "sibiza" imali yonke imihla. Siyibiza ibisi, indlu, iimpahla, isonka, nayo nantoni na esiyifunayo suku ngalunye. Imali iba yiyo nantoni na esiyifunayo. Ngoko ke ku xa sihlwayela; sinokuthiya imali. Endaweni yokuya evenkileni sithenge intlanzi ukuze sihlwayele, sinokuyithiya nje imali. Oku kunokwenzeka ngokunikela kwakho, kodwa hayi isishumi sakho, kuba uThixo sele eyithiyile igama. Sinokuwubona lo mthetho wokwandisa usebenza kuLuka 5.

> *Ke kaloku kuthe, ekubeni zimxinile izihlwele, zizakuva ilizwi likaThixo, wesuka wema ngasedikeni laseGenesarete. Wabona imikhombe emibini imi ngasedikeni apho; babe ke ababambisi beentlanzi bephumile kuyo, behlamba iminatha yabo. Wathi ke, engine komnye umkhombe, owawungokaSimon, wamcela ukuba akhe akhwelelise kancinane emhlabeni; waza, ehleli phantsi, wamana ezifundisa izihlwele. Uthe akugqiba ukuthetha, wathi kuSimon, "Yifake kumanzi amanzulu, uhlise iminatha, ubambise."*
>
> *Waphendula uSimon wathi kuye, "Mongameli, sibulaleke ubusuku buphela, asabamba nento; kodwa ngelakho ilizwi ndiya kuwuhlisa umnatha." Bathi, bakukwenza oko, bavingcela inkitha enkulu yeentlanzi; wawuqhaqheka ke umnatha wabo. Bakhoba amahlulelana abo, abekomnye umkhombe, ukuba eze kuncedisana nabo. Beza, bayizalisa imikhombe yomibini, yada yafuna ukutshona.*
>
> — ULuka 5:1-7

Njengesazinzulu somoya, masijonge ngonononophelo ebalini. Zavela njani eza ntlanzi? Unako ukuyibona? UYesu wayehamba edikeni waza wafumana umkhombe awayeza kuwusebenzisa ukushumayela kuwo kwisihlwele. Ucela uPetros umnini mkhombe, ukuba unokuwusebenzisa na aze uPetros athi, "Ngokuqinisekileyo." Kuba, babegqibile ukuwusebenzisa, babebulaleke ubusuku buphela ababamba nento. Emva kokuba uYesu ewusebenzisile umkhombe, waxelela uPetros ukuba abuyele emva aye kubambisa iintlanzi kumanzi anzulu. Ndiqinisekile uPetros wayengasilindelanga esi sicelo, njengoko ephendula, "Sibulaleke ubusuku buphela asabamba nento." UPetros wayengumlobi ovunyiweyo, kwaye wayekwazi ukuloba. Ngokusekelwe kumava akhe, iintlanzi zazingekho. Kwakungekho ngqiqweni kwindalo ukubuyela emva. Babesele bezibekile izixhobo zabo begqiba kucoca iminatha yabo.

Andikholelwa ukuba uPetros ngewayekwenzile ngaphandle kokuba wayeve mhlawumbi intshumayele yeyure kuYesu eyayimchukumise ngendlela awayengazange achukumiseke ngayo ngaphambili. Ngoko athi, "Kodwa ngelakho ilizwi ndiya kuwuhlisa umnatha." UPetros wabuyela wabamba inkitha yeentlanzi kangangokuba umntatha wakhe wafuna ukuqhaqheka umkhombe wakhe efuna ukutshona. Wabiza omahlulelana bakhe besedikeni, beza iminatha yabo yafuna ukuqhaqheka. IBhayibhile ibhala indlela uPetros wasabela ngayo; ngokuba wayothukile!

Kwenzeka njani oku? Kukho imikhondo? Sinokwazi? Ngoshwankathelo olufutshane, ngamandla omgaqo wokunyaniseka ebesithethe ngawo ngaphambili. Xa uPetros wavumela uYesu asebenzise umkhombe wokuloba, umkhombe neshishini lantsintsha izikumkani. Ishishini laphuma phantsi kolawulo lwenkqubo yesiqalekiso yomhlaba langena phantsi kolawulo loBukumkani bukaThixo.

Ekubeni laluphantsi kolawulo loBukumkani bukaThixo, uThixo wayenegunya lokukhuphela ilizwi lolwazi aze anike uYesu indawo apho zikhoyo iintlanzi; "phaya emanzini anzulu."

Ngoko masicazulule esi siganeko. UYesu uboleka umkhombe wokuloba kuPetros owayesanda ukuphuma kubusuku obude bokuloba ngaphandle kweziphumo. Kolu ntsintshiselwano, imikhombe yangena phantsi kolawulo loBukumkani bukaThixo. Ngoku uYesu uyayazi indawo ezikuyo iintlanzi ngoMoya oyiNgcwele. Emva koko uYesu walathisa umkhombe kaPetros kwindawo kanye. Umkhombe kaPetros wafuna ukutshona ziintlanzi. Imikhomba yomahlulelana bakhe yafuna ukutshona ngenxa yeentlanzi. Ngoko zabanjwa njani iintlanzi? Ngamazwi alula, ngelizwi elithe ngqo lomyalelo ovela ezulwini. Masivumeni, nabani na unokubamba iintlanzi ukuba bayayazi kanye apho zikhoyo. Cinga ngale nto sigqiba kuyithetha. UThixo wazi yonke into. Angakunceda akuxelele into omawuyenze.

Ngoku mna noDrenda sasingenamali kwaye siqala ukufunda ngoBukumkani, uThixo wandinika iphupha ebusuku ukuba ndiqale ishishini bendigazi ukuba ndiliqale njani. Elo shishini lisasebenza emva kweminyaka eyi 28, livelisa amakhulu amawaka eedola wengeniso ngonyaka. Kule minyaka iyi 28, lindivumele ukuba ndihlwayele izigidi kubulungiseleli nasekuncedeni abantu. Njani? Ndeva ezulwini, nawe unako! Mandikunike umzekelo.

Ndandibambe inkomfa yobusuku-obuhlanu ngoBukumkani bukaThixo kwiminyaka embalwa edlulileyo. Emva kobusuku besibini, kwafika indoda egama linguChris yandicela ukuba ndiyithandazele. Ndambuza ukuba umfunela ntoni umthandazo. Wandixelela ibali lakhe. Wayekwishishini nendoda eyayirhwaphilize imali kwishishini, into eyabangela ukuba livale. Wayekumtshato

wakhe wesine, izinto zazingahambi kakuhle, kwaye wayeneminyaka eyi 40 ubudala kuphela. Wandixelela ukuba wayenoxinzelelo wathatha umpu ogcweleyo wazulazula okwethutyana wamisa kwisikhululo segesi esivaliweyo ngenjongo yokuzibulala.

Kwakumalunga no 3:00 ekuseni, ehleli apho nompu ogcweleyo, ifowuni yakhe yakhala. Wayiqonda inombolo kwangoko. Yayingumahlulelana wakhe wangaphambili. Ngokuqinisekileyo wayengafuni ukuthetha naye, ngoko akayiphendula. Yakhala kwakhona, nakwakhona, nakwakhona. Enyanisweni, yakhala kayi 11 xa uChris egqibe kwelokuba ayiphendule. Amazwi okuqala aphume emlonyeni womahlulelana wakhe wangaphambili athi, “uphi, kwaye wenza ntoni?” Xa uChris emxelela umahlulelana wakhe wangaphambili wathi, Ungashukumi, ndiyeza ngoku!” kubonakala ukuba, umahlulelana wakhe wangaphambili wayesanda kunikezela ubomi bakhe kuThixo kwaye wayefuna ukwabelana ngoko noChris. Ngokumangalisayo, waziva engxamisekile ukuba atsalele uChris umnxeba ngo 3:00 ekuseni, kwaye xa uChris engaphenduli, waqhubeka ezama.

Xa umahlulelana kaChris efika, wakhokela uChris eNkosini kwaye ubomi bukaChris batshintsha kakhulu. Yonke into yaqala ukubangcono. Wafumana icawe elungileyo, umtshato wakhe waqala ukubangcono. Yonke into yayihamba ngcono ngaphandle komvuzo wakhe. UChris wayengenamsebenzi, yile nto wayendicela ukuba ndiyithandazele. Ngenkomfa, ndifundise kanye lento ndikuxelela yona kule ncwadi, indlela uBukumkani obunokwenza ngayo izinto ezimangalisayo ezingaphaya kwezakhono zethu.

Njengoko uChris wayecinga ngendlela uMoya oyiNgcwele onokusikhokela ngayo uze usincede ngolwalithiso namacebo, ngequbuliso waba necebo.

Wayengenalo ukhetho oluninzi ngokwemali. Kodwa wayesenza i*cheesecake* emnandi. Into ekhethekileyo wayeyenza yayiyi*cheesecake*, awayeyazi ukuba yeyona imnandi wakha wayitya. Enyanisweni, uChris wayesaziwa ngabo bonke abahlobo bakhe njengendoda eyenza eyona *cheesecake* imnandi abakha bayitya. Wayekhe waya kwivenkile yokutya okusempilweni yasekuhlaleni amaxesha amaninzi, waza wazama ezinye zezinto zabo ezibhakiweyo kodwa wafumanisa ukuba zonke zazisilela. UChris wayengenalo ukhetho oluninzi, kodwa waziva ukuba olu lolona khetho awayenalo, ukuthengisa ii*cheesecake*. Wayeqinisekile ukuba xa enokuthatha i*cheesecake* yakhe enye ayise kwivenkile yokutya okusempilweni yasekuhlaleni baze bayingcamle, babeya kufuna ukuyithengisa. Wayeqinisekile ukuba iya kuthengwa ngcono kune yabo. Ngoko yiloo nto kanye awayenzayo. Wapheka icheesecake waya nayo kwivenkile yokutya okusempilweni engaxelanga. Ngexesha elilodwa, kwenzekile ukuba i*CEO* wazo zonke iivenkile zokutya okusempilweni wayetyelele le venkile xa uChris efika. I*CEO* yavuma ukungcamla i*cheesecake* imazise.

Ngobo busuku uChris wabuya weza ngaphambili emva kwentlanganiso kwakhona ukuze athethe nam. Wandixelela into ayenzileyo kwaye wandicela ukuba ndithandaze kunye naye kwakhona malunga nesivumelwano nevenkile yokutya okusempilweni. Ke, ngosuku olulandelayo uChris wayakhona kwakhona, kwaye yho, wayenemincili! Wandixelela ukuba i*CEO* yayifuna abhakele kungekuphela nje ivenkile enye apho wayengcamle khona i*cheesecake* kodwa zonke iivenkile. Wambuza nokuba yintoni enye akwaziyo ukuyibhaka. UChris wothuka! Ngokumangalisayo, i*CEO* yeza ngobusuku bokugqibela benkomfa apho weza ngaphambili wanikela ngentliziyo yakhe enkosini wabhaptizwa ngoMoya

oyiNgcwele. Ndafumana incwadi evela kuye kwiiveki ezimbini kamva isithi ufuna ukuhlwayela eBukumkanini bukaThixo. Wayenika ishumi lepesenti yesithokhwe sakhe kwinkampani kubulungiseleli bethu, i*Faith Life Now.* Iyamangalisa! UThixo unokuthatha icebo aze enze into enkulu ngento engekhoyo.

ISAHLUKO 10

QOKELELA, UNGABILI!

Ngaba wakha walibona ihashe ekwindla emva kokubaleka ixesha elide? Agqunywa ngumbilo; uhlobo lombilo olunegwebu olubizwa ngokuba kukugqunywa kukungcola. Ungatsho ukuba ayesebenza nzima. Ndihlala ndifumana lo mbuzo lonke ixesha, “Gary, ngaba uthi andifanelanga ndisebenze?” Hayi, anditshongo neLizwi likaThixo alitsho. Kodwa kukho umahluko omkhulu kwindlela osebenza ngayo. Thatha, umzekelo, ibali esilifundileyo ngoPetros nomahlulelana bakhe bebamba iintlanzi ezizele imikhuba emibini kangangokuba yafuna ukutshona. Babulaleke ubusuku buphela bezama ukubamba iintlanzi ngaphandle kwempumelelo. Ke, uYesu weza waza wababonisa apho zikhoyo iintlanzi ngelizwi lolwazi. Ngelo xesha, basebenzile kwakhona kodwa yayiluhlobo olwahlukileyo ngokupheleleyo lokusebenza. Basebenza njengoko babezitsala ezo ntlanzi ngokuqinisekileyo. Kodwa ngaba babeloba?

Ndiyazi ukuba ndidlala ngamagama apha. Sisebenzisa igama elithi ukuloba kwizinto ezininzi. Umfazi wayeloba ukunconywa. Indoda yagromba epokothweni yayo, iloba izitshixo zayo.

Sisebenzisa igama elithi ukuloba xa sithetha ngokukhangela into. Ngoko ngaba uPetros wayeloba? Xa ndisiya kuzingela, Ndikuxelele ukuba ndifumana amaxhama am malunga nemizuzu eyi 40. Ngaba ndiyazingela? Ngamanye amazwi, ukuba uyazi apho iintlazi zikhoyo, ngaba uyaloba? Ukuba ndiyazi ukuba ndizakuwafumana amaxhama, ngaba kukuzingela oko? Ndithetha oku kuphela ukuze ubambe umahluko. Ewe ndiyabulaleka kodwa andibulaleki ubusuku buphela ndingabambi nento.

Kuqala, ngokuba nento endiyidingayo ebomini, Ndiyakwazi ukusebenza eBukumkanini ibe malunga nezinto zikaBawo kunye nenjongo yam.

Ndingayibiza Ngokuqokelela!

Xa uPetros waya kuYesu emcela ukuba ahlawule irhafu yabo kuMateyu 17:26b, uYesu wathetha oku kulandelayo:

> *"Hamba uye elwandle, uphose umhlobothi wakho, uthabathe loo ntlanzi ithe yavela tanci. Wothi wakuwunqika umlomo wayo, ufumane ishekele; thabatha yona leyo ubanike, usenzelelela mna nawe."*

Qaphela ukuba uYesu akazange athi, "Kulungile, kufuneka sihlawule irhafu. Ndikuxelele le nto, yiya esixekweni kangangeenyanga ezintathu, ufumane umsebenzi, wenze imali, emva koko ubuye udibane neqela emva kokuba wenze imali yokuhlawula irhafu yethu." Hayi, uYesu akazange ayithethe loo nto. Ngoba? Kuba kwakuza kufuneka uPetros asishiye isabelo sakhe aze aqalise ukubaleka emva kwemali ukuba wayenokubuyela kwindlela yokucinga yenkqubo

yesiqalekiso yomhlaba. Endaweni yoko, uYesu usibonisa indlela uBukumkani obusebenza ngayo nendlela esifanele sisebenze ngayo ngoxa silapha kummandla wasemhlabeni. Impendulo kaPetros yimpendulo yakho nawe. UYesu wamxelela nje uPetros ukuba luphi na ubonelelo, indlela awayefanele asebenze ngayo ukulivuna, kunye nento kanye afanele ukuyikhangela. Ekuphela kwento ekwakufanele ayenze uPetros kukuya kuyiqokelela.

Njengoko sibukele uYesu nabafundi Bakhe, babedla ngokumangazeka baze bothuke xa bebona uBukumkani busebenza. Xa uYesu wayebulala umkhiwane ngamazwi Akhe kuMarko sahluko 11, iBhayibhile ithi uPetros wamangazeka. Bathi uPetros, uYakobi, noYohane bakubamba zonke eza ntlanzi, bamangazeka. Mna noDrenda siye samangazeka, imilomo yethu ijinga, sisithi, "Uyibonile loo nto?" rhoqo kule minyaka njengoko siqhubeka sifunda ngakumbi nangakumbi malunga nendlela uBukumkani obusebenza ngayo. Njengoko sithetha ngokuqokelela ngoncedo loMoya oyiNgcwele, kufuneka ndikuse kuMateyu isahluko 6. IBhayibhile yam inesihlokwana gentla kwesi sicatshulwa, esithi, "Ungaxhalabi!" Ndiyayithanda loo nto.

> *"Akukho mntu unako ukukhonza nkosi mbini; kuba eya kuyithiya le ayithande leya, athi mhlawumbi abambelele kule ayidele leya. Aninako ukukhonza uThixo nobutyebi.*
>
> *Ngenxa yoko ndithi kuni, Musani ukubuxhalela ubomi benu, nisithi nodla ntoni na; nosela ntoni na; kwanomzimba wenu, nisithi niya kwambatha ntoni na. Ubomi abungaphezulu na kuko ukudla, nomzimba awungaphezulu na kwinto yokwambatha? Yondelani ezintakeni zasezulwini; ngokuba azihlwayeli, azivuni, azibutheli koovimba; ukanti ke uYihlo*

osemazulwini uyazondla. Nina anizidlule kakhulu na? Nguwuphi na ke onokuthi ngokuxhala ongeze ebukhulwini bakhe ikubhite nye?

Kanjalo yini na ukuba nixhalele into yokwambatha? Gqalani iinyibiba zasendle, ukuhluma kwazo; azibulaleki, azisonti nokusonta; ke ndithi kuni, noSolomon kubo bonke ubunwenwe bakhe, wayengavathiswanga nanjenganye kuzo ezo. Ukuba ke ingca leyo yasendle, ethi namhla ibekho, ize ngomso iphoswe eziko, wenjenjalo uThixo ukuyambathisa, akayi kunambathisa kakhulu ngakumbi na, bantundini balukholo luncinane?

Musani ukuxhala ngoko, nisithi, "Sodla ntoni na?" "Sosela ntoni na?" "Siya kwambatha ntoni na?" kuba zonke ezo zinto zingxanyelwe ziintlanga; kuba uYihlo wasemazulwini uyazi ukuba ezo zinto zonke ziyafuneka kuni. Funani ke tanci uBukumkani bukaThixo nobulungisa bakhe, zaye zonke ezo zinto ziya kongezelelwa kuni. Ngoko musani ukuxhalela ingomso; kuba ingomso liya kuxhalela okwalo. Buyanele imini leyo obayo ububi."

— UMateyu 6:24-34

UYesu uthi awunako ukukhonza nkosi mbini. Unokucinga ukuba unako kodwa awunako. Uya kuthanda enye kwaye enye kuphela. Ndingakuxelela ukuba yeyiphi. Iya kuba leyo uyithembileyo ukuba ingahlangabezana neemfuno zakho. Xa iNkosi yayithetha nam kuloo ndlu yaseplasini malunga nokungaze ndiziphe ixesha lokufunda indlela obusebenza ngayo uBukumkani Bayo, yayisithi yayingeyiyo ngokwenene inkosi yam. Yayingenguye lowo ndandithembele kuye ngokupheleleyo kwaye ndingamkhonzi kwaye ndingamthembi. Ewe, ngokuqinisekileyo, ndandisiya ecaweni, ndinesisa, ndithanda uThixo, kwaye ndiyazi ukuba ndiya

ezulwini. Kodwa andizange ndithathe ixesha lokufunda ngenkqubo kaThixo yezemali nendlela uBukumkani Bakhe obusebenza ngayo.

> *Kuba apho bukhona ubutyebi benu, yoba lapho nentliziyo yenu.*
>
> —ULuka 12:34

Funda oko ngokucothayo, "*Apho bukhona ubutyebi benu, yoba lapho nentliziyo yenu*." Abaninzi bathanda ukuyijika loo nto bathi, "Apho ikhoyo intliziyo yenu, yoba lapho bukhona ubutyebi benu. Kodwa asiyiyo le nto iyithethayo, kwaye asiyiyo indlela esebenza ngayo. Abantu bacinga ukuba kuthetha ukuba banokumthanda uThixo ngentsasa yangeCawa kwaye kuya kuba apho ubutyebi bukhoyo. AYICHANEKANGA! Inkqubo oyithembayo ukuba ihlangabezane neemfuno zakho kulapho bukhoyo ubutyebi bakho.

UYesu uthi siyigqwethile!

UThixo ufuna ukuba kwindawo yokuqala ebomini bethu, hayi imali. Ukuba imali bubutyebi bethu, iya kuba kuqala, ifune ixesha lethu, izinto ezizakuqala kuthi, nothando. Yiyo loo nto uPetros wayengenakushiya isabelo sakhe ukuze ayokwenza imali xa ityala lerhafu lifika. Yiyo loo nto uThixo kufuneka asiqeqeshe ukuba siqokele singabili. UYesu kufuneka asifundise indlela yoBukumkani, indlela yokuthemba uThixo ngobonelelo lwethu, ngaloo ndlela ekhulula iintliziyo zethu ukuze sithande uThixo ngeentliziyo zethu zonke! UYesu wathi, "*Ubomi abungaphezulu na kuko ukudla, nomzimba awungaphezulu na kwinto yokwambatha*?" Wayesithi ubomi ayikuko ukuba nezinto.

Injongo yobomi kukuba ezo zinto zisebenzele wena kunye nesabelo sakho emhlabeni.

Ukanti sibona ntoni? Abantu abaninzi babaleka bengayeki bekhonza ezo zinto. Abantu babaleka ukuze bahlawule indlu, ukuhlawula intlawulo yemoto, ukuhlawula amatyala. UYesu uthi ayibobomi obo! Ngoku, ungandijikeli uqale ukundixelela ukuba, "Uyabona, uYesu, ngoKwakhe uthi ukuba nezinto yinto embi." Hayi, akatshongo njalo. Uthe kwivesi 33 funani ke tanci uBukumkani bukaThixo nobulungisa bakhe, zaye zonke ezo zinto ziya kongezelelwa kuni. Into akulapho sifumana khona ingxaki; yintliziyo. Ukuba uThixo wayengafuni sibe nazo ezo zinto, uYesu ngewayetshilo. Endaweni yoko, uthi zonke ezi zinto ihlabathi libaleka emva kwazo ziya kongezelelwa ebomini bethu ukuba siphila ngendlela kaThixo.

UKUBA IMALI BUBUTYEBI BETHU, IYA KUBA KUQALA, IFUNE IXESHA LETHU, IZINTO EZIZAKUQALA KUTHI, NOTHANDO.

Ngamanye amazwi, ubomi ayikoku khonza izinto, kodwa ngelishwa, abantu abaninzi benza kanye loo nto. Abanalo ukhetho; bangamakhoboka. Akunakwenzeka ukukhonza nkosi mbini, kwaye ukukhonza izinto ayibobomi. UYesu uyaqhubeka ecacisa ukuba kukho enye inkqubo, indawo yoxolo kwezezimali kunye nobonelelo olukukhulula ukuba uphile. Ibizwa ngokuba buBukumkani.

UYesu usinika imizekelo emibini yendlela uBukumkani obukhangeleka ngayo kwimfundiso Zakhe apha kuMateyu 6. Uthi, "*Yondelani ezintakeni zasezulwini; ngokuba azihlwayeli, azivuni, azibutheli koovimba; ukanti ke uYihlo osemazulwini uyazondla*" (v. 26).

Iintaka azinawo amaplasi eentshulube!

Azithatheli kuzo ukubonelela ngeentswelo zazo zemihla ngemihla. Hayi, uYihlo uyazondla. Kufuneka nje ziqokelele oko zikufunayo suku ngalunye. Uyayibona? Azibile kukubulaleka ngenxa yobomi bazo. Ziyaqokelela!

Iintyatyambo Azibulaleki, Azisonti nokusonta!

> *"Kanjalo yini na ukuba nixhalele into yokwambatha? Gqalani iinyibiba zasendle, ukuhluma kwazo; azibulaleki, azisonti nokusonta; ke ndithi kuni, noSolomon kubo bonke ubunwenwe bakhe, wayengavathiswanga nanjenganye kuzo ezo."* (v. 28)

Iintyatyambo azinxibi ngokubulaleka nokubila ukwenza ukuba kwenzeke. Hayi, uYihlo uyazinxibisa. UYesu uyaqhubeka axelela mna nawe impendulo yethu. Kukho enye indlela yokuphila, indlela yoBukumkani! UYesu uthi, "*Funani ke tanci uBukumkani bukaThixo nobulungisa bakhe, zaye zonke ezo zinto ziya kongezelelwa kuni*" (v. 33). Kuthetha ukuthini "funani uBukumkani bukaThixo"? Kuthetha ukuthi fumanisani indlela obusebenza ngayo! Fundani imithetho ebulawulayo. Fundani indlela inkqubo kaThixo esebenza ngayo!

Ukuba bendinokuphosa kwinqwelomoya ndikuse kwilizwe ongazange uye kulo ngaphambili, umsebenzi wakho wokuqala uya kuba kukufunda indlela uBukumkani obusebenza ngayo: indlela abatya ngayo, indlela abathenga nabathengisa ngayo, imithetho elawula umhlaba wabo. Kunjalo ke naseBumkanini bukaThixo. Kufuneka ufunde indlela uBukumkani bukaThixo obusebenza

ngayo ukuze ukwazi ukonwabela iingenelo zokuba yinxalenye yabo. Ndiyazi ngamava am ukuba ndandiphoswa kangakanani xa ndandingazi ukuba busebenza njani. Impendulo yakho ilula. Udinga inguqu yezemali. Kwimvukelo, abantu bavukela urhulumente wabo omiselweyo baze bamisele urhulumente omtsha. Kufuneka wenze into efanayo. Kufuneka ususe urhulumente omdala wenkqubo yesiqalekiso somhlaba nako konke ukuswela nokuphelelwa lithemba kwaye wonwabele indlela entsha yokuphila—ukuphila kuBukumkani bukaThixo, nemithetho emitsha, kungekho kuswela, novuyo olukhulu!

ISAHLUKO 11

UKUBHABHA KULULA KUNOKUHAMBA!

Ukuba ubunokubuyela kwimbali kwaye ufuna ukusuka eNew York City usiya eSan Francisco, bekuya kufuneka uhambe ngesikhephe. Uhambo phambi kokuba kuvulwe i*Panama Canal* lalunokuthatha unyaka ukuya ngaphaya kweSouth America. Kamva, xa kumiswe i*Oregon Trail*, ubunokulenza kwiinyanga ezine. Namhlanje, ungafika pha kwiiyure ezine. Njani? Ngokungena kumthetho omtsha, umthetho wokunyuka. Lo mthetho wokunyuka ubusoloko ukhona—iintaka beziwusebenzisa yonke imihla—kodwa abantu babengawuqondi. Njengemithetho yendalo yokubhabha, amaKristu amaninzi awazi ngale mithetho yoBukumkani, nangona bebefunda ngayo uninzi lobomi babo. UBukumkani bukaThixo bulapha, buphakathi kuwe, kwaye unelungelo elisemthethweni lokonwabela iingenelo zabo. Kummandla wendalo, imithetho yokubhabha ayiwucimi umthetho womxhuzulane, iya wogqitha. Ngamanye amazwi, logama nje usebenza ngokuhambelana nemithetho elawula ukubhabha, uyabhabha, nangona umxhuzulane usasebenza. Bekuya kufuneka uvume ukuba kulula ukubhabha

iiyure ezine kunokuhamba ngesikhephe unyaka wonke! Ke, qala ukwenza izinto ngokukhawulezayo kwaye ushiye iindlela zakho ezicothayo zakudala ngasemva.

Wakha walibona ibhabhathane eliyi *Monarch*? Apha eOhio, ngexesha lekwindla, uya kubona amakhulu amabhabhathane ayi*Monarch* ebhabha emazantsi ebusika.

Ahambela aye eMexico, uhambo lweemayile eziyi 2,000. Kodwa nantsi into. Awazange aye khona ngaphambili! Ayazi njani ukuba ahambe njani okanye ahambe nini? Ukuba uThixo wenze indlela yokuba amabhabhathane ayiMonarch aphile, unayo indlela yakho. Luyenza njani le nto ibhabhathane?

Kukho igama *metamorphosis.* Ingama elibalulekileyo "ngu*morph*," elithetha ukutshintsha. Abantu abaninzi bayayazi ukuba i*Monarch* ayiqali njengebhabhathane. Endaweni yoko, aqala njengombungu. Kwisigaba sombungu, aya kuphila kwisityalo esinye se*milkweed* kwaye akhule ngokukhulu de, ekugqibeleni, alungele utshintsho olukhulu. Emva kokukhula ngobukhulu, aya kwakha i*chrysalis,* uhlobo lweqokobhe apha umbungu uzivalela khona kangangeentsuku eziyi 7 ukuya kweziyi 15. Emva koko, ibhabhathane liya kuphuma kwi*chrysalis* libonakala kwaye lingenzi njengoko lalisenza kwisigaba sombungu. Liphila kwinqanaba elitsha ngokupheleleyo lobukho. Liyabhabha! Endaweni yokukhawulelwa kwisityalo esinye se*milkweed,* linokubhabha liye naphi na apho lifuna ukuya kona. Lihle kwaye linobabalo kunye nobuhle obungenakuthelekiswa endalweni.

Kodwa eyona nto imangalisayo eliyenzayo kukwazi ukubhabha lisuke enkathazweni. Uyabona, i*Monarch* yayingenakukwazi ukuphila kwiinyanga zasebusika ezinekhephu eziqhelekileyo kwimozulu yasemantla. Ingafa. Kodwa uThixo wenza indlela yokuba

esi sidalwa sibhabhe simke enkathazweni, ngokubhabha iimayile eziyi 2,000 ukuya kwindayo esingazange siye kuyo ngaphambili. Siyazi njani indlela yaso eya khona? Siyenza njani? *Metamorphosis*. Kwaye iBhayibhile ithi ngenkqubo efanayo unokubhabha ngaphaya kweengxaki zakho, nakwiimeko ongazi ukuba ungajongana njani nazo, njenge*Monarch*.

USteve, umhlobo wam, wayeqhuba imoto egoduka ngobunye ubusuku waza watshayisa ixhama ngayo. Lamosha imoto yakhe ukuze ingaphinde iqhutywe. Ngelishwa, iveni yabo, ekuphela kwemoto yabo eseleyo, yagqabhuka injini iveki kamva. Inkampani ye *insurance* kaSteve yabonelela uSteve ngemoto eqeshiweyo iiveki ezimbini ngenxa yokulahlekelwa yimoto yakhe, kodwa akazange awele phantsi kwayo nayiphi na i-*insurance* yokuncedisa ukufumana enye. USteve noKaren babengazi ukuba benze ntoni. Ishishini likaSteve lalifuna ukuba abenemoto njengoko wayethengisa kwaye wayeqhuba kwiintengiso rhoqo ebusuku.

Babesazi ngemfundiso yoBukumkane ixesha elide ngokwaneleyo ukuba bazi ukuba uThixo wayeyimpendulo yabo. Ngelo xesha, babengenayo imali eyongezelelweyo yokutshintsha iimoto. Ngoko babesazi ukuba uThixo noBukumkani yayikuphela kwethemba labo. Iiveki ezimbini zemoto eqeshiweyo yasimahla zaziphela kwaye kwakungekabikho mpendulo. Ngokumangalisayo, ngobusuku obungaphambi kokuba uSteve abuyisele imoto eqeshiweyo, uSteve wafumana umnxeba ovela kwindoda emxelela ukuba wayenemoto awayefuna ukuphisa ngayo, kwaye ekubeni wayesazi ukuba uSteve uya ecaweni yam, watsalela uSteve umnxeba ukuba abuze ukuba wayesazi ukuba kukho usapho lwecawe yethu olunokudinga imoto. USteve wacacisa ngokukhawuleza imeko yakhe waza wathi uya kuba nombulelo ngokuthatha imoto ayithathele yena nosapho lwakhe.

Yayintle loo nto, kodwa uSteve wayenabantwana abathandathu, kwaye imoto enye encinane yayingazukusebenza. Nangona kunjalo, ukuvela kwale moto ngendlela evele ngayo kwababakhuthaza.

NgeCawa elandelayo, beza bobabini phambili ecaweni baza bandicela ukuba ndithandaze kunye nabo malunga nemoto yabo elandelayo. UKaren wathi, "Mfundisi, sikholelwa ukuba samkela iveni ye*Honda Odyssey,* ngokholo, kwaye sifuna ukuba uvumelane nathi njengoko sihlwayela imbewu kuloo moto." Ndathi, "Ngokuqinisekileyo ndiza kwenza njalo." Sathandaza ke. Andikhumbuli ngoku ukuba zingaphi iiveki ezidlulileyo, zazingekho ninzi kangako, mhlawumbi ezintathu okanye ezine, de ngemini esadlula ngayo endlwini yabo. Sithe xa singena ekhitshini labo, kumnyango wefriji kwakukho umfanekiso we*Honda Odyssey*. UKaren wathi yonke imihla xa evula ifriji, wayebeka isandla sakhe kuloo mfanekiso abulele uThixo ngaloo veni.

Malunga neveki emva koko, unobhala wam wanditsalela umnxeba wathi, "Mfundisi, sifumene umnxeba onika umdla namhlanje." Indoda ifuna ukunika evine ecaweni. Ngoku, ngelo xesha kwakungekho mntu wayesazi ukuba uSteve noKaren balukhulula njani ukholo lwabo ngeveni okanye uhlobo ababelufuna.

Ndiye ndathi kunobhala wam, "Yiveni enjani?" Wathi, "yi*Honda Odyssey.*" "Ikwimo enjani?" wathi la ndoda yathi ikwimo elungileyo ingenamkwrelo kwaye yayineemayile eziyi 70,000 kuyo. Ndathi kuye ndiyayazi ukuba mayiyephi la veni. Ndaxelela uDrenda ngayo ndacela ukuba atsalele uKaren umnxeba. Xa uDrenda emtsalela umnxeba, wabuza uKaren ukuba zihamba njani izinto kwaye babone intshukumo malunga nesidingo sabo semoto. Amagama okuqala kaKaren athi, "Ke, Ndisondele ngenye imini!" UDrenda wathi, "Ke, usondele ngakumbi kunokuba ucinga. Yiza uzokuyithatha."

Ndiyawathanda amabali anje, awuwathandi wena? Ibali liyaqhubeka njengoko uSteve noKaren bathemba ngakumbi uBukumkani ukuba bubonelele.

Ngelo xesha uSteve noKaren babefuna ikhaya. Babeqeshe iminyaka embalwa, kwaye baziva ukuba lixesha lokuba babe nekhaya labo, kodwa kwakhona, babengenayo imali eyongezelelweyo yokuhlawula intlawulo yokuqala. Baye kwiibhanki ezininzi ukuya kubuza ngokuthenga umhlaba, kwaye zonke zafuna into efanayo, i-50 pesenti yentlawulo yokuqala. Ngeli xesha kubomi bosapho lwabo olutsha, babengenamali ingako ukuze bafaneleke. UKaren wayetyhafile wandibuza ngayo. Savumelana ukuba uThixo wayeza kuyenza indlela. Ngoko baqalisa ukujonga umhlaba nezindlu ezahlukeneyo.

AMAXESHA AMANINZI, SIZIBEKELA UMDA NGOKULINGANISELA IKAMVA LETHU NGOKO SICINGA UKUBA KUNOKWENZEKA.

Omnye umhlaba ababewujongile watsala ingqalelo yabo. Wawukwindawo ababefuna ukwakha kuyo, kwaye wawuxabisa i-$55,000 yeedola kuphela ihektare eziyi 55. Kwakhona, babengenayo intlawulo yokuqala. Nangona kunjalo, ndeva ngebhanki yasezilalini encinci, eyayingekho kuloo ndawo kodwa yayikude ngeeyure ezimbini, eyayiza kwamkela umahluko phakathi kwexabiso lomzi nemali abayityala kumzi njengenxalenye yentlawulo yokuqala ukuze bafumane umhlaba. Oku kwakungaqhelekanga ngomhlaba. Umhlaba uqingqelwe ngaphezulu $100,000 yeedola kwaye ibhanki ithe ayifuni imali kwaphela njengentlawulo yokuqala. Ke bawuthenga umhlaba ngaphandle kwentlawulo yokuqala bakha ikhaya kwihektare ezintle zasezilalini, konke ngaphandle kwentlawulo yokuqala. USteve noKaren baqhubeka bephumelela kude

kube namhlanje njengoko, njengam noDrenda, besenza izinto ngendlela yoBukumkani.

Ndinamabali anje kuyo yonke icawe yam, kwaye ndilindele ngokupheleleyo uhlobo olufanayo lwamabali ebomini bakho. UThixo unokwenza izinto ezimangalisayo kwaye ngamanye amaxesha ezingaqhelekanga ukuhlangabezana neemfuno zethu. Amaxesha amaninzi, sizibekela umda ngokulinganisela Ikamva lethu ngoko sicinga ukuba kunokwenzeka. Kodwa ngoThixo, zonke izinto zinako ukwenzeka ukuba sivumela ILizwi likaThixo luguqule indlela esicinga ngayo.

> *Kanjalo ningamilisi okweli phakade; manibe kumila kumbi ngokuhlaziyeka kwengqiqo yenu, ukuze nikucikide into okuyiyo ukuthanda kukaThixo-okulungileyo, okukholekileyo okuzalisekileyo.*
>
> — KwabaseRoma 12:2

Njengamakholwa akufanelekanga similise kwindlela yokwenza yeli phakade. UPawulos ubhekisa kwinkqubo yesiqalekiso yomhlaba nendlela yayo yokuphila, kunye nendlela esicinga ngayo. Wakha wayenza ilokhwe okanye wakha into ngesicwangiso? Ukuba sekhe wenjenjalo kwaye awayithanda indlela eyaphuma ngayo, kuya kwenzeka ntoni ukuba uyizame kwakhona ngokusuka kwipatheni enye? Ungafumana isiphumo esifanayo. Ngoko uPawulos uthi masibe kumila kumbi ngokuhlaziyeka kwengqiqo; sidinga ukuthintsha ipatheni esiphila ngayo. Kufuneka sicinge ngokwahlukileyo kunokuba ihlabathi licinga.

Igama "ukumila kumbi" ligama elinye esisanda kuthetha ngalo, "*morph*," kwaye lithetha utshintsho. Sidinga i*metamorphosis*!

Kufuneka sicinge njengoThixo. Kufuneka sicinge iingcinga zoBukumkani. Endaweni yokucinga ngokwembono yombungu ombi, ovalelweyo, ogwetyelwe ukufa ebusika, kufuneka sithembe uThixo ngendlela entsha yokuphila. Kungoko kuphela apho sinokuthi siziphephe iingxaki zethu size sixhotyiselwe ukwazi intando kaThixo egqibeleleyo nekholekileyo kuyo yonke imeko. Ukuba asilwamkeli olo tshintsho lokucinga, iingqondo zethu zakudala ziyakuhlala zisithi, "Hayi, hayi, Andinako ukuyenza loo nto. HAYI, andiyiboni ukuba inokwenzeka njani loo nto."

Ngubani owakhe wacinga ukuba umbungu ombi uya kuze akwazi ukubhabha ngobabalo nokugqibelela okunje? Xa ujonga umbungu kwaye ucinge ngohambo lweemayile eziyi 2,000 ekufuneka iluhambe, ubuya kuhlunguzela intloko uthi, "AKUNAKWENZEKA!"Kodwa eBukumkanini bukaThixo, zonke izinto zinako ukwenzeka. Ndijonge. Xa inkqubo yam kamabonakude iqala, iqala ngokubhekisa kum njengengcali kwezemali. Ngamanye amaxesha ndikhumbula emva kwiintsuku zam zumbungu ndithi, "Oko kuyamangalisa!"

Ndisathetha ngokubhabha, xa mna noDrenda siqala ukufunda ukuba busebenza njani uBukumkani, ndagqiba ekubeni ndifuna inqwelomoya. Ndandingumqhubi wenqwelomoya ukusukela xa ndandineminyaka eyi 19 ubudala kwaye ndandihlala ndiqesha iinqwelomoya, kodwa andizange ndibe nayo. Ngokuqinisekileyo uyayazi ngoba; ndandingenayongo imali yokuyithenga. Ngoko ngenye imini ndagqiba ekubeni oku kuphambene; inqwelomoya ayikho nzima eBukumkanini bukaThixo. Kwakutheni ukuze ndilinganisele uBukumkani kwinto endandicinga ukuba inokwenzeka kum? Ndiye ndabhala itsheki, ndabhala kwicandelo lememo, "yenqwelomoya yam" (ndadwelisa zonke iinkcukacha).

Ndabeka izandla zam phezu kwayo ndayithumela, ndikholelwa ukuba ndiyamkele inqwelomoya xa ndithandaza ngokukaMarko 11:24.

> *"Ngenxa yoko ndithi kuni izinto enisukuba nizicela, nithandaza, kholwani ukuba ninokuzamkela; noba nazo."*

Akuphelanga nenyanga ndaya kugqirha ndiyoxilongwa. Ndamangazeka xa, nje esithubeni, ugqirha wathi, "Ngaba ukhona umntu omaziyo ofuna ukuthenga inqwelomoya?" ndacinga ukuba ayiqhelekanga. Ndabuza, "Luhlobo luni lwenqwelomoya?"Ndandimangalisekile kwaye ndinemincili kuba yayiyo kanye inqwelomoya ndandikholelwe kuya xa ndithandaza. Ndiye ndambuza ukuba ndingayibona phi, wandixelela ukuba yayikwisikhululo seenqwelomoya sedolophu. Yonke inqwelomoya ehlayo kufuneka ibhabhe ngqo phezu kwendlu yam. Ukubukela iinqwelomoya zifika kwaye zihamba imini yonke nenyani yokuba indlela yeenqwelomoya yayiyimayile ukusuka kumnyango wangaphambili kwakuthetha ukuba kufuneka ndibe nenqwelomoya!

Ndatsalela umnxeba umhlobo wam obebhabha ubomi bakhe bonke kwaye ekwangumqeqeshi wenqwelomoya ukuba ahambe nam siyokujonga la nqwelomoya xa siyijonga inqwelomoya, Ndazi ukuba yinqwelomoya yam le, yayigqibelele! Yiyo kanye ndandiyifuna. Ndandinengxaki enye kuphela, nangona kunjalo, ingxaki efanayo endandijongene nayo iminyaka xa ifike ekuthengeni inqwelomoya—ndandingenayo imali yayo. Ukhe waba naloo ngxaki? Kodwa kwesi sihlandlo ndandingazimiselanga kubuya umva ngenxa yoloyiko. Ndandisazi ukuba le yinqwelomoya yam, ndandingazi ukuba uThixo wayezakuyizisa njani imali.

Iinyanga ezimbalwa ngaphambili, mna noDrenda sasikhangela indawo yeofisi yenkampani yethu. Sasisazi ukuba sifuna libe phi ishishini, kodwa kwakungekho ndawo ithengiswayo kuloo ndawo, ngoko saqala ukukhangela kwezinye iindawo. Siye safumana izakhiwo ezimbalwa esiphantse sazithenga kodwa seva intshukumo emoyeni wethu malunga nokuqhubela phambili kuzo. Sasimane sibuyela kwindawo esasisazi ukuba iofisi iza kuba kuyo, ngethemba lokufumana indawo ekhoyo. Sithe sisathandaza ngesisigqibo, ngenye imini ndafumana umnxeba kutata wam wathetha la mazwi, "Ndiyazi ukuba uzakuthi nguThixo lo kodwa mna nomamakho sithethile sifuna ukunika isakhiwo sethu ufake iiofisi zakho." Isakhiwo sabo sasilapho kanye ndandinethemba lokufumana indawo yokufuduka kwam. Ndandothukile!

UBOMI BAM, OBABUVALELWE KUKUPHILA NOLOYIKO, NGOKU BUMILISWE BUBUKUMKANI BUKATHIXO. NGOKUNGENA KWIMITHETHO YABO, NDAKWAZI UKUFUMANA UBOMI OBUNOKWENZEKA OBUNGENASIPHELO.

Ukuze uqonde ukuba kwenzeke ntoni kufuneka wazi ukuba utata wam wayengelokholwa ngelo xesha. Wayegxeka kakhulu nanini na ukhankanya uThixo. Enyanisweni, kwakubi kakhulu kangangokuba ndandingakwazi ukuthetha naye ngoThixo. Ndade ndathandaza ukuba uThixo athumele umntu endleleni yakhe ukuba ashumayele uKristu kuye. Ndandisazi ukuba andikwazi ukufikelela kuye; wayengazukundimamela. Kodwa utata wam wasindiswa kwiminyaka embalwa kamva xa wayeneminyaka eyi 80. Ngokumangalisayo, wasindiswa ngokubukela usasazo lwethu le*TV* nokubona zonke izinto ezimangalisayo awayezenza uThixo. Wachitha iminyaka emithathu

enesiqingatha yokugqibela yobomi bakhe engumntu otshintshileyo kwaye esecaweni qho ngempelaveki.

Ngenye imini xa icawe yayigqiba, ndaphuma ndaya ezipasejini. Ndabona utata encokola nendoda awayeyazi iminyaka, ilungu lecawe yam. Ndithe ndisiya ngakubo ndeva le ndoda ibuza utata ukuba kutheni eqalile ukuza ecaweni. Utata wam waphendula wathi ubone izinto ezininzi esitsalela umnxeba. Makabongwe uThixo! Kufanele ukuba kube njalo.

Kodwa kufuneka sibuyele kula mnxeba malunga nesa sakhiwo, phambi kokuba utata wam asindiswe. Mna noDrenda sasothukile kukuba wayesinika esa sakhiwo. Sasisazi ukuba nguThixo, ngokucacileyo, sasinokuthi kutata esitsalelaumnxeba, "Ewe, unyanisile, nguThixo!"

Isakhiwo kwakufuneka ukuba kwenziwe umsebenzi omkhulu kuso ukuze sibe kwimigaqo yorhwebo ukuze sisebenzele iimfuno zeofisi yethu. Yayiyinganga yoMngaxa utata endinika isakhiwo, kwaye ndandizakulinda kude kube yintwasahlobo ukuze ndiqale ukulungisa. Isakhiwo sasivaliwe ebusika kungekho mntu usisebenzisayo kwaye utata wathi uye wavala amanzi. Ke izinto zazinje ngexesha lobusika de kwamalunga neveki emva kokuba ndiye kujonga la nqwelomoya. Umninawa wam watsala umnxeba wandixelela ukuba ndifike kwisakhiwo sam, kwakukho amanzi aphuma kuso esiya estratweni. Imozulu yafudumala kucaca ukuba utata wayengachanekanga; amanzi ayengavalwanga ebusika. Ndaqhuba ndaya kwisakhiwo, igumbi langasese elikumgangatho ophezulu amanzi aye phuma iintsuku okanye iiveki. Zonke iibhodi zodonga ezikumgangatho osezantsi zaziwile edongeni.

Ndiyazi ukuba kuvakala njengebali elibi kodwa into ongayaziyo,

nomninawa wam wayengazi, kukuba ndandisele ndityikitye isivumelwano sokuba kususwe yonke ibhodi yodonga kwisakhiwo sonke, onke amacala angaphandle asuswe, kunye nohlenganhlengiso olupheleleyo lwesakhiwo olwaluza kuqalisa kwiiveki ezimbalwa. Ngoko lo monakalo wamanzi wawungeyongxaki kwaphela kuba yonke into eyonakeleyo yayiza kususwa. Kodwa yiva oku—inkampani yam ye*insurance* yandibhalela itsheki yomonakalo wamanzi, eyayiyimali eyaneleyo ukuthenga inqwelomoya yam!

Ndiyibonile nje loo nto? Ndisanda kufumana inqwelomoya yam nesakhiwo sam seofisi, zonke ngaphandle kwetyala nesiphithiphithi sokuba kufuneka ndibaleke kanzima kangakanani ukuze ndiyenze yenzeke? Ewe, Ndiyibonile! Ngoku xa ndibhabha ngala nqwelomoya, kwaye ndibhabha phezu komhlaba weplasi, ndikhunjuzwa ukuba ukubhabha ngale nqwelomoya kufana noBukumkani bukaThixo. Ukusebenza kwabo nemithetho iyasivumela ukuba siphile ubomi kwenye indawo eyahlukileyo yokuphila. Njengombungu nebhabhathane, laa mbungu wawungenakuze ukwazi ukubaleka ngaloo milenze yombungu ngokukhwawuleza ngokwaneleyo ukuze ufike eMexico. Ubomi bam, obabuvalelwe kukuphila noloyiko, ngoku bumiliswe buBukumkani bukaThixo. Ngokungena kwimithetho yabo, ndakwazi ukufumana ubomi obunokwenzeka obungenasiphelo.

Xa ndigqibezela le ncwadi ndifuna ukushiya nesibhalo esinye. Ndiqinisekile usive ubomi bakho bonke. Kodwa ndicinga ukuba siya kuba nentsingiselo entsha ngokupheleleyo ngoku.

Yizani kum nonke nina nibulalekayo, nisindwayo ngumthwalo, ndoninika ukuphumla. Thabathani idyokhwe yam

> *niyithwale, nifunde kum; ngokuba ndinobulali ndithobekile ngentliziyo; noyifumanela ukuphumla imiphefumlo yenu. Kuba idyokhwe yam imnandi, nomthwalo wam ulula.*
>
> — UMateyu 11:28-30

UYesu weza kuthabatha idyokhwe yethu, ukubulaleka nokubila benkqubo yesiqalekiso yomhlaba, kuthi. Ngoku kufuneka sithabathe idyokhwe Yakhe (igqityiwe) sifumane ukuphumla (umhla wesixhenxe, iSabatha yenene) emiphefumlweni yethu.

Unokufumana izinto ezimangalisayo ebomini bakho njengoko usenza nje into eyenziwa nguPotifare, Sebenza kwindlela yokuphila yoBukumkani. Yenza isigqibo namhlanje sokuzilungelelanisa nemithetho yoBukumkani bukaThixo kwaye uqalise ukonwabela amandla okunyaniseka. Qala inguqu yakho yezemali namhlanje susa indlela yakudala yokuphila, urhulumente omdala, inkqubo yesiqalekiso yomhlaba yentlupheko, ukugula, nokuphelelwa lithemba. Shiya iindlela zakho zemibungu endala kwaye uqalise ukubhabha usebenzisa uBukumkani apho uYesu wakunika ukufikelela kubo. Ungummi wobo Bukumkani.

Unamalungelo asemthethweni!

Ukuba uye wafumanisa ukuba le ncwadi inika umdla, kwaye uzimisele ukuba ngumfundi woBukumkani, mandikukhokelele ku GaryKeese.com. Apho uya kufumana ithala leencwadi lolwazi eliya kukunceda kwaye likufundise eBukumkanini. Ndiyakukhuthaza ukuba ube nguMahlulelane we*Team Revolution* apho uya kuba nokufikelela kwimisitho eyodwa kunye neeseshoni zoqeqesho.

Ukuphumelela kwezemali kufuna ulwazi lomoya nolwazi lwasemhlabeni, lwendalo. Ngolwazi oluthe kratya malunga nokuphuma ematyaleni ukuba nesicwangciso sasimahla-sokuphuma ematyaleni esenzelwe wena yinkampani yam, batsalele umnxeba ku 1-800-815-0818.

Ukukhusela imali yakho yomhlala-phantsi oyisebenzele nzima kubaluleke njengokwazi ukuba ungayifumana njani, ngakumbi kule yure yesiphithiphithi sezemali. Inkampani yam igxile ekuncedeni abantu batyale imali ngokukhuselekileyo. Ngaphezu kwekhulu lezigidi zeedola zemali etyalelwe abathengi bethu, akukho namnye ophulukene nepeni enye kule minyaka eyi 15 idlulileyo yesiphithiphithi sezemali kwisizwe sethu. Kwakhona, umnxeba usmahla kwaye ingcebiso ismahla. Tsalela umnxeba ku 1-800-815-0818 ngolwazi oluthe kratya.

Mna noDrenda sizimisele ukunceda abantu kunye neentsapho ukuba baphumelele ebomini. Yiyo loo nto uDrenda evelisa usasazo lwakhe lukamabonakude, elibizwa *Drenda*. Yinkqubo ejonge kubomi bosapho kunye nenkuthazo kubasetyhini bayo yonke iminyaka. Nceda uye ku Drenda.com ngolwazi oluthe kratya.

Okokugqibela, mna noDrenda singathanda ukuba ucinge ukuxhasa iicawe kunye nabefundisi kwihlabathi liphela. IH-3 pojekthi yethu yokufikelela lulwandiso lweentliziyo zethu ukunceda abantu kwicala lobomi bemihla ngemihla. IH-3 ibonelela

ngamashumi amawaka ezixhobo zokufundisa kubafundisi kwihlabathi lonke ngonyaka. Sikwancedisa ukondla abalambileyo, sixhasa ubulungiseleli obujonge ekuyekiseni ukuthengiswa kwesondo kumazwe amaninzi, sixhasa amakhaya eenkedama, sixhasa abefundisi kumazwe amaninzi, sigcina ikhaya labasetyhini apha eOhio ngokunjalo.

Injongo yethu kukunceda abantu emhlabeni uphela bafunde ngoBukumkani bukaThixo baze bafunde ngenkululelo nolwaneliseko uThixo afuna sibe nalo.

Enkosi kakhulu ngokundivumela ukuba ndabelane nawe ngebali lethu elimangalisayo. Ngoku, phuma uye kuzenzela ibali elimangalisayo elilelakho, noBukumkani bukaThixo.

Yiya ku **FLNFree.com**
ukukhuphela iimfundiso
zasimahla ngolwimi
lwakho!!

Ufuna izixhobo zokufundisa ezingakumbi EZISIMAHLA ngolwimi lwakho?
Yiya ku **FLNFree.com**

INGUQU YAKHO KWEZEMALI
Amandla Okunyaniseka

Funda le ncwadi ukuba...

UDINIWE YIMEKO YAKHO YEZEMALI

UFUNA UKUPHUMA EMATYALENI

AWAZI UKUBA UQALE PHI

AWUNATHEMBA

UGary Keesee sesuka apho okwakhe. Iminyaka elithoba emide kakhulu, ubomi bakhe babukwintlungu enzulu yeemvakalelo ngenxa yemeko yakhe embi yemali. Iminxeba yababolekisi, iIRS ithimba izinto zakhe izigcine ade ahlawule, izigwebo, kunye nehlazo yayiyindlela yobomi kuye. Kodwa yonke into yatshintsha ngenye imini xa uThixo wayethetha noGary ngezimali zakhe wamnika imfihlelo eyabuguqula ngokupheleleyo ubomi bakhe! Akabinatyala, waqala iinkampani ezixabisa izigidi zeedola, kwaye ngoku wabelana ngezitshixo ezitshintshe ubomi bakhe kwinqubo yakhe kumabonakude, *Fixing the Money Thing*, edlala kwindawo zonke zehlabathi mihla le. UGary ufundise ezi ngcinga kumakhulu amawaka abantu kwihlabathi jikelele kwiinkomfa kunye neembonakalo zobuqu. Uya kuvuma ukuba kukho imigaqo emininzi eyinxalenye yokuphila ubomi obunempumelelo. Kodwa ukuba bekufuneka abelane ngenye, iya kuba yile. UGary ukumema ukuba ube yinxalenye yoguquko kwaye utshintshe kakhulu imali yakho nga*Mandla Okunyaniseka.*

UGary Keesee ngumbhali, isithethi, usomashishini, ingcaphephe yezemali, nomfundisi onothando lokunceda abantu baphumelele ebomini, ngakumbi kummandla wokholo, wosapho, nezezemali. UGary kunye nenkosikazi yakhe, uDrenda, benze amashishini amaninzi anempumelelo, kwaye bangabaseki be*Faith Life Now*, evelisa iinkqubo ezimbini zikamabonakude—*Fixing the Money Thing* kunye no*Drenda*, iinkomfa ihlabathi jikelele kunye nezixhobo ezisebenzayo. Abakwa Keesee bakwangabafundisi beFaith Life Church kufutshane neColumbus, Ohio.

P.O. Box 779, New Albany,
OH 43054, USA
garykeesee.com

Ufuna izixhobo zokufundisa ezingakumbi EZISIMAHLA ngolwimi lwakho?
Yiya ku **FLNFree.com**