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ISINGENISO

Usuku lokusuka endlini yasepulazini lwaba lusuku lwemizwa ehlukeneyo. Sasesihlale kuleyondlu, indlwana, eyayisindala okweminyaka phose engaba yisitshiyagalolunye, khathesi ngasengithwele umthwalo wokucina wamabhokisi ngisiya emoteni yethu. Ngasengiqonda kuyo indlu yethu entsha esasizakhele yona, eyi-7,700 *square foot*, indlu yohlobo lwe-Georgia ehleli kuma *acre* angamatshumi amahlanu lanhlanuepulazini elihle lase-Ohio, okulama *acre* angamatshumi amabili awegusu lamaxhaphozi. Kwakuliphupho engangingeke ngilicabangele kumnyaka embalwa edluleyo.

Nomanje sasesisuka endlini yepulazini, ngangiyithanda leyanandlu. Yebo, noma yayilamafasitela afleyo, isiphala esingcolileyo, lokuhlaselwa zinyosi kambalwa esasikubekezelela okweminyaka yonke leyo sisahlala khona. Minengi imikhumbulo eyeza engqondweni yami. Abantwana bami ababili bazalelwa khona ekamelweni lemuli.

Zazibe zinengi izikhathi ezinhle buye futhi izikhathi zokuhlululuzwa yizimali lokuswela ithemba. Zazizinengi into okwakumele sizifunde. Noma kwakungasacabangeki khathesi, sathi singena kuleyanandlu yasepulazini iminyaka eyisitshiyagalolunye

eyedluleyo, sasinganelisi ukuhlawula imbhadalo yendlu eye-\$300 ngenyanga. Imota zethu zombili zasezindala, sezihambe amakhulu enkulungwane amamayela, noma nje ukuzibhadalela kwakungakapheli. Ngaleso sikhathi kwakusobala ukuthi sasiboleke imali kuyewonke umuntu. Sasilamakhadi ebhanag alitshumi ayedlulise amalawulo abuye avalwa, izikwelede zenhlanganiso ezibolekisa imali, yebo futhi; inhlawulo zemota zethu ezimbili; izikwelede ze-IRS; amatshumi enkulungwane esasizikoloda izihlobo zethu; uluhlu luya njalo lungapheli. Sasiphila impilo yokuncengisa ukuziphilisa, sesithengisa phose yonke into esasilayo ukuze sithenge ukudla kwesinye sezikhathi. Impahla zethu zasezindala ziqamukile zona sasivele sizithenge zizindala.

Umumo wethu okhahlamezayo kwezezimali ngaleso sikhathi wawumumethe ithemba elincane lekusasa enhle. Eqinisweni, ngangingaliboni ithemba lenguquko. Ngangiyithanda imuli yami, umkami muhle kakhulu, kodwa ngangibahudulela kusihogo kwezezimali!

Ngasenginatha amaphilisi okuqeda indangalo, ngimelane lomkhuhlane wokwethuka, ukwesaba sokuginye impilo yami yonke. Asimane sithi ngangimuntu ongajabulisiyo lakancane ukuba laye empilweni. Ngangithengisa mshuwalense wempilo, ngiphila ngokuholiswa kunani engilisebenzeleyo, ngangayi ndawo masinyane, ngaphandle kokwengeza ukucwila emgodini wezikwelede. Kancanekancane, sasiqhubeka sitshona ezikweledeni kwasala sesingasela esingaboleka khona. Kukulesisigaba imizwa yami eyaquleka khona. Ukwethuka lokwesaba kwakhulela ingqondo zami. Ngasengisesaba lokuphuma endlini yami, engingathi akukho kuhle nxa uholo kokusebenzileyo.

Umkami wayesecabangela ukuthi angalahlekelwa ngumyeni wakhe, ukwesaba ukusala esesondla yedwa abantwana bethu abane

kwakumhlasele. Kodwa ke yena uqinile ekukholweni emandleni emthandazweni njalo kazange angikhalale. Sindawonye, sathandaza sasesiqala ukudinga izimiso zoMbuso kaNkulunkulu. Lapho sisaqala ukudinga impendulo lezimiso kuNkulunkulu, ithemba laqala ukuphakama enhlizweni zethu saqala ukubona izimanga zilandelana lapho sisenza lokho uNkulunkulu ayasibonisa khona.

Isehlakalo esibalulekileyo senzakala ngobunye ubusuku lapho uNkulunkulu ukuthi kumele ngiqale inhlanganiso yami kwezezimali ngisiza abantu ukuphunyuka ezikweledeni lokufundisa izimiso Yena ayengitshengisa zona. Ngaleso sikhathi, ukuqala inhlanganiso yokufundisa abantu ukuthi baphume ezikweledeni kwakukhanya kumangalisa ngoba thina sasilokhe sisesikweledeni. Sakhuleka ngakho lokhu, kodwa iNkosi yasitshela ukuthi lapho siphuma sisenza lokho njalo siqala ukufundisa izimiso Zakhe lezo, sasizathola ukukhululeka kwethu lathi. Ukuqala inhlanganiso kwakuluhambo lokukholwa njengoba sasingelalo iqhinga lokuthi sasizakwenza njani, kodwa sakuvimba lokho. Inhlanganiso yakhula, imali eyayilethayo yasusa imuli yethu kusikweledi sonke kuminyaka emibili lengxenywe. Ngizakhuluma ngenhlanganiso yethu kusahluko esilandelayo, kodwa okwakhathesi yazi ukuthi impilo zethu zaguquka kakhulu! Ayikho indlela engingachasisa ngayo ukuthi sezwa njani ukuba ngaba khululekileyo, umuzwa wokungena kwabathengisa izimota sisiyayihlawulela ngemali yonke kanye. Umuzwa wokudweba, ukwakha lokuhlawulela ikhaya lethu elitsha. Lokhu esasikukholisa kwakuphetsheya kwakho konke esasingakucabangela.

Yebo, indlu yasepulazini yayilezikhumbuzo ezimbalwa. Lapho ngisiya thatha ibhokisi lokucina endlini, ngedlula umkami emi enkabeni yekamelo elincinyane lokudlela. Wangikhangela

ngamehlo ehlengezela inyembezi. Kwakungasizo nyembezi zokudangala, kwakuzinyembezi zenjabulo njalo ezemizwa ejulileyo, lapho esakhumbula konke uNkulunkulu asifundisa khona lapho. Lami ngahlengezela inyembezi ngibukisisa amakamelo okokucina, ngemizwa ngikhumbula konke okwakwenzakale khona. Sasesivala

**LAPHO SISAQALA UKUDINGA
IMPENDULO LEZIMISO
KUNKULUNKULU, ITHEMBA
LAQALA UKUPHAKAMA
ENHLIZWENI ZETHU
SAQALA UKUBONA
IZIMANGA ZILANDELANA
LAPHO SISENZA LOKHO
UNKULUNKULU
AYASIBONISA KHONA.**

isahluko empilweni zethu sesisiya kundima entsha. Kuyini okwaku-simelele phambili? Uhambo lwalusithethe ekudangaleni, lingekho ithemba, saya kukusasa elilethemba. Ngathi sengiphuma lebhokisi lokucina, ngama nganyemukula ngikhangela indlu ngibobotheka. “Cha, angisoze ngikukhumbule. Sengilendawo engcono khathesi.”

Kwakujabulisa ukuthuthela emzini wethu omutsha. Kodwa into enhle kuhambo lwethu yikuthi sasesize sakuthola

ukuphumula! Ngasengingacabanga ngekusasa lami hatshi ukuhlawulela imithelo kuphela. Kuminyanya yamandulo ukuhlala ekuphumuleni Kwakhe kwakuliphupho elikhulu! Ukuba lezimota ezibhadalelweyo yikuphumula. Ukukhululwa esikweledeni yikuphumula. Ukuba lekhaya lamaphupho ami elibhadalelweyo kuma *acre* angamatshumi amahlanu lanhlanu yikuphumula. Ukubona ukubobotheka ebusweni bomkami esiyathenga emavinkilini engelakho ukudangaliswa yimali yikuphumula.

Ukuba lokwanele ukwedlula esikudingayo, ukuba lemali eyanela ukuthi sinike abanye amakhulu ezinkulungwane lokusekela iVangeli yikuphumula. Kodwa inguquko enkulu empilweni yami kwaku-yikuvuka ngingela kucindezelwa lokwesaba okwakugombolozele impilo yami kuminyaka yonke leyana eyakuqala. Ukwanelisa ukuphupha into ezinhle hatshi ukuphupha ukwanelisa ukuphila okweyinye iviki nje yikuphumula.

**LOKHO MINA LODRENDA
ESAKUFUMANAYO
KUBEKELWE WENA
NGENDLELA EFANAYO
LALOKHO
OKWENZAKALA KITHI.**

Yebo, usuku ngiqoqa amabhokisi okucina emoteni ukuze ngithathe uhambo lokuya emzini wethu omutsha lwaluduma lunambitha. Kodwa kumele ungikholwe, ukunambitheka kokuphumula mina loDrenda esakutholayo kwakusehlula imicabango eduma eyokusuka kulezozikhumbuzo sabuya sazizwa njengengane zesikolo ezimbili futhi, sihleka siphupha ndawonye.

Ngiyakwazi okucabangayo. Ngiyafisa ukuthi ngabe ngilakho lokho. Ngiyafisa ukuba ngaba lezehlakalo lezo, ukuhleka, amaphupho lokwanelisa ukujonga okunye okuthile okwedlula ukuhlawulela imithelo. Noma kungaba nzima ukuthi ungikholwe kulesisigaba sogwalo, ngiyakuqinisa ukuthi lokho mina loDrenda esakufumanayo kubekelwe wena ngendlela efanayo lalokho okwenzakala kithi. Umkhuleko wami yikuthi lapho sisabelana indaba yethu, uzakhuthazwa ukusebenzisa imithetho lezimiso zikaNkulunkulu empilweni yakho lawe.

Khona akukho nzima; kumele umane ufumane amandla okuphumula!

Wozani kimi lina lonke elikhatheleyo lelisindwayo, ngizaliphumuza. Zithwaliseni ijogwe lami, lifunde kimi, ngoba ngimnene futhi ngithobekile enhliziyweni njalo lizazuza ukuphumula kwemiphefumulo yenu. Ngoba ijogwe lami lilula, lomthwalo wami kawusindi.

— UMathewu 11:28–30

ISAHLUKO 1

UKUPHUMULA—INSIKA ZAKHO

UKUPHUMULA—ukubekwa kumbe ukusekelwa ukuze uhlale endaweni ekhethiweyo, ithuba kumbe isikhathi sokukhululeka kumbe ukuma ukuphatheka ngemisebenzi edinisayo. (*Google*)

Usuduniwe? Uyakhulelwa yini nsukuzonke ucine ubambekile? Isidingo sakho semali yiso na esesihlela ukuthi ukhetho lwakho lonke oluphathele lokuthi usebenza ngaphi lokuthi usebenza kanjani lokuthi usebenza isikhathi eside okunganani. Kukhanya angani awusoze uphume ezikweledeni na? Kukhanya angani suphila impilo engumjaho ongapheliyo. Nxa kunguwe lo, awukho wedwa.

Sowake wabona isigombolozzi se *hamster* na? Ngilethemba lokuthi wake wasibona, nxa ungakaze, akusiso sigombolozzi sokufaka esilugwini se *hamster*. I-*hamster* ingagada isigombolozzi leso igijime isagijima ize idinwe. Kulohlupho olulodwa nje ngalesiya sigombolozzi. Akunani ukuthi igijima okunganani i-*hamster*, nxa isisuthisekile isidiniwe ibisisehla, iyabe ilokhe isendaweni inye lapho eqalisele khona. Akukho okuguqukileyo. Yona ingesula izithukuthuku ebusweni bayo obuncane obuloboya ngomuzwa

wokusuthiseka. Kodwa akukho okutholakeleyo okungathuthukisa indawo yayo empilweni; ilokhe ivalelwe esilugwini ingelayo inkululeko. Lokhu kufinqa impilo zabanye abantu, nxa kungasilo inengi labo, lempilo zabo zezimali. Basebenza gadalala phakathi kweviki besebewela kokuncane ukulibala ngempelaviki, kodwa nxa ikuseni yangoMvulo isiza, bazithola besendaweni inye lapho ekade bekhona ngeviki eyedluleyo. Abakwenzileyo yikuthi bamane baphila enye iviki eyodwa.

Lo yiwo umfanekiso wempilo yami okweminyaka eyisitshi-yagalolunye. Ngangisebenza amahola alitshumi lanhlanu kusiya kwalitshumi lasitshiyalombili ngelanga elilodwa, ngangikhuthele ngisebenza gadalala, kodwa ngemva kokubhadala okwetshumi, lemithelo, kwakusala kungasela lutho. Kwakuvamile, ukuthi ngiswele lokho engangikudinga ngiqale umkhuba wokuboleka ukuze nganelise ukuphila. Kwakuthi nxa umthwalo wezidingo zemali ungezelelwa, ngangisengezelela isiqubu, kodwa kungasizi lutho. Lapho ngisima ukuthi ngihlole intuthuko yami, ngangilokhe ngidedela emuva.

Lokhu, ngeqiniso, kwangilethela ukukhathazeka okukhulu emphefumulweni. Ukudangala lokwesaba engalwisana lakho mihla lamalanga kwaphazamisa ingqondo lomzimba wami kancane kancane. Ukuqaleka kokwethuka, ukwesaba okukhulu, lokugogeka kwaqala ukuthumba umzimba. Omongi behluleka ukuthola ukuthi kuyini okwukungahlalanga kuhle kimi. Ukwesaba kwathumba umzimba wami ngingasazi ukuthi ngizaphila na kumbe ngizakufa. Ukuphila ngokuthengisa impahla yami endala emkambo lokuboleka imali kuzihlobo kwaqhubeka okweminyaka phose eyisitshiyagalolunye! Ngaleso sikhathi kwakungasekho okokuthengisa emkambo, kwasokusele isizotha sami esincane kakhulu. Ngasengiphelelwe.

Kwasokungenzakala ukuthi ubuthe isizotha sami ngodlawu lwezibi kundawonye lesihlephu senjabulo eyayisele empilweni yami.

Udwendwe lwalabo engangilezikwelede kubo lwaluhlasela, kulapho ke okwenzakala khona. Ukusweleka kwethemba kungiqeda ukuphefumula, ucingo lwangena. Ucingo lwangena njengazonke ezinye incingo zekuseni: “Mnumzana Keesee, njengoba usazi ulesikwelede kumthengi wethu, ukwelede inani le X imali. Ubona sengani imali leyo ingafika nini kithi? Habe, Mnumzana Keesee, lokho usukukhulume kathathu lokhu ngikutshayela ucingo. Nxa ungelayo imali yomthengi wethu kunsuku ezintathu ezizayo, umthengi wethu uzavulisa icala emthethwandaba ngenxa yalesi sikwelede. Uyakuzwisisa na, Mnumzana Keesee? Insuku ezintathu. Salakahle.”

Ucingo lolu lwangitshaya sengathi yinqwaba yezitina. Akusikhokuthi ngangingazi ukuthi umumo wezimali zethu wawumubi kanganani. Ngangingelayo imali. Konke engangilakho kwasekuqamukile. Ifriji yami yayingela lutho. Imuli yami enhle yayilala phansi eceleni kweziko ukuze ikhudumale ngoba phela yayingekho imali yamafutha esikhudumezi. Yayingekho indawo yokubalekela. Abangane lezihlobo basebekhathele ngokungihlangula. Ngisanganiswe ingqondo, ngathatha amanyathela amancane ngiqansa izitebhisi ngisiya endlini yokulala ngafika ngacambalala phezu kombheda. Ngabubula ngikhala kuyo iNkosi ukuba ingisize.

Ngamangala ngesiqubu iNkosi eyangiphendula ngaso. Kwakungasolizwi elimemezayo kodwa izwi elaphuma ngesiphangu emoyeni wami lisiza engqondweni ngamandla. Into yakuqala iNkosi eyayitshoyo yikuba yona yayingelaso isandla kusimo sami okwamanje, mina ngiyakholwa ukuthi wakutsho lokho ngoba ngangilokuphazama kancane ngokuthi kungani Yena, ngombono wami, engazange

asisize. Sasisiya ebandleni elihle, sasinika lapho esasisenelisa khona, sasibhadala okwetshumi kwethu kanenginengi. Endaweni yalokho, wathi isizatho sokuba kwami kulawa manyala yikungazi kwami ukuthi uMbuso Wakhe usebenza njani. Wangitshela ukuba uMbuso Wakhe awusebenzi ngendlela izinga lomhlaba elisebenza ngalo kwezezimali, kwakufanele ukuthi ngifunde indlela zoMbuso Wakhe zokuphatha izimali nxa ngangifisa ukukhululeka.

Ngiyakhumbula ngigijimela kumakamelo awaphansi ngidumela uDrenda ngimtshela ukuthi iNkosi yayisanda kukhuluma lami njalo impendulo kwakuyikuzwisisa uMbuso Wayo. Ngeqiniso, sasilakho ukudideka kancane, ngoba sasicabanga ukuthi sasisazi ukuthi uMbuso Wakhe uyini. Phezu kwakho, njengoba ngitshilo, sasisiya kubandla elihle, sobabili sasimthanda uNkulunkulu, njalo sasisazi ukuthi sasisendleleni yokuya ezulwini. Kodwa njengoba sasesizafunda, sasilolwazi oluncane ngoMbuso Wakhe lokuthi usebenza njani.

Ngangikujabulele ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayekhulume lami lokuthi wayeseyambule impendulo—uMbuso Wakhe. Ingcazelo yalokhu kuyikhona sizayifumbatha, kodwa ngangilokukhuthazwa. Iqiniso yikuthi ngangingelamkhondo wokuthi ibala elithi *uMbuso* litshoni. Ngangizafumana ukuthi kulelo bala elilodwa yayikhona impendulo mina loDrenda esasikade siyilangazelela lokuyidinga.

Mina loDrenda sahlanganisa izandla ngalolo suku sathandaza. Okokuqala, saphenduka kuNkulunkulu ngenxa yokungathathi isikhathi sokulifunda ilizwi Lakhe lokuthi uMbuso Wakhe usebenza njani mayelana lezezimali. Okwesibili, ngaphenduka kunkosikazi, njengenhloko yomuzi, ngokusingenisa kulawa manyala. Sobabili sathandaza savumelana ukuthi sasizimisele ukuthi sifunde ukuba uMbuso usebenza njani njalo lokuphila impilo eyehlukeneyo kulaleyo esasiyiphile okweminyaka eyisitshiyagalolunye eyedluleyo.

Indlela enhle yokuchasisa okwalandelayo yikukhangela isikopela sokulayitha isibane. Ngena ekamelweni elimnyama umane ulumathise ngokuqhweba isikopela lesi. Ukukhanya! Usubona. Kwabanje lapho uNkulunkulu eseqale ukusifundisa ngoMbuso Wakhe. Kwakufana lokuthi othile ufike waqhweba isibane, sasesiqala ukubona izinto esasingakaze sizibone mandulo. Saqala ukuzwisisa ukuthi uMbuso kaNkulunkulu nguhulumende olemithetho engaguqukiyo. Sananzelela ukuthi sasingayifunda imithetho leyo sizithaphele kuwo amandla lenkalipho kaNkulunkulu ukuze sidale inotho esasiyidinga.

Sasilakho ukujabula kodwa ukudideka okukhulu kusesekhona lakho. Kwakukhona indatshana ezimangalisayo ezayenzakalayo ukuze uNkulunkulu asifundise ukuthi uMbuso Wakhe usebenza njani. Angisoze ngiyethe ezinengi zazo lapha ngoba zikhona kugwalo lokuqala kudwendwe lwezifundo lezi, *Yezimali Zakho Yakho: Amandla Okuthembeka*. Ungazitholela ugwalo ku garykeesee.com kumbe ku Amazon.com. Kuzamele uthole olunye ugwalo lwami oluthiwa *Faith Hunt*, olukusa ekuqaleni lapho uNkulunkulu eqala ukungifundisa ukuvuna akwabelayo lapho ngizingela impunzi. Kodwa ukuze ngifinqe indaba, kahle ngikunike isibonelo esisodwa.

Njengoba ngitshilo, sasesicwile safika enkopheni kuzikwelede ingekho indlela yokuphuma. Izikwelede ku-IRS, imkambo, amakhadi ebhanga alitshumi ayesedlulise amalawulo, lezikwelede zenhlenganiso ezintathu ezibolekisa imali zizala nge 28%. Sasilesikwelede kumongi wamazinyo, abatshuka izigqoko, abazali bethu, labangane bethu. Usungaziqambela wena, sasilezikwelede kubo bonke. Ngemvelo yethu lalingekho ithemba. Ibhizimusi lami lokuthengisa lalingahambi kahle, noma nje ngangisebenza gadalala. Khathesi ngemva kokubona uMbuso usenza izinto ezimangalisayo

(ngiyaphinda, bala indatshana ezikungwalo ezimbili engiziqam-bileyo), sabalayo inkuthazo yokuthi uMbuso ulempendulo. Sasingelawo umkhondo wokuthi kungenziwa njani, kodwa sasile-qiniso lokuthi sasisendleleni eqondileyo.

Kwathi ngobunye ubusuku uNkulunkulu wanginika iphupho wangibonisa kulelophupho ukuthi ngangizasuka kunhlanganiso engasengihlale kuyo okweminyaka eyisitshiyagalolunye ukuze ngiyeqala eyami inhlanganiso—zwisisa lokhu—ukuyasiza abantu ukuthi baphume ezikweledeni! Ngiyazi, yikusangana angithi? Ngitsho ukuthi, ngabe ngangikwazi ukuphuma esikweledeni, ngangingabe ngakwenza kusesekudala. Kodwa ke yikho Yena akwenzayo. Ngayethuka kancane sibili. Ngangingakwazi ukuthi inhlanganiso iqalwa njani lokuthi kuyini okwakufunakala. Kodwa inhlanganiso yokusiza abantu ukuthi baphume ezikweledeni? Habe, lami ngangisamdinda umuntu wokungitshela ukuthi ngingenza njani lami!

Ngathi ngisaqala ukukhuleka ngalokhu, ngaba lesehlakalo sikaMoya oNgcwele esiguqula impilo echaza ukuba kwakuzakwen-zakala njani. Kwenzakala lapho ngivakatshela omunye umthengi wethu ngendaba zomshuwalense. O, ngilibale ukukutshela ukuthi ngangisebenza kwezezimali ngithengisa umshuwalense lama-*security* konke lokhu kusenzakala. Ngiyazi, sokufana lolungisa impompi oleyakhe evuzayo yena elungisa inhlupho zabanye esekela olwakhe. Noma nje ngangizehlulekela kusihlalo sami kwezezimali, ulwazi engangiluthole ngemva kweminyaka kulezindima kuminyaka eyisitshiyagalolunye lwaluqakathekile kulokhu uNkulunkulu ayeseFUNA ukungibonisa khona.

Ngathi ngihleli lomthengi wethu lomkakhwe etafuleni labo lemculwini, sabonisana uhlelo ngendlela eyejwayelekileyo,

eyayibonisa umfanekiso walapho ababekhona kwezezimali ngokubuza imibuzo embalwa ngokuphendula esasikubiza sithi luluhlu lolwazi i-*data sheet*. Ulwazi lolu lwalusetshenziswa ukukhetha ukuthi babezazuza umshuwalense onganani. Lapho sisahlola uluhlu lwabo lwezikwelede, bobabili badangala owesifazane waqala ukukhala lapho echasisa ukuthi basebephelelwe lithemba kanganani. Bobabili babesebenza imisebenzi yosuku lonke kodwa imali isilela inyanga zonke.

Khepha, ngemva kokuba mina ngiphile ngendlela efanayo okweminyaka eyisitshiyagalolunye, loNkulunkulu eseqale ukufundisa mina loDrenda ngoMbuso, unganakana ukuthi ngangi bazwela njani. Njengami loDrenda, babengamaKhristu ayengela mkhondo wokuthi uMbuso usebenza njani. Ngaleso sikhathi, nganginganelisi ukuchasisa ngoMbuso ngaphandle kwezinto zakuqala ezincane uNkulunkulu ayesitshengise zona, engayabelana labo ngazo, njalo, ngeqiniso, ngayabelana labo ezinye indaba ezinhle esasizibone kowethu umumo.

Kwakumgeke, umshuwalense wempilo kwakungayisulo uhlu pho lwabo olukhulu. Ngachitha isikhathi ngichasisa lokho uNkulunkulu ayangifundisa khona mayelana loMbuso, kodwa ngangilangazelela okuthile engangingakwenza ukuze ngilethe impendulo kulo umumo ababekiwo.

Ehofisini ngalobo busuku, ngathi ngisagqiba ilanga lami ngihlela ingwalo zemibiko okwakumele ngiyiphendule, ngatshetsha ngaba lomcabango. Kwakungaba njani ngingakhangelela phetsheya komshuwalense ngikhangelisise isimilo sezimali zabo sonke? Kwakukhona na engangingakwenza? Kwakungaba njani ngingaqala ukudinga imali? Ngelokhu ngitsho ukuthi nxa ngangidinga indlela yokwenza ababevele bekwenza kodwa ngendleko eziphansi?

Umgomo wami wawungolula, ukuthola indlela zokwenza ababevele bekwenza ngendleko ephansi kuthi eseleyo ibisisiba njengemali ebambekayo lebhada isikwelede. Kwakuzwakala njengomqondo omuhle, kodwa ke ngangingazi eyinye indima yazimali ngaphandle kwale eyomshuwalense. Kufanele ngikutshele ukuthi lokhu kwenzakala kungakabi zinsuku ze-*internet*. Uphenyo engangizalwenza ngalwenza ngendlela enhle-yakudala—ngocingo lama-*yellow pages*.

Ngasebenza ngakho lokhu okweviki yonke njengoba kwakumele ngihlangane laye umthengi kuviki elizayo. Ngamangala ukuthi yayinganani imali engangisenelisa ukuyikhulula ngenyanga lapho ngithatha isikhathi sokucubungula yonke indima yezemali. Ngesikhathi ngisiyaqeda, inani laselifika amakhulu ambalwa amadola ngenyanga. Ngisebenzisa i-*calculator* yami yezimali, ngahlanganisa zonke izikwelede zabo ngasengithatha leya mali eseleyo ngayengezelela kundleko zabo zenyanga yinye ngayinye. Ngathi ngifotoza isikopela se-*computer* nanko ngibhekane lempendulo—iminyaka engu 6.2. Impendulo yeminyaka engu 6.2 kwakuyisikhathi umthengi wami lo ayezasithatha ukuze asesule isikwelede sakhe sonke, kugoqela inhlawulo yendlu, nxa iholo lakhe lingaguqkanga. Yebo ubale kuhle, ngitsho nxa iholo lakhe lingaguqkanga. Ngayethuka ngikholwa ukuthi likhona iphutha engangilenzile, ngakho ngaziphinda inombolo njalo nje ngaze ngasuthiseka ukuthi ngangilempendulo eqondileyo. Kambe kungaba yikho na? Kungani umuntu wonke wayengakwazi lokhu?

Ngesiphange esikhulu ngadobha izingwalo zabanye abathengi ezaziseduzane lami ngahlolisisa masinyane ngithola impumela efanayo. Omunye lomunye wabo wayesengakhululwa kusikwelede sakhe ngeminyaka emihlanu kusiya kweyisikhombisa,

kugoqelwa lenhlawulo yendlu yabo, bengaliguqulanga iholo labo. Kwasekuhlwile ehofisini lapho ngiqeda ukuhlola amanani abo, kodwa lapho ngiqonda ekhaya ngangijabulile. Nxa lokho engangikutholile kwakuqondile, uphenyo lwamanani lwalukhomba lokho, kutsho ukuthi kwakukukhulu, kukukhulukazi.

Ngangizidla ukuthi umthengi wami wayezakwamukela njani ulwazi olunje. Ngilungiselela umhlangano wami olandelayo, ngakhetha ukufaka amanani lawo ekhasini eliodwa elilula elokubonisa. Inhloso yami kwakuyikuyabapha ithemba. Yayingekho inzuzo kimi, njengoba ngangisazi ukuthi ithuba lokuthi bathathe umshuwalense wempilo lalingasekho. Kodwa ngangisazi ukuthi babenxwanele ukuzwa ukuthi ngangitholeni. Ngeviki elalandelayo ngabuye ngahlola amanani ami ngasuthiseka ukuthi ngangiqondile.

Ngathi ngiqoqoda ngensimbi yomnyango, ngezwa ngilenkangelelo ngalo umhlangano. Ngathi sengihleli etafuleni ngabazisa engangikwenze ngamanani abo iviki yonke. Ngaxoxisana labo kuhle kuhle ngamanani engangiwabeke phansi, ngichasisa ukuthi le esalayo ngangiyithole njani, ndawonye lebizu lenhlanganiso yami lenombolo okwakudingeka ukuthi senze lokho engangibabonisa khona. Ngangizibonela ukuthi ukujabula kwakusanda lapho ngiqhubeka ngikhulula imali inani likhula. Kodwa ngathi ngifika kusiphetho sokuthi babesenelisa ukusesula isikwelede sabo ngemva kweminyaka engu 6.2, kugoqelwa indlu, ngeholo labo lodwa, bobabili baqala ukukhala, khathesi ke ngenjabulo. Babehleli laphaya inyembezi zigelezela ebusweni beqhubeka besitsho ukuthi babeyethuke kanganani ngempumela le. Bengeqela bengigona, saba lesikhathi esihle sokujabula ngalobobusuku.

Asibekelane iqiniso: kambe i-IRS isingathi ukhokhe imithelo ephansi na? Abamabhanga sebengathi imali oyibolekileyo izale

ngendlela ephansi na? Cha konke kuhlelwe ngendlela yokuthi kuthathele wena imali kuphela, hatshi ukuyivikela. Ngabakwazi ukuthi konke engangikutholile kwakumele kufundiswe imuli yonke yase-America! Ubusuku lobuyana baletha inguquko enkulu kimi, ngasengifisa ukuthi lokhu ngikwenzele wonke umthengi engangihlangana laye.

Ngakho ngihlome lololwazi lesiqiniseko sephupho uNkulunkulu ayenginike lona, mina loDrenda satshiya inhlanganiso yomshuwalense sasungula eyethu inhlanganiso, sisenza lokhu engangikwenzele imuli leyana. Ngensuku zakuqala lezi inhlanganiso yethu sasiyibiza sithi yi “*Faith-Full Family Finances*.” Ibizo lalichaza kamhlophe ukuthi saiphathelane ngani—nxawawuzwisisa uMbuso lokukholwa, izimali zakho zaziyaphuphuma. Ngiyavumelana lawe lalingasilo gama elihle lenhlanganiso—zama ukuliphinda katshumi kulandelana—kodwa lasebenza. Phambidlana saliguqula laba ngu-*Forward Financial Group*, lilokhe linjalo lanamhla njalo lokhu likhula ngamandla.

Ukubeka iqiniso, izimali zethu zazingakagcwali. Sasilokhe silazo izikwelede leziya ezazifuna ukubhadalwa, kodwa sasisazi ukuthi sasesi-wutholile umzila wokugijima ngawo. Sathi siyisungula inhlanganiso yethu entsha, sajabula kodwa silakho ukwesaba kancane. Kwakusesekunengi okwakumele sikufunde ngokusungula inhlanganiso lokusebenza kwayo, kodwa uhlupho olukhulu kwakuyikuthi thina imali sasizayenza njani. Uhlupho lwethu lwaba yikuthi sasinganelisi, njalo sasingafuni ukuthi abantu basibhadale ukuthi sibasize ukuphuma esikweledeni. Lo yiwo umgoqo esachitha isikhathi eside sikhuleka ngawo njalo sidinga ezinye indlela. Ngingatshongo okunengi ngingathi iNkosi yabuye yasibonisa enye indlela emangalisayo yokudala inhlanganiso lokuyimisa singacelanga umthengi ukuba akhokhe.

Okwalandelayo, kwasokumele siphangise ukuthola indlela yokucubungula amanani la ayengithathela isikhathi esinengi ngolwazi lwabathengi. Ngabakwazi ukuthi kwasokumele ngenze uhlelo lwe-*computer* oluqondane lalo umsebenzi esasiwenza, kodwa ngangingazi lutho ngama-*computer* noma ukudinga umuntu owayelalo lolu lwazi. Phindenjalo, uNkulunkulu wenza isimanga. Ngathola ucingo luvela komunye umuntu wasekudeni owayeseke wezwa ngathi. Wayefisa ukubona esasikwenza, esiza njengomthengi. Wakuthanda lokhu esasikwenza, kwathi lapho sisaxoxa, ngathola ukuthi wayengolungisa inhlelo zama-*computer* kodwa elenhlanganiso yakhe eceleni ayezisebenzela kuyo ngesikhathi sakhe. Ngakhulumisana laye ngesidingo sethu, yena ngentshukuntshu enkulu wathi uyafisa ukusisiza kulokhu esasikwenza. Ngamtshela ukuthi sasiyinhlanganiso eqalayo nje ngakho sasingelayo imali yokumhlawula uma esenze lowo msebenzi, noma nje wayeseligamulile inani. Yena wayelokhe esafuna ukuwenza lowo msebenzi ngakho ngathi ngangizambhadala nxa leyo mali isingenile. Yikho kanye esakwenzayo.

Abantu bawuthanda umsebenzi wethu lowu. Ngemva kwakho konke, babengekelelani? Wawungabhadalelwa, njalo abantu babekuthanda ukuthola imali baphume ezikweledeni. Umsebenzi waphakama ngendlela enkulu kakhulu, senelisa ukuphuma esikweledeni kuminyaka emibili elengxenye. Ngakho sasilabameli abangu 300 abasakaza icebo lethu kulizwe lonke. Ngaphandle kokwenelisa ukuhlawulela imota zethu kanye, senelisa ukwakha lokubhadalela indlu yamaphupho ethu. Inhlanganiso yethu yakhula yenelisa ukunikela inkulungwane zamadola isekela iVhangeli labanye abantu kuminyaka eyedlulileyo.

“Uhlelo lwesikwelede,” njengendlela esilubiza ngayo, lulokhe

lusendlalwa mgceke lanamuhla lokhu, sokwedlule iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu. Injongo zenhlanganiso zakhula ngokwedlula kweminyaka. Sesedlulela phambili saqala ukuhlola ezomhlala phansi ngemva kokuwa komnotho ngo 2001, yebo futhi, lango 2008 lapho inengi labantu lalahlekelwa yi 50% kusiya ku 80% yemali ebekelwa umhlalaphansi. Safika kuzigaba ezinhle zokutshala sasungula lologatsha lomsebenzi wethu ngo 2001. Ngiyaziqhenya ukubangithi kubathengi bethu akekho owalahlekelwa yiloba yimali encane kuminyaka elitshumi lasithupha yokuhlukuluzwa kwezomnotho elizweni lethu lomhlaba wonke jikelele. Kuyafana lakuhlelo lwethu, akulambadalo, imbadalo yokuhlela, kumbe iholo lalowo othengisayo lapho usaqala kumbe mnyaka munye ngamunye kubathengi bethu. Nxa usukhathele ngokudlaliswa ufejefeja ngemali yakho yomhlalaphansi, usungathinta i-*Forward Financial Group* ku 1-(800)-815-0818 kumbe Forwardfinancialgroup.com uthole ulwazi olunengi.

Kuyamangalisa angithi? Icebo elilodwa elevela kuMoya oNgcwele laguqula impilo zethu okwephakade. Yebo, kwakumele sithathe inyathelo, uNkulunkulu wasitshengisa indawo zokugxoba. “Kwakuzwakala njani, Gary, ukuphuma esikweledeni?” Ukuthula! Ukuphumula! Akukucabange. Sasuka ekubeni ngabagokekileyo saya ekubeni ngabangela sikwelede, sihlawulela imota zethu kanye, ikhaya, lakho konke okunye esasikudinga. Okweminyaka eyisificamunwemunye, ngangingaphansi kokucindezelwa okukhulu imizuzu yonke yelanga. Ngangingelakho ukuphumula. Kwakungelani ukuthi kwakulusuku bani lweviki, noma ikhefu. Ngangingelakho ukuthula. Inkinga zezimali zazingilandela noma ngaphi engangikhona. Ngahlangana lokuyangeka lokuchothozwa okukhulu ngenxa yomumo wezimali zethu. Ukwesaba

kwasokungumngane weduzane, ukwethuka lemithi yokwelapha ukudangala kwaba yindlela yokuphila lapho ukudangala kwami sokusezingeni eliphezulu.

Kuzo zonke ingiquko zezimali, yebo phela lekutholeni konke esikudingayo empilweni, usungalingeka ukuthi unakane ukuthi ezezimali zethu zodwa zaba yikunqoba okulula. Yebo ekucineni ukuthola konke esasikudinga kwaba yikunqoba, kodwa injabulo enkulu kwakuyikubona uMbuso kaNkulunkulu usebenza.

Mina loDrenda sabona umbuso usebenza njalo nje, sesivame ukuthi, “Ukubonile na lokhuyana?” Njengesikopela sesibane silumathiswa, konke kudasobala ekukhanyeni; usungabona. Ukuqala ukubona ngemva kokuphila uyisiphofu ungelazo impendulo kuba yisehlakalo esihle. Ukuthola igugu lethu eliqotho, uMbuso kaNkulunkulu kwaba yisimanga. Nxa ngingakutshela ukuthi kwezwakala njani kalula nginathi—okwakuqala empilweni yami yonke, ngaba lokuphumula!

Imicimbicimbi yama! Emuva, ivili lemota lalithi lingadubuka, kube yinkemenkeme yendaba. “Kambe imali sizayithola ngaphi? Kambe kuseselolutho kumakhadi ethu na?” Kodwa namuhla, nxa imota ingabila ngasizatho bani, ngibuza umkami ukuthi, “Ufuna engumbala bani khathesi?” Akusela micimbi, ukwethuka, izikwelede, yikuphumula kuphela. Sesihlala sisemsebenzini wethu lakuyo injongo. Asisaphileli ukuziphilisa, kodwa singabeMPILO!

**ICEBO ELILODWA
ELEVELA KUMOYA
ONGCWELE LAGUQULA
IMPILO ZETHU
OKWEPHAKADE.
YEBO, KWAKUMELE
SITHATHE INYATHELO,
UNKULUNKULU
WASITSHENGISA
INDAWO ZOKUGXOBA.**

Ngakho ngiyalitshele ukuthi lingakhathazeki ngokuphila kwenu, ukuthi lizakudlani loba lizanathani; kumbe ngemizimba yenu, ukuthi lizagqokani. Impilo kayiqakathekanga ukwedlula ukudla na, lomzimba ukwedlula izigqoko na? Khangelani izinyoni zasemoyeni; kazihlanyeli, kazivuni kumbe ukubuthela eziphaleni kodwa uYihlo osezulwini uyazipha ukudla. Lina kaliqakathekanga ukwedlula zona na?

— UMathewu 6:25-26

Kuminyaka engu 36 eyedlulileyo, sengahlala phansi lenkulungwane zabantu kumatafula emikulwini sixoxisana ngezezimali kubanga lokusondelelana. Sengakhuluma lamaxuku ezinkulungwane kumhlaba wonke jikelele, into inye engiyitholayo konke lapho engithalaza khona ngumuntu odinga ukuphumula!!!! Umuntu wonke ukhangelela impelaviki, ukuya vakatsha, kumbe ukuthatha umhlalaphansi—ukuma lokuphumula.

Ukuphenya okumbalwa esengakubalayo lami kutshengisa ukuthi 70% yabantu base America ayiwuthandi umsebenzi wayo, njalo kuleyo 70%, 20% abaqhatshwanga njalo kucatshangelwa ukuthi abasoze bathande imisebenzi yabo. Balandani entweni abayizondayo? Baphila phansi kokudangala okunganani okwenza baphikelele kulobubuhlungu bansuku zonke? Ukukubeka lula, bayizigqili. (Sonke sasinjalo. Sesiphile emhlabeni othi ukuze

**KODWA UKUPHILA IMPILO
YOKUKHATHAZWA
YIMALI...
KWAKUNGEKHO KUHLELO
LUKANKULUNKULU
EQUQALENI, NJALO
AKUKHO KUHLELO
LUKANKULUNKULU
NAMUHLA LOKHU.**

uphile kumele kube lemali eyanela ozikhethela khona. Kodwa kwabanengi akunjalo.) Amaphupho abo okuthuthuka masinyane ayatshalalala abe yimpilo yokuziphiliza nje bazithole sebesemisebenzini engalamkhawulo beleminyaka yamatshumi amathathu, amatshumi amane, kanye lamatshumi amahlanu.

Umbiko wamanani osanda kwethulwa uthi 69% kazulu wasu-America kala madola angamakhulu abekiweyo nje¹. Ukudangala lokudabuka kwemizwa abanengi abaphila lakho kwesula isimilo lesizotha sabo. Amaphupho abekwe le sokulandelwa izidingo zakhathesi ukungaqondisisi besokubusa khona. Injabulo isitshabalele.

Kwelinye ilanga, ngikhumbula ngikhulumisana lomunye umfundisi ngezimali. Wangitshela ukuthi uthanda ukukhonza njalo uyabathanda abantu, kodwa nsukuzonke wayevuka ejabulile kuzekuthi lapho ecabanga isimo sezimali zakhe. Uthi kufana leyezi elikhulu elimnyama elisithela ukukhanya kwelanga, lapho imicabango edangalisayo ibumbeka engqondweni yakhe imthumbela esimeni sokuziphilisa, ukuphelelwa lithemba kwezezimali, lobugqili obungela mbono.

Impilo isithathelwe indawo yikubona abanye benqoba. I-Hollywood seyayenza izigidigidi ibukisa abanye abantu benqoba kumabonakude omkhulu. Abantu abangaziboni benqoba labo bathola imizuzwana yokuziba inhlupho zabo bake baphile emaphutsheni abo ngokubukela abangelasici bephila impilo ezingelasici kumabonakude omkhulu.

Imidlalo khathesi ihuga izigidigidi zamadola ngomnyaka esuka kubabukeli kumhlaba wonke jikelele. Ngo 2017, i-*NFL* yabutha

¹ Niall McCarthy, "Survey: 69% of Americans Have Less Than \$1,000 in Savings," *Forbes*, September 23, 2016, <https://www.forbes.com/sites/niallmccarthy/2016/09/23/survey-69-of-americans-have-less-than-1000-in-savings-infographic/#30d27351ae67>.

phose izigidigidi ezingu 7.8; i-*Super Bowl*, kucatshangelwa izigidigidi ezingu 15.5; sitsho umdlalo owodwa kuphela!² ³ Abantu bayakuthanda ukukhuthaza iqembu labo ukuze linqobe.

Kodwa okumele sikuzwisise yikuthi sonke sadalelwa sabekelwa ukunqoba—ukubasemzabalazweni, emdlalweni, siphetha ngokunqoba. Ukuphelelwa lithemba kwezezimali kuyinjayelo, akusikho okungajwayelekanga, kunengi labantu—ngakho isikhala sokuphunyuka yikuphila impilo esiyiphuphayo kumpilo zabanye abantu. Kuyini okuhugela abantu ku-*lottery*? Kungani uhlelo lukamabonakude oluthiwa, *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire* lwaba lodumo kangaka? Kungani inhlelo zokunotha masinyane zilokhe ziyisilingo lanamuhla? Impendulo? UKUPHUMULA! Wonke umuntu usekhathele ukugijima, wonke umuntu usekhathele ukuvuka elomthwalo onzima wokudinga ukuzisilela useba amaphupho akhe. Kodwa ukuphila impilo yokukhathazwa yimali akusilo lutho olutsha; eqinisweni, sokubekhona kusukela ekuthwetshulweni komuntu emhlabeni. Kungenani, kwakungekho kuhlelo lukaNkulunkulu ekuqaleni, njalo akukho kuhlelo lukaNkulunkulu namuhla lokhu.

² Michael David Smith, "Packers' Books Show NFL teams Split \$7.8 Billion in National Revenue," NBC Sports, <http://profootballtalk.nbcsports.com/2017/07/12/packers-books-show-nfl-teams-split-7-8-billion-in-national-revenue/>.

³ Joe D'Allegro, "Super Bowl Billions: The Big Business Behind the Biggest Game of the Year," CNBC, January 22, 2017, updated February 2, 2017, <https://www.cnbc.com/2017/01/20/super-bowl-billions-the-big-business-behind-the-big-game.html>.

ISAHLUKO 2

AMALUNGELO OMTHETHO

Ukungabi lethemba—yiyo indlela engingachasisa ngayo impilo zethu ngaphambu kokuba sifunde ukuphumula. Iminyaka eyisitshiyagalolunye yisikhathi eside sokuphila phakathi kwengxabangxoza lenhlupho yezimali. Ngiyakhumbula izikhathi ezinengi ngikhangela ipulazi esasiliqhatshile elalingama *acre angamatshumi ayisitshiyagalombili lanhlanu* silihlawulela \$300 ngenyanga, sidonsa nzima ukuba sihlawule leyo mali, eyayincane kakhulu, ngizibuza ukuthi ngangizakwanelisa na ukuba ngumnini wendawo enje lami.

Umnikazi wayefuna ukuzoyakha igceke lokudlala *i-golf* kuleyondawo ngakho wayefuna nje umuntu owayezahlala, agcine kuhle indawo aze aqale ukuyilungisa, wayekhangelele ukuqala ngemva kweminyaka emithathu noma emihlanu. Indlu le eyepulazini endala sangena kuyo “injengokuba” njalo babengasoze bahlawulele ukuba ilungiswe ngaleso sikhathi. Sayithatha, njalo ngemva kokuyihlanza lokuyipenda okukhulu, indlu le endala yacina ngandlela ethile isinhle. Icebo lethu kwakuyikuhlala kuyo okweminyaka emithathu besesidlulela phambili, kodwa ngomnyaka wesitshiyagalombili silapho, sasilokhu singakabi lecebo lokuba ngabanini bolutho.

Ngemva kokuba uNkulunkulu esekhulume lami ngoMbuso, njalo lathi sesiqale ukusebenzisa izimiso lemilayo yoMbuso, izinto zaqala ukuguquka. Ekuqaliseni lapho izimali zethu seziqala ukubangcono, sasijabula kakhulu ngokunqoba okuncinyane. Ngiyakhumbula ngithenga umtshina wokugezisa imiganu sisasendlini yepulazini endala njalo mina loDrenda sasijabule kakhulu, ikakhulu yena! Noma kwezinye izikhathi ngangincedisela ukugezisa imiganu, ngangiphatheka ngebhizimusi. Ngenxa yabantwana abane ababengekhaya ngaleso sikhathi, wayehlala nje egezisa imiganu. Sathi sesithenge umtshina wokugezisa imiganu, ngikhumbula ngisitsho amazwi aphosa abe nje, “Uyakholwa na ukuthi umtshina lo omutsha siwuhlawulele imali yonke iphelele?” Kodwa, ukuze uzwisise umnakano lo wonke, kuyamele ukhangele yonke imitshina eyayisendlini yokuphekela. Isitofu sethu lefrijji kwakuluhlaza okwe *avocado* njalo sokuleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlalanu. Ngakho uma siqathanisa, ukuthenga umtshina wokugezisa imiganu omutsha kwakuyikunqoba kithi.

Kusahluko esedlulileyo, ngabelane lani ngokuthi uNkulunkulu wangipha iphupho lecebo lokuqala ibhizimusi elalizakuba yimpendulo yengxubano yemali zethu. Usungabe ucabanga ukuthi, “Ngifisa ngabe uNkulunkulu uyangitshela okunjengalokho.” Indaba ezimnandi yikuthi Yena uyakulangazelela ukwenza lokho, kodwa zikhona izinto okumele ubezazi mayelana lokuthi uMbuso usebenza njani ungakafinyeleli ukuba uthinte usizo olunjengalolo. Indlela engayitshengiswa lelo langa ngiphupha yenzakala ngenxa yalokho uNkulunkulu ayesifundisa khona ngoMbuso Wakhe futhi kwakuyimpumela eyalethwa yikwenza lokho ayesitshengisa khona.

Noma ngikhulume kabanzi ngoMbuso kugwalo lwami oludlulileyo, kuyadingeka ukuthi ngikhulume ngawo futhi lapha ukwenzela ukuthi sithole isisekelo sokweyama kuso.

Abantu bayangibuza ukuthi ngitshoni ngoMbuso kaNkulunkulu. Ngangingelalo ulwazi ngoMbuso kaNkulunkulu noma ngangingumKhristu. Ngangisazi ukuthi mhla ngisifa ngizakuya ezulwini, kodwa ngangingelayo inzwisiso yoMbuso kaNkulunkulu lokuthi usebenza njani. Ukuze uzwisise umnakano lo, kumele uzwisise ukuthi ibala elithi *umbuso* litshoni. Ngomcabango oqotho, lona litsho ukubusa kwenkosi. Umbuso wenkosi usebenza ngamazwi enkosi. Amazwi ayo aba ngumlayo ophatha ububusi Bayo kanye lempilo zezakhamizi. Omunye umnakano omayelana lombuso yikuthi ixuku labantu abayizigidi kaliwenzi umbuso. Umbuso singathi utsho uhulumende olemithetho eqinisa imithetho yenkosi kuso sonke isakhamizi sakulowo mbuso ngokomthetho. Umcabango lo owokuthi uNkulunkulu uloMbuso olemithetho ethuthukisiweyo esebenza kuye wonke umhlali ngokomthetho eMbusweni ukhanya uyize esiKhristwini. AmaKhristu amanengi akholwa ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyathatha isinqumo sokuthi yiphi imikhuleko azayiphendula kumbe uphendula labo Yena abathandayo. Bakholwa ukuthi bangazila okwesikhathi eside kumbe benzele uNkulunkulu umsebenzi omnengi kwezikamoya, bazakuba ngabathandekayo Kuye. Mngane wami, wena uhlezi uthandeka Kuye.

Ngalokho-ke, kaliseyibo bezizweni lezihambi, kodwa seli-yinzalo yakithi labantu bakaNkulunkulu, kanye lamalunga abendlu kaNkulunkulu.

— Kwabase-Efesu 2:19

Kalisiyo nzalo yoMbuso wakhe kuphela, kodwa lingamalunga endlu Yakhe, indodana kumbe indodakazi yeNkosi. KwabaseGalathiya 4 kucaca ukuthi lokhu kuthini kimi lakuwe.

Engikutshoyo yikuthi nxa indlalifa isesengumntwana, kayehlukananga lesigqili lanxa nje ingumnikazi welifa lonke. Ingaphansi kwabaphathi lababambeli kuze kufike isikhathi esabekwa nguyise. Ngokunjalo, lathi ngesikhathi sisesengabantwana sasiyizigqili ngaphansi kwempi yemi-moya yalumlaba. Kodwa kwathi lapho isikhathi sesifike ngokupheleleyo, uNkulunkulu wathuma iNdodana yakhe, yazalwa ngowesifazane, izalwa ngaphansi komthetho, ukuba ihlengi abangaphansi komthetho, ukuze sithole amalungelo apheleleyo amadodana atholakeleyo. Njengokuba lingamadodana, uNkulunkulu wathumela uMoya weNdodana yakhe enhlizweni zenu, omemezayo usithi, “Abha, Baba.” Ngakho kawuseyiso isigqili kodwa indodana kaNkulunkulu; njalo njengoba usuyindodana, uNkulunkulu usekwenze waba yindlalifa futhi.

— KwabaseGalathiya 4:1-7

Wena uyindlalifa yelifa lonke njengendodana kumbe indodakazi, njalo ulamalungelo omthetho njengenzalo yoMbuso Wakhe! Yekela lokho kungene kujule ngaphakathi kuwe—ulayo yonke into. Akukho okudingayo ongelakho. Ngakho yeka ukuncenga lokukhala. Ungancengi into osulayo kudala. UNkulunkulu akayenzi izinqumo daba ngodaba ezokuthi Yena ngubani azamsiza njalo ngubani angasoze amsize. Wonke umuntu oyindodana loyindodakazi kaNkulunkulu uselalo usizo Lwakhe kudala.

Kahle ngiqathanise lokhu lokuba yinzalo yase United States. Nxa uyinzalo yalapha, kutsho ukuthi uhulumende we United States uyakusekela ukuze uqinise lokho okutshiwo ngumthetho. Inzuzo leyo yayikhona ngesikhathi usiba yinzalo yalapha. Ngakho, ngeke uzile kumbe uthandaze kakhulu kangakanani ukuze uthole usizo Lwakhe; Yena ukuphile mahala ngalokho okwayenziwa nguJesu. Ngakho kukholise. Wena ungumnini wakho!

**IMIZWA MIHLE, NJALO
NGIYATHANDA UKUBUZZA
UBUKHONA BUKANKULUNKULU,
KODWA NXA SOKUSIZA KUNDABA
ZOMTHETHO, KANGIDINGI
KUZIZWA NGINGOSINDISIWEYO
UKUBA NGIBE NGOSINDISIWEYO.
YINDABA YOMTHETHO.**

UNkulunkulu wasivusa ekufeni kanye loKhristu wasihlalisa laye ebukhosini basezulwini kuKhristu uJesu, ukuze kuthi ezikhathini ezizayo atshengise inotho yomusa wakhe engeke ilinganiswe, ebalulwe yibubele bakhe kithi kuKhristu uJesu.

— Kwabase-Efesu 2:6-7

Umutsho othi, “wasihlalisa laye ebukhosini basezulwini” ukhuluma ngesikhundla sakho somthetho eMbusweni kaNkulunkulu. UJesu uhleli esandleni sokudla sikaBaba, kunjalo lakuwe njengoba ungumzimba kaKhristu. Kutsho ukuthi uyindlalifa kunye loJesu eyakho konke okukaNkulunkulu. Ngiyazi kumnandi ukuca-banga ngalokhu, kodwa kuliqiniso. Ulakho konke; uyimuli, njalo le yibhizimusi yemuli! Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi usathane usezame ukufihla konke oyikho khona lakho konke olakho, abantu abanengi,

ngitsho lamaKhristu, aphila njengalabo abalokhu bebotshwe yisiqalekiso somhlaba esokuziphilisa!

Isihluthulelo leso saguqula impilo yami lapho ngize nginanzelele ukuthi kwakungu njalo kunguhulumende olomthetho futhi mina, njengenzalo, ngilamalungelo omthetho kanye lenzuzo yoMbuso. Imizwa mihle, njalo ngiyathanda ukubuzwa ubukhona bukaNkulunkulu, kodwa nxa sokusiza kundaba zomthetho, kangidingi kuzizwa ngingosindisiweyo ukuba ngibe ngosindisiweyo. Yindaba yomthetho. Akudingakali ukuthi ngizizwe njengenzalo yase United States ukuba ngibe yiyo. Ngiyazi lakudala ukuthi yindaba yomthetho egcwaliswa kuphela yikuthi mina ngazalelwa lapho. Nxa umi kahle phambili kukaNkulunkulu njalo impilo yakho isebenza ngemithetho hatshi ngemizwa yakho, izinto ziyaguquka!

Silesiqiniselo lesi ekusondeleni kuNkulunkulu: ukuthi nxa sicela ulutho ngokwentando yakhe, uyasizwa. Nxa sisazi ukuthi uyasizwa—loba kuyini esikucelayo—siyakwazi ukuthi sesilakho esikucele kuye.

— 1 UJohane 5:14-15

Cabanga uMbhalo lo kancane; ngomunye engiwuthandayo. Ngingacela loba yikuyini ngokwentando Yakhe, ngiyazi ukuthi Yena uyezwa! Lapha akukhulunywa ngamagagasi omsindo owezwa ngendlebe zakho. Lo ngumutsho womthetho. Cabanga umahluleli lenkantolo yakhe. Nxa umahluleli engathatha isinqumo sokuzwa udaba, kutsho ukuthi yena usevumile ukuxazulula indaba le esebenzisa lokho okutshiwo ngumthetho. Kolwethu udaba, njengoba sesicelile sisebenzisa umthetho weNkosi, siyazi ukuthi

Yona izaqinisa umthetho Wayo. Yingakho, silokuzethemba ngempumela ezayo; kasicabangeli.

Isibonelo, i-United States akusiwo mbuso ngoba kayilayo inkosi, kodwa isebenza ngemithetho elinganayo njalo etholakala kuye wonke umuntu oyinzalo yalapho ngokomthetho. Ngendlela efanayo, uMbuso kaNkulunkulu lawo uholwa yimithetho, etholwa nguye wonke umuntu oyinzalo kungela bandlululo. Indaba esizifunda eBhayibhilini kayisizo zokusilibazisa kuphela kodwa ngezokusitshengisa leyo mithetho ukuze siyifunde njalo siyisebenzise. UJesu wasebenzisa umutsho othi, “uMbuso kaNkulunkulu unjenge” kanengi lapho echasisela abantu ukuthi uMbuso usebenza njani. UJesu wayesitsho imithetho yoMbuso lapho etshela izindatshana, enikeza umfanekiso wokuthi imithetho isebenza njani lokuthola ukuthi kungani okuthile kusenzakala. Futhi, ngasizatho esithile, abantu abalawo umnakano wokuthi uMbuso kaNkulunkulu ulemithetho eholo ukusebenza kwawo. Abanengi bacabanga ukuthi uNkulunkulu engenza yiloba yini Yena afuna ukuyenza ngoba unguNkulunkulu. Ngiyavuma ukuthi uNkulunkulu ulamandla okwenza noma yini afuna ukuyenza; kodwa ke, Yena ufakelwa imingcele yimithetho Yakhe. Ngiyazi ukuthi lokhu kungazwakala kungajwayelekanga kuwe, kodwa ukuze uzwisise umcijo wami, kasikhangele uMakho 6 masinyane.

UJesu wathi kubo, “Umprofethi kalalo udumo kuphela edolobheni lakibo, phakathi kwezihlobo zakhe lendlini yakwabo.” Wayengeke enze izimangaliso khona, ngaphandle kokubeka izandla ebantwini abalutshwana abagulayo ukuba abasilise. Njalo wamangaliswa yikusilela kwabo ekukholweni.

— UMakho 6:4-6

Lapho ufunda uMbalo lo, kumele ube udobhe izinto ezithile kuleli ikhasi ezikunikeza ulwazi lwezindlela zoMbuso.

Wayengeke enze izimangaliso khona

Okwakuqala, amaKhristu amanengi awakaze awubone uMbhalo lo njalo angaphikisana lawe ethi nxa usithi zikhona izikhathi eBhayibhilini lapho uJesu ayesehluleka khona ukusilisa, ulahlekile. Kodwa njengoba ubona, wayengeke. Ungazwisisa ukuthi uMbuso kaNkulunkulu usebenza ngemithetho, uzaqala ukukhangelisisa indaba le ngendlela ejulileyo. Inzwisiso yansuku zonke kumaKhristu yikuthi uJesu ukhethe ukuba engabasilisi. Lokhu kungazwakala kulomqondo nxa wawungelayo inzwisiso yomthetho woMbuso. Ukubakwazi ngokuthi uJesu ubelawo amandla okusilisa kodwa wekela, ungelayo inzwisiso yomthetho wokubusa, kungakwenza ucine usithi Yena ukhethe ukuba angasilisi. Kambe singaba yini esinye isizatho?

Ungabe sowake wezwa omunye umuntu esithi, “UNkulunkulu uvumele lokhu ukuba kwenzakale,” kumbe “UNkulunkulu wazi ngcono,” kumbe “Konke kusesandleni sikaNkulunkulu,” kumbe okunye nje okukhulunywa ngumuntu nxa esitsho ngohlupho noma ubunzima yena noma umngane wakhe ahlangeane labo. AmaKhristu ajwayelekileyo, wona ama khonapha. Ngenxa yokungazi imithetho yoMbuso lokuthi yikuyini okwavimba uJesu, isiphetho abasitholayo yikuthi kwakuyintando kaNkulunkulu ukungabasilisi. Mngane wami, iBhayibhili kalitsho ukuthi Yena wakhetha ukungabasilisi. Lona lithi Yena wayehluleka ukubasilisa ngenxa yokuthi babesilela ekukholweni. Ungananzelela ukuthi okwakuvimba ukusiliswa kule indaba kwakungayisikho kuthi uNkulunkulu wayengafisi

ukukwenza lokho, kodwa kwakulemithetho kamoya eyokubusa eyayivimba amandla kaNkulunkulu.

Kwezinye izindaba, uzabe usunanzelela ukuthi kwakulezizatho zomthetho ezokusebenza kwamandla kaNkulunkulu awokubusa ukuze alethe intando Yakhe kunye lesifiso kuleso simo, noma hatshi, njengakulesi esisanda kusifunda. Ngakho ke, kujahekile ukuba ubekwazi ukuthi imithetho yoMbuso isebenza njani. Ngelinye ilanga nxa usudinga isandla sezulu, kawufuni ukuba sona sehluleke ukukufinyelela, kodwa, uzafuna sikhululeke ukuletha intando kaNkulunkulu empilweni yakho. Yiso ke isizatho esenza ngaloba lolu ugwalo.

Ukuze siqale uhambo lwethu, ngizacela uqale ngengqondo emsulwa unanzelele ukuthi kumele ulahle impendulo zezinkolo okade uzizwa impilo yakho yonke mayelana lokuthi kungani uNkulunkulu esenza kumbe engenzi ulutho. Ngithemba usukwazi ukuthi kumele ulahle ingcazelo eziwayelekileyo ezinikezwa esikhathini esinengi nxa kubuzwa ukuthi kungani uJohnny omncane wafa esasey-ingane: “UNkulunkulu wazi ngcono, konke kusesandleni Sakhe,” njalo njalo. Hatshi, wena kumele WAZI ukuthi kungani uJesu wayengeke asilise njalo ubelolwazi ngemilayo eholu ukugeleza kwamandla kaNkulunkulu emhlabeni. Kumele ubekwazi impendulo yombuzo othi, “Kungani

**IZITHEMBISO ZAKHE ZINIKEZA
ISITHEMBISO SOKUSILISWA,
UKUBUYISELWA,
UKUNGEZELELWA IMALI,
LOKUNYE OKUNENGI —
HATSHI UKUBA LAMANDLA
OKWANELISA UKUBAMBELELA
PHAKATHI KOBUNZIMA
LENHLUPHEKO.**

uJesu wayengeke asilise?” Ebantwini abanengi, ukutsho kwami ukuthi kulempendulo yalo umbuzo kuyabakhuba. Kodwa mina ngikutshela okutshiwo liBhayibhili, njalo kahle ngiphinde ngithi KUMELE wazi impendulo yombuzo lo.

Impendulo elula emfitshane echasisa ukuthi kungani uJesu wayengeke asilise kuleyana indaba yikuthi izulu lalingelawo umthetho wokubusa ukuba lokho kwenzakale. Ukubusa lokhu kulethwa lukholo lowesilisa kumbe owesifazane osemhlabeni olesiqiniseko esipheleleyo ngalokho okutshiwo lizulu. Noma sobabili singavumelana ukuthi uJesu wayelamandla lesifiso sokusilisa abantu, Yena wayengeke. UJesu, ngoKwakhe watsho ukuthi wayehluleka ukubasilisa hatshi ngoba ebuthakathaka kodwa ngoba abantu babengakholwa. Kulobe phansi lokho! Nansi isihluthulelo esimqoka lapha! Ukholo!

Kugwalo lwami oludlulileyo, ngichithe isikhathi esinengi ngichasisa ukuthi ukholo luyini, lusebenza njani, siludingelani ukholo, uNkulunkulu uludingelani ukholo, siluthola njani, lokuthi sazi njani ukuthi sesilokholo. Ngingathi kuqakathekile ukuba uzwisise umthetho oyinsika mayelana loMbuso wezulu ngiyabe ngingatsho kahle. Wona uyimpilo lokufa!

Maduzane ngamukele incwadi yendaba ivela kweyinye inkonzo yesiKhristu edumileyo. Yona yayimumethe lokho amaKhristu amanengi akukholwayo, ngeshwa ke. Kahle ngabele okunye kwakho lapha.

Yona iqala ngelizwi elihle eliku **Dutheronomi 31:6**:

Qinani libe lesibindi. Lingesabi lithithibale ngenxa yabo, ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ihamba lani, kayikulitshiya njalo kayikulifulathela.

Ibisiqhubeka ngokuthi . . .

“Kungani uNkulunkulu engamisi ubudlova lokuhlupheka? Kungani Yena evumela ukufa kwabantu? Imibuzo minengi, njalo iqiniso yikuthi kasizazi impendulo zonke. Kasikwazi ukuthi kungani uNkulunkulu evumela ukuthi izinto ezithile zenzakale. Esikwaziyo yikuthi uNkulunkulu ulothando oluqotho. Indlela Zakhe ziphezu kwezethu. Kumele sethembe izithembiso Zakhe ezingasitsheliyo ukuthi Yena akasoze asiphe lokho esikwanelisayo, kodwa kuthi lokho Yena asinikeza khona, uzasidlulisa kukho ebelathi kulo lonke inyathelo.”

AKUQONDANGA, AKUQONDANGA, AKUQONDANGA! Eqinisweni, iBhayibhili lisitshela okuphikisa lokhu.

Akulazilingo ezilehleleyo ngaphandle kokwejayekekileyo ebantwini; kodwa uNkulunkulu uthembekile, akayikuvumela ukuba lilingwe ngokwedlula lokho elingakumela, kodwa lapho lilingwa, uzalinika indlela yokuphunyuka ukuze limelane lakho.

— 1 KwabaseKhorinte 10:13 (NKJV)

Izithembiso zakhe zinikeza isithembiso sokusiliswa, ukubuyiselwa, ukungezelelwa imali, lokunye okunengi—hatshi ukuba lamandla okwanelisa ukubambelela phakathi kobunzima lenhlupheko. Uthando oluqotho lunika impendulo. Ngingaqhubeka, kodwa lokhu, ngeshwa ke, yikho abantu abanengi abakukholwa ngoNkulunkulu. Ukuthi umuntu angacabanga ukuthi uNkulunkulu, olothando oluqotho, anganikeza umuntu imvukuzane kumbe ayekele ukusilisa Yena elamandla okukwenza

lokho kuyangimangaza. Nxa ungababuza ngalokho, futhi, impendulo yabo ejwayelekileyo ngethi indlela Zakhe akusizo ndlela zethu. Uyadlala na? Thina kasilalo uthando oluqotho kodwa lathi sasingeke sikwenze lokho kubantwana bethu! Khepha, Yena wenza indlela Zakhe zibe sobala eLizwini Lakhe.

Incwadi yezindaba le yayisitsho ukuthi yiloba yini Yena asinikeza yona, uzakuba khona kulo lonke inyathelo thina sidlula ekuhluphekeni. UNkulunkulu uyasipha na ulutho olubi ngalolo hlobo? Hatshi. Nxa iBhayibhili lisitshela ukuthi Yena ulathi njalo kasoze asitshiye, litsho ukuthi uNkulunkulu ulathi khonalapho ukuze afeze izithembiso Zakhe! Mngane wami, imfundiso le eyokuthi uNkulunkulu uyisitha sethu kayiveli kuNkulunkulu. Yona kayikhulumi ngoNkulunkulu engimkhonzayo, njalo ngethemba lawe kawusoze uyimele. Nxa ibandla lifundisa ingcekeza enje, kumele usuke kulo masinyane!

UNkulunkulu uluthando njalo iLizwi lithi uthando alwehluleki. Okwehlulekayo, kodwa ke, yikubusa kukaNkulunkulu, ukwanelisa Kwakhe ukuba angenele emhlabeni, okulethwa lukholo lwethu. Njalo futhi, le yindaba yomthetho, hatshi indaba yokwesaba, eyemizwa, kumbe okunye. Yindaba elula eyomthetho okumele ubeyazi. Njengoba umuntu elokubusa emhlabeni, uNkulunkulu akangeke enze akufunayo, njengokuba ngike ngayabelana lawe. Ukuvu-melana kwakho lezulu, ukholo lwakho, luyadingeka ukunikeza izulu ukubusa okuletha amandla kaNkulunkulu kuleso simo kube lokulunga. Mngane, **kumele** wazi ukuthi ukholo luyini lokuthi kungani ludingakala ukuze wamukele okuvela kuNkulunkulu.

Nxa ungazange ufunde ugwalo lwami olusemuva kwalolu (*Inguquko Yezimali Zakho: Amandla Okuthembeka*), ngizakwabelana lawe ngamafitshane ukuthi luyini ukholo. Noma ubusungacabangela

ukuthi phose wonke umKhristu osebenzisa ibala elithi ukholo uyakwazi ukuthi lona luyini, usungabe uphambanisa. Kumele sibe lesifundo semvelo ukuze sizwisise umqondo woMbuso obalulekileyo mayelana lomthetho wokubusa.

Kasikhangele **KwabaseRoma 4:18-21:**

Kungekho themba, u-Abhrahama ngethemba wakholwa waba nguyise wezizwe ezinengi, njengoba kwakutshiwo kuye ukuthi, “Izakuba njalo inzalo yakho.” Engekethisanga ekukholweni kwakhe, wamelana lobuqotho bokuthi umzimba wakhe wawusufana lofileyo—njengoba wayeseleminyaka ephosa ibe likhulu ubudala—kanye lokuthi isibeletho sikaSara laso sasesifile. Waqiniswa ekukholweni kwakhe, wapha udumo kuNkulunkulu, ekholwe ngesiqiniseko esipheleleyo ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayelamandla okwenza lokho ayekuthembisile.

U-Abhrahama waziwa njengobaba wokholo. Yena wayele-siqiniseko esipheleleyo esokuthi uNkulunkulu wayelamandla okwenza lokho ayekuthembisile. Ukuba lesiqiniseko esipheleleyo, uvumelana loNkulunkulu, kuthiwa lukholo. Kungekho ukuvumelana lokhu, uNkulunkulu kangeke asebenze emhlabeni. Ngakho sungabuza, “UNkulunkulu kungani edinga ukuthi umuntu ayenze okuthile okuzamvumela Yena ukuba enze kumbe okuzamenqabela ukwenza lokho akukhethayo? Yena unguNkulunkulu.” Ukuphendula umbuzo lowo, kumele sikhangele ekuqaleni, esikhatini sika-Adamu.

Wamenza waba mncinyazana kulezingilosi; wamethesa umqhele wodumo lobukhosi wabeka lezinto zonke ngaphansi

*kwezinyawo zakhe. Ekubekeni izinto zonke ngaphansi kwakhe,
uNkulunkulu katshiyanga lutho olungekho ngaphansi kwakhe.
Kodwa khathesi kasiboni zinto zonke zingaphansi kwakhe.*

— KumaHebheru 2:7-8

UMbhalo lo ukhuluma ngo-Adamu lo-Eva bedalwa. Ngicela unanzelele ukuthi akukho emhlabeni okwakungekho ngaphansi komthetho wabo wokubusa. U-Adamu wabekwa emhlabeni ukuze abuse umhlaba elamandla ayewaphiwe nguMbuso kaNkulunkulu. Wayebusa umhlaba wonke.

*UNkulunkulu wasesithi, “Asenze umuntu ngesimo sethu,
langomfanekiso wethu, ukuze abuse phezu kwenhlanzi
zolwandle lezinyoni zemkhathini, phezu kwezifuyo, phezu
kwawo wonke umhlaba, laphezu kwazo zonke izinanakazana
ezihuquzela emhlabathini.”*

— UGenesisi 1:26

Ngakho njalo, siyabona ukuthi u-Adamu wayebusa ngamandla ayewaphiwe njalo eyetheswe umqhele wenkazimulo (ugcobo noma amandla) lenhlonipho (isikhundla samandla). Akukho okwakungekho ngaphansi kwakhe. Eqinisweni, ungafunda indaba yokudalwa, u-Adamu nguye owethesa izinyamazana amabizo, njengoba wayephethe umhlabakazi wonke. Njengoba sonke sisazi, u-Adamu walahla indawo yakhe yokubusa ngenxa kaSathane, owakhohlisa u-Eva walinga u-Adamu ukuba enze umvukela phezu kukahulumende kaNkulunkulu, njalo yena wakwenza lokho. Uphawuli uloba ku 2 KwabaseKhorinte 4:4 ukuthi uSathane, ngenxa yomvukela ka-Adamu, waba ngunkulunkulu walo

umhlaba. Kazange athi wayengomunye wabonkulunkulu, kodwa wathi wayenguye unkulunkulu walo umhlaba, okutsho ukuthi yena wayeselamandla emthethweni ngokomoya lapha. Umoya womuntu, owadalelwa ukuba ubambane loMoya kaNkulunkulu, wawusususiwe Kuye. Umuntu waqala ukuhamba ngengqondo yakhe, imicabango yakhe, intando, kanye lemizwa.

Usathane wamholela endaweni ephakemeyo wamtshengisa ngesikhathi esifitshane yonke imibuso yomhlaba. Wasesithi kuye, “Ngizakunika amandla lenkazimulo yayo yonke ngoba kuphiwe mina njalo ngingapha loba ngubani engifuna ukumupha. Ungangikhonza, konke kuzakuba ngokwakho.”

— ULukha 4:5-7

Uzananzela ukuthi uSathane uthi isikhundla alaso emhlabeni “**wasiphiwa.**” Yebo ke, siyazi ukuthi lowo owamnikezayo ngulowo owayengumnini ngokomthetho ekuqaleni, lowo muntu ngu-Adamu. Kuqakathekile lokhu. Nxa, ngempela, uSathane wayezame ukungena emhlabeni ngokungekho emthethweni, yena wayezaxotshwa nje masinyane. Ungacabanga ngepholisa elibiza abanye balo ukuze bazolisiza, usungaba lokuzwisisa ukuthi kungani ngisithi uSathane wayezaxotshwa. Ibheji egqokwa lipholisa itsho ukuthi ibutho lonke lamandla kahulumende wase United States kukhona ukuba kuxhase amazwi akhe.

Umqhele owawugqokwe ngu-Adamu (isikhundla ayelaso), owawumenza abuse endaweni kahulumende kaNkulunkulu, waletha amandla kaNkulunkulu onke ukuba amsekele. Ngenxa yesikhundla sika-Adamu emhlabeni, uSathane wayengelakho

ukubusa emhlabeni nganoma yiphi indlela. Yena wayebuswa ngu-Adamu lo-Eva. Indlela esemthethweni uSathane ayengayisebenzisa ukubusa umhlaba yayiyadinga ukuthi u-Adamu ayethule umqhele wakhe yedwa, ngoba uSathane wayengelayo indlela yokumbandezela ukuba amkhulule. USathane wayesazi ukuthi umuntu owayengakhulula u-Adamu umqhele ngu-Adamu ngokwakhe. Yingakho uSathane wadinga icebo lokukhohlisa. Inkohliso le yayiyini? USathane wabenza bacabanga ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayengathembekanga njalo wayengabakhathaleli. Yena wenza u-Eva wakholwa ukuthi ukungalaleli uNkulunkulu kwakulenzuzo lokuthi imilayo kaNkulunkulu yayibabisela emuva yena lo-Adamu ukuze bangatholi inzuzo.

USathane kwakumele enze u-Adamu lo-Eva bakholwe kumbe balandele yena kuloNkulunkulu.

Ngamazwi acacayo, yilo ukholo lolu. Ukholo luchasiswa luthiwa “yikuba lesiqiniseko esipheleleyo” ngalokho okutshiwo nguNkulunkulu. U-Adamu lo-Eva balahla iLizwi likaNkulunkulu bethi kalithembakalanga bangena kusivumelwano lalokho okwakutshiwo nguSathane. Basukuma phezu kwalokho ababekukholwa, okwakusenza ukuma kwabo okuqondileyo phambili kukaNkulunkulu kube yize njalo kwanikeza uSathane isisindo somthetho phezu kwendaba zabantu. Impumela iyini? U-Adamu, owayelamandla phezu komhlaba, wakhahlelela uNkulunkulu phandle ngokomoya aze alandele uSathane! U-Adamu walahla umqhele wakhe, indawo yakhe yesikhundla samandla, ukuze alandele uSathane. Ngokwenza lokho, wayexotsha uNkulunkulu empilweni yakhe. Abanengi bangathi, “Hatshi, kwakungeke

kwenzeke; u-Adamu wayengeke axotshe uNkulunkulu emhlabeni!” Kodwa singalonda indaba yomuntu, yikho kanye okwayenzakalayo. Kahle ngikuvezele lokhu. Kasikhangele **kuGenesisi 3:17-19** njalo. Ngemva kokuba u-Adamu esewonile, uNkulunkulu waya kuye wathi,

Uqalekisiwe umhlabathi ngenxa yakho, ngokusebenza nzima uzakudla okuphuma kuwo zonke insuku zokuyiphila kwakho. Uzamila ameza lezihlahlakazana zameza azahlaba wena, njalo uzakudla izihlahla zeganga. Ngezithukuthuku zebunzi lakho uzakudla ukudla kwakho ze ubuyele emhlabathini.

Nanzelela kuthiwa, “*uqalekisiwe umhlabathi [umhlaba] ngenxa yakho.*” Ukuqalekiswa kutsho ukusweleka kobukhona bukaNkulunkulu lesibusiso. Ngu-Adamu, owayelamandla phezu komhlaba, owaquma ukubusa kukaNkulunkulu ngokomthetho emhlabeni. Ngamazwi acacayo, uNkulunkulu uthi, “Wena, Adamu, ngenxa yakho, izandla zami sezibotshiwe. Kangisayenelisi ukukusiza.” Abesetshela u-Adamu ukuthi kuzamele azibonele ukuthi uzaphila njani, ngokusebenza nzima lokuthwala gadalala. Lokhu ngikubiza ngithi “yisiqalekiso somhlaba” esokuziphilisa. Kulapho sonke esakhulela khona—embusweni wokuziphilisa lokwesaba. Safunda ukukhathazeka, njalo ukwesaba yikho okubusa imicabango yethu kusukela sizalwa. Ngifuna ukuphenduka kulo uMbhala maduzane ukuze sikhulume kabanzi ngaso isiqalekiso somhlaba, kodwa okwakhathesi, ngifuna ukuba leqiniso lokuthi uyazwisisa ukuthi uSathane wathola njani imvumo emhlabeni. Futhi, yena kwakumele athole owesilisa noma owesifazane owayesemhlabeni owaphiwa amandla okubusa nguNkulunkulu ukuba amvulele umnyango.

U-Adamu wayelaso isihluthulelo leso, ngakho uSathane wenelisa ukumyenga ukuba avule lowo mnyango. Khathesi, kasikhangele KumaHebheru 2:7-8 njalo.

Wamenza waba mncinyazana kulezingilos; wamethesa umqhele wodumo lobukhosi wabeka lezinto zonke ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe. Ekubekeni izinto zonke ngaphansi kwakhe, uNkulunkulu katshiyanga lutho olungekho ngaphansi kwakhe. Kodwa khathesi kasiboni zinto zonke zingaphansi kwakhe.

Nanzelela ukuthi uMbhalo uthi uNkulunkulu katshiyanga lutho OLUNGEKHO ngaphansi kwakhe. Noma uMbhalo lo ukhuluma ngesehlakalo sakudala, wona usebenzisa ibala elithi *olungekho* olukhomba namhlanje ukuchasisa isimo somuntu khathesi emhlabeni. Noma umuntu walahlekelwa ngamandla akhe ngokomoya lapha emhlabeni ngenxa yesono sika-Adamu, umuntu akazange alahlekelwe ngumsebenzi wakhe ngokomthetho kuwo umhlaba, yingakho kusetshenziswa ibala elithi *olungekho*. Ngenxa yesimo somuntu ngokomthetho emhlabeni, uNkulunkulu akenelisi ukufika angene nje emhlabeni aqale ukuphikisana lamazwi Akhe ngoba uSathane sengamenza umqambi wamanga.

UNkulunkulu kumele adinge owesilisa noma owesifazane osemhlabeni ozavumelana Laye, okuyikho okuyavula isango loMbuso kaNkulunkulu ukuba ubuse lapha. Ukuba lenhliziyo kanye lengqondo elesiqiniseko esipheleleyo mayelana lalokho okutshiwo lizulu kuthiwa yikukholwa. Ukholo kumele lubekhona ukuze uMbuso kaNkulunkulu ubuse lapha. Ngizathatha isikhathi lapha ngichasisa ukuthi ukholo lutholakala njani lokuthi wazi njani nxa usulokholo. Konke lokhu kukhona kugwalo lwami lwakuqala

kuluhlu lohlelo lolu. Ngenxa yale ingxoxo, ngifuna ukuba leqiniso lokuthi wena uyazi ukuthi ukholo luyini lokuthi kungani ludingeka ukuze izulu lisebenze lapha emhlabeni.

Khathesi, ngithemba usulenzwisiso engcono mayelana lokuthi kungani uJesu “wayengeke” enze izimangaliso ekhaya Kubo— abantu balapho babengelalo ukholo. Ngalokho, izulu lalingelawo umthetho wokubusa lapho. Kahle ngigqibe ingxoxo le ngoMbhalo omuhle ozabonisa lokho engikutshoyo.

Ngoba wonke umuntu sowake wezwa ngabaseRoma 10:10:

Ngoba ukholwa ngenhliziyo yakho njalo ulungiswa ngayo, njalo kungomlomo wakho ovuma ngawo ukholo lwakho usindiswe.

UMbhalo lo uyingxenywe yalokho amaKhristu akubiza ngokuthi yindlela yabaseRoma, phakathi kweminye iMibhalo emine esitshengisa ukuthi singasindiswa njani. Kodwa usuke wama kancane wacabangisisa ngendlela oyitshengiswa KwabaseRoma 10:10? Ukhola ngenhliziyo yakho noma sithi yiyo engena kusivumelwano lezulu. Uma inhliziyo yakho ingena kusivumelwano lezulu uyabe unikeza izulu umthetho wokungena emhlabeni. UMbhalo lo uthi nxa ukholwa izulu, uyalungiswa. Ubulungiswa yikusetshenziswa komthetho. Ngakho ukukholwa enhlizweni yakho kukunikeza ilungelo lomthetho phambili kwezulu kanye lomhlaba ukuze ufumane lokho okutshiwo lizulu ngoba izulu liyabe selinikezwe umthetho wokuba semhlabeni. Kodwa nanzelela ukuthi akukho okuhle kwenzakale. Kulengxenywe yesibili kulo uMbhalo ethi: “. . . njalo kungomlomo wakho ovuma ngawo ukholo lwakho usindiswe.” Uyabona, noma inhliziyo yakho ingavumelana lezulu,

okwenza kube semthethweni ukuthi izulu lingene emhlabeni, akukho okwenzakalayo, ngaphandle kokuthi wena, ndoda kumbe mfazi osemhlabeni olamandla okubusa umhlaba, ukukhulule lokho emhlabeni. Kungani? Ngoba wena ulamandla okubusa lapha; izulu kalilawo ngaphandle kwakho!

Ngilitshele iqiniso ukuthi, loba yini eliyibophayo emhlabeni izabotshwa lasezulwini, njalo lokho elikukhululay emhlabeni kuzakhululwa lasezulwini.

— UMathewu 18:18

Lapha, kukhulunywa ngalokho esisanda kukhuluma ngakho. Loba yini eliyibophayo emhlabeni, izulu lizaxhasa, loba yini eliyikhululayo emhlabeni, izulu lizaxhasa. Izulu ngeke likwenze lokho ngaphandle kwakho. Izulu lilinde wena njalo ngeke linyakaze ngaphandle kokuthi owesilisa noma owesifazane olokholo noma olesivumelwano lezulu akhulule amandla lawo emhlabeni.

Ukuzwisisa indlela yokukhulula amandla ezulu emhlabeni kuletha inguquko enkulu. Ngakubona kweyami impilo njalo lakulo umlayezo we *email* engawamukelayo.

“Linjani! Mina lomyeni wami sifuna ukwabelana lani ngendaba yethu ye ‘*yokuzingela ngokholo*’ emangalisayo! Ngo 2011, sasihlala endaweni esasingathi ‘yindlu yamaphupho’ ethu, kodwa sasiphila singelamali sihlala siphuzelwa ngumholo olandelayo njalo kwesinye isikhathi amakhadi ethu ebhanga sasiwasebenzisa ukuthenga izinto zansuku zonke ngekhaya [loku] hlawulela ukufudumeza indlu yethu. Sasiziphilisa nje kwakungela mpumelelo. Mina ngangikhokhela indumiso ebandleni lethu, kodwa ukholo lwethu

lwalungaxhumananga lezimali zethu. Ngabona uhlelo lwenu oluthiwa *Fixing the Money Thing* ku Daystar, olwangithintayo, njalo [mina] ngasengifuna ukuthola ugwalo lolo oluthiwa, *Fixing the Money Thing*, kunye lama CD awe Nguquko Yemali. Sasiwalalela sikhathi sonke ama CD lawa sifunda logwalo ndawonye.

“Sasingakwazi ukuthi sasingelalo ukholo! Sasikwazi ukuthi ukuze sigcine indlu yamaphupho ethu le, kwakumele sibe lempendulo yokuthi imali yayisebenza njani eMbusweni. Sahlanyela i\$200 *eFaith Life Ministries* (yayisingaba yi \$2,000. Yayiyimali enkulu kithi ngaleso sikhathi!) savumelana loNkulunkulu ukuthi asitshengise isikhala kwezokuthengisa esasingasigcwalisa sisebenzela ngekhaya.

“UNkulunkulu wasinikeza icebo lokwenza ibhizimusi lokukhulisa imidlwane ye *Goldendoodle* ngekhaya. Sathenga imidlwane emibili eyohlobo lwe *Goldendoodle*, uBella lo Gracie, sayikhulisa ukuze izale eminye imidlwane yohlobo lwe *Goldendoodle*, saphathisana loNkulunkulu. Sasikwazi ukuthi thina ngeke senze imidlwane!! Sakhulisa ama *doodle* ethu mabili, kwathi ngo 2014, sasesilemidlwane elitshumi lantathu eyokuthengisa ngentengo yemkambo eye \$1200 owodwa. Lonyaka, ngo 2015, sesibe lemidlwane engamatshumi ayisithupha lantathu, YONKE iqinile. Ngokuthengisa imidlwane yethu, sesikhululwe kuzo zonke izikwelede ngaphandle kwesendlu yethu. Sesilemali ebekelwe okuvukayo nje eceleni.

“Samangala futhi, umama wami wasibuza ukuthi sasin-gathanda na ama *Goldendoodle* akhe amabili ukuba siwakhulise ngoba yena wayesethatha umhlala phansi! UNkulunkulu wayese-sibusisa ngamanye ama *doodle* amabili kungelanhlawulo! Kwathi ngoNtulikazi, umyeni wami wakhutshulwa isikhundla esikolweni saphezulu ayesebenza kuso!! Ngomnyaka owodwa, imali esasiyithola

yaphindwa yaba ngeyezinombolo eziyisithupha!! UKUZINGELA NGOKHOLO KUYASEBENZA!! Sathinta kumithetho yoMbuso kaNkulunkulu. Khathesi, sihlanyela kuyo yonke imisebenzi yoMbuso njalo silandela ibandla lakho kumagagasi zonke insuku ngeSonto ekuseni singakayikhokhela indumiso kwelethu ibandla! Siyabonga ngokusifundisa ukuthi uMbuso usebenza njani!”

—Karla

Abathatheneyo laba bangithumele eyinye i-*email* kuyonale iviki.

“IPhasika elihle! Yena uvukile! Besifuna ukwabela ngenguquko esihlangane layo lowethu owamagagasi uMfundisi Gary! Sicela limazise ukuthi sithakazelele ukuzalwa kukaJesu sise Jerusalema lonyaka (uhambo beluhlawulelwe okupheleleyo). Sabusiseka kakhulu ukuthi indodana yethu esakhulayo uCarter wabhaphathizwa kuMfula uJoridane, sadumisa leHillsong Australia kuLwandle lwaseGalile ngentambama! Habe!!! Siyabonga ngoba salungisa udaba lwemali!

Sesibe lemidlwane engu 121 khathesi. Sacina sikhuphula intengo yemidlwane ukuba iye ku \$2,300 ngoba uluhlu lwalabo ababelindile lwasolulude kakhulu! Makadunyiswe uNkulunkulu.”

—Karla

Lesi yisibonelo esihle esalokho uMbuso ozakwenza empilweni yakho. Ngathinta uKarla ngocingo kuyonale iviki ngemva kokwamukela i-*email* le, wajabula KAKHULUKAZI!!! Wathi lonyaka bazaqedisa ukuhlawulela indlu yabo. Ungakhangela i-*email* yakuqala ayithumelayo, yena wathi kulesosikhathi (ngithatha kusuka ku-*email* ephezulu):

“Sasiphila singelamali sihlala siphuzelwa ngumholo olandelayo njalo kwesinye isikhathi amakhadi ethu ebhanga sasiwasebenzisa

ukuthenga izinto zansuku zonke ngekhaya [loku] hlawulela ukufudumeza indlu yethu. Sasiziphilisa nje kwakungela mpumelelo.”

Khathesi, ngemva kweminyaka embalwa nje, bayabe sebehlawule baqeda? UMBuso!

ISAHLUKO 3

UMBUSO YIMPENDULO YAKHO

Khathesi njengoba usulokuzwisisa okuyinsika kokuthi uMbuso usebenza njani ngemithetho lezimiso ezingaguqukiyo, ngifuna ukuqala ukujonga kumithetho elesisindo kwezezimali zakho, okukhokhela emaphethelweni, ekuphumulweni kwakho.

Kodwa singakayi lapho, ngifuna ukuchasisa ukuba kungani ngathumeza ugwalo lolu elithi *Amandla Okuphumula* njalo lokuthi ngitshoni ngebala elithi ukuphumula nxa sikhangelane lezezimali ndawonye loMbuso. Ngokumangalisayo, ayisimi engawusungulayo umnakano lo nxa sokukhulunywa ngezimali, nguNkulunkulu.

Kanjalo amazulu lomhlaba kwapheleliswa ngakho konke ukuhlotshiswa okukhulu. Ngosuku lwesikhombisa uNkulunkulu wayesewuqedile umsebenzi ayewenza; ngakho wasephumula kuwo wonke umsebenzi wakhe. Njalo uNkulunkulu walubusisa usuku lwesikhombisa walwenza lwaba ngcwele ngoba waphumula kuwo wonke umsebenzi wokudala lokho ayeseqwenzile.

— UGenesisi 2:1-3

Okwakuqala, kahle ngenze lokhu kucace: uNkulunkulu akazange aphumule ngosuku lwesikhombisa ngoba wayediniwe. UNkulunkulu akadinwa. Yena waphumula ngenxa njengoba umbhalo usitsho, konke kwapheleliswa njalo Yena wayeseqedile. Wadala umuntu ngosuku lwesithupha ukuze aphilile ngolwesikhombisa. Usuku kwesikhombisa lwalungelamcabango wokwesaba, ukudinga ukuziphilisa, umkhuhlane, ubsebenza kabuhlungu kumbe ukuginqela ukuzisilela. Endaweni yalokho, imicabango ka-Adamu yayijonge kuNkulunkulu kuphela, inkosikazi yakhe, umsebenzi awubekelweyo kanye lenjongo. Konke okwakudingeka ukuthi asekele umsebenzi awubekelweyo kanye lempilo kwakukhona; uhlelo lukaNkulunkulu lwaluphelele. Abantu banamuhla baphupha ngokuba lalokho uAdamu ayelakho, ukuphila kungekho kukhathala, ukuba lesikhathi sokujonga lokho abakuthandayo lobudlelwano kungelakukhathalela ukuzisilela. Ngeshwa, u-Adamu wathi ehlamuka, walahla ukusilelwa nguNkulunkulu, umuntu usegwetshelwa ukugijima (ukusebenza gadalala ngezithukuthuku) exotshanisa into zale impilo.

Ngoba abezizweni bagijimela zonke lezizinto kodwa uYihlo osezulwini uyakwazi ukuthi liyazidinga. Kodwa funani kuqala umbuso wakhe lokulunga kwakhe, kuzakuthi ke zonke lezizinto liziphiwe lazo.

— UMathewu 6:32-33

Isisindo sokudinga ukuzisilela singumthwalo onzima othandela imibono yomuntu. Ukuhuga kwenotho, ukukhululwa ekusebenzeni gadalala ngezithukuthuku, yikho ke lokho abantu

abaphupha ngakho. Ukubangunozogidi kubalokubaluleka nxa kusanelisa ukususa ukudangala lobunzima bokusilelwa, kusivumela ukuthi sijonge injongo lomsebenzi obekiweyo. I-*lottery* iyathandeka ngenxa yokuthi iletha inotho kungela kusebenza okudingakalayo lokuphunyuka kusithuko sendlela zemali ezalo umhlaba. Indlela zokunotha masinyane zisabalele ngaso sonke isimo ziphinde zisakazwe kuma-*email* ethu lakuzimemezelo ze-*Facebook*. Ngakho kundaba zezimali zethu, kumele siphendule umbuzo: Ikhona indlela yokubuyela kuloluya suku lwesikhombisa lapho into yonke iphelele yayihlangene njalo ikhona? Impendulo nguYEBO omkhulu! Ukuthi lokho kwenzakala njani lokuzwisisa imithetho yoMbuso

**ZONKE IMPENDULO
OZIDINGAYO UKUZE
UHLALE KUMSEBENZI
OWUBEKELWEYO,
EZIKUVUMELA UKUBA
UFUMANE INJONGO YAKHO,
ZIKHONA EMBUSWENI.**

ezaletsha izithelo ezinye yiyo injongo yalolu gwalo. Ngiyazi ukuthi izehlakalo zempilo kumbe ibandla lamaKhristu selingaphikisa lokhu engikutshoyo, njengoba amaKhristu amanengi asingatha imfundiso ethi “ubuyanga bungcwele.” Kodwa ngiyakuqinisa ukuthi zonke impendulo ozidingayo ukuze uhlale kumsebenzi owubekelweyo, ezikuvumela ukuba ufumane injongo yakho, zikhona eMbusweni.

*Libusisiwe lina elimpofu, ngoba umbuso
kaNkulunkulu ngowenu.*

— ULukha 6:20

Impendulo yokuba ngumyanga nguMbuso! Lo yiwo umbhalo wakuqala uNkulunkulu angikhokhela kiwo lapho Yena eseqala ukufundisa imithetho yezemali eMbusweni. Ngeqiniso, ukuze uzwisise okutshiwo ngumqondo lowu, sokuzamele uzwisise umqondo wombuso, esengiwutshilo mandulo. Ngiyakholwa uyazwisisa ngeqiniso ikwenzakala esiVandeni lapho u-Adamu awona khona. Kahle ngithathe isikhathi kesikhumbuzane.

Ekuqaleni, u-Adamu lo-Eva babengakhathaleli lutho, akulamkhuhlane noma isidingo sokusilelwa esasibadida ingqondo nsukuzonke. Mihla yonke, kwakufanele bacabange umsebenzi abawubekelweyo, okwakuyikumthanda uNkulunkulu, ukuthandana, lokunakekela umhlaba laso isiVande uNkulunkulu ayebanike sona. Ukwesaba kwakungekho lakancane empilweni zabo. Kodwa uAdamu wathi esehlamukile, konke kwaphuma endleleni. Njengoba ngike ngatsho, uSathane waba ngunkulunkulu walo umhlaba, umuntu wasuswa kuNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wasuswa ukuba lamandla okubusa phezu komuntu. U-Adamu wethuka esebona iqiniso elitsha lokusebenza kwempilo. Siphindenjalo, nanka amazwi uNkulunkulu awaletha kuAdamu ngemvwa kwesono sakhe.

Uqalekisiwe umhlabathi ngenxa yakho, ngokusebenza nzima uzakudla okuphuma kuwo zonke insuku zokuyiphila kwakho. Uzamila ameva lezihlahlakazana zameva azahlaba wena, njalo uzakudla izihlahla zeganga. Ngezithukuthuku zebunzi lakho uzakudla ukudla kwakho ze ubuyele emhlabathini.

— UGenesisi 3:17-19

Ukusebenza gadalala, ukuphuma izithukuthuku, ukwesaba, ukukhathazeka, lomngqondo wokuziphilisa yikho okwasokuphethe iminakano ka-Adamu lo-Eva. Injongo yabo, okuluhlelo uNkulunkulu ayebabekele lona, sokulahlekele phakathi komncintiswano lokulwela ukusila. Ukuthunywa kuka-Adamu okumangalisayo, injongo yakhe, sokugubuzelwe zinkathalo zempilo lesidingo sokusilelwa. Ulahlekelwa ngumbono wokuba ungubani. Injongo inye aseyibona yikuziphilisa, okudinga ukusokola gadalala lezithukuthuku ezingapheliyo. Akukho okwaguqukayo kusukela lapho kuze kube namuhla lokhu.

Namuhla, njengomfundisi, ngithola ukuthi umbuzo omkhulu abantu abangibuza wona ngothi, “Kumele ngenzeni ngempilo yami?” Isizatho sokubuza kwabo yikuthi kusukela ku-Adamu kuzinga leli lomhlaba, inhloso yokuzisilela yiyo esiyisilinganiso sakho konke okunye. Ukhetho solusenziwa kusisekelo semali hatshi injongo. Imali lezidingo zayo kufuqa abantu ukuthi bathathe imisebenzi abayizondayo. Eqinisweni, inengi labantu kalizazi ukuthi lingobani. Faka uphawu lapha, “Ngaphandle kokumazi uNkulunkulu, awungeke wazi uhlelo Lwakhe ngempilo yakho. Yena Nguye owakudalayo wena.”

Abantu balendlala enkulu yokwazi ukuthi bona bangobani. Emhlabeni lapha bakhanya belinani nje, kodwa kuNkulunkulu bayindalo ebalulekileyo eyahlukileyo elobungcitshi lokwanelisa okungekho komunye. Kodwa ngenxa yokungamazi uNkulunkulu njalo, futhi, lokungabizazi, badinga ukusuthiseka endaweni ezingafanelanga. Bavumela isiko ukuba lihlele isisindo sabo ngokwamukela okutshiwo lisiko. Kodwa umfanekiso obekwa zindaba lesibuko samasiko yizithunzi eziguqukayo. Ngenkathi uthi usuhambelana

lalokho abathi kuyamukeleka, ufumana ukuthi sokwaguquka njalo wena ususele emuva.

Ngikhumbula ngise Paris ngihamba emgwaqweni ngilo-Drenda. I-Paris yona, yebo, yaziwa ngezomceco; ngalowomnyaka kwakucecwa ngokunsundu lokumnyama. Ngathi ngikhangela emigwaqweni, kumagumbi onke, ngangibona amakhulu abantu ehamba. Ngamangala ngingaboni itshatha lombala. Wonke umuntu, kungekho oseleyo, wayegqoke okunsundu lokumnyama. Kwakulamakhulu lamakhulu abantu bekhanya befana nje bonke. Wacina nini ukuzwa umuntu ethi umbala awuthandayo ngonsundu? Kodwa ngosuku loluyana, amaxuku ayelesiqiniseko sokuthi umbala othandekayo ngonsundu kumbe omnyama.

Ngenxa yokuthi umvutho wokusilelwa ulamandla njalo ukhanda izimilo zethu ukuthi zamukele loba yini engasisiza ukuthi sikuthole lokwamukelwa, mina loDrenda sadala isitsho esesitshumayele ngaso okweminyaka: “Nxá nga ungalungisisanga udaba lwemali, awusoze uthole ubizo lwakho.” Ukuba yisigqili sezidingo zokuziphilisa kutshiya isikhathi esincane sokucubungula lokudala imizamo emitsha. Iqiniso yileli, njengoba ngike ngatsho, kanengi abantu benza ukhetho beholwa ngomgomo wokuthola kumbe ukubuthelela umbono wokokuziphilisa. Iqiniso yikuthi sifuqwa yingqondo yokuziphilisa ngokusebenza gadalala ngezithukuthuku sesaze sama ukuphupha. Ukwesaba sokuthumbe amaphupho ethu, ukusweleka kokusilelwa kubophe amaphupho ethu ukuze engafezeki.

Ngikhumbula lapho iphupho lami kwakuyikuthola umhluzi oyaneleyo ukuya endlini, yeka ulutho olungaguqula impilo. Ngalezonsuku, ayengekho amaphupho amakhulu emnakanweni. Ukwanelisa ukukhokha inhlawulo yendlu ngenyanga kwakusesula konke ukucabanga engangingakwenza. Ngiyavuma ukuthi kunzima

ukucabanga phetsheya kokuziphilisa nje nxa ukhathalela ukudla kumbe ulezidingo eziphuthumayo ezemali.

Lapho u-Adamu esekela uMbuso uhamba, umhlaba omutsha ogcwele ukufa, ukwesaba, ukuziphilisa, lokwethuka kwathabatha impilo yakhe. Ngiyathemba sonke siyakwazi ukuthi lokhu kunjani. Kweyami impilo ngingabalisa indaba ezimbalwa ezokwethuka, ukuyangeka, lokwesaba lapho ngidubeka okweminyaka eyisifika-munwemunye yokusangana ngezezimali, ngacina sengimelanana lokuqaleka kokwethuka, sengiphila ngemithi yokudangala. Ukuphila kusithuko somhlaba esokuziphilisa sokwasiqeqetshisa sonke ukuba lenkangelelo embi ngempilo. Abanye bakuphatha ngendlela engcono lokhu, kodwa engekho uKhristu, umqondo lo omubi uqhubeka usitshela ukuthi kasifanelanga.

Sowake wezwa na omunye umuntu ethi, “Ungaphakamisi ithemba lakho”? Ngisakhula, ngangithi ngingathakazelela ulutho ubaba ayecabanga ukuthi luyibuwula, wayethi, “Ngelinye ilanga uzakhula.” Ngaleso sizatho ngasengingasazivumeli ukuthi ngicabange ngolunye ulutho ngaphandle kwalokho ubaba ayethi kuyisidingo. Ngiyakholwa ubaba wayekhubazwe yikukhulela endlini yezidakwa, lokhu yikho ayekwenziwe lapho esakhula.

Eqinisweni, sonke besesizingcitshi sokhathazeka kusukela sizalwa. Ukwesaba lulimi oluvamileyo kulelizinga lomhlaba. Ungama ucabange ngakho kancane, ibala elithi *hatshi* ladwetshwa kithi kusukela lapho sizalwa. “Hatshi, awungeke ubelakho lokhu.” “Hatshi, awungeke uye lapho.” “Hatshi, awanelisi ukukuhlawulela lokho.” Ngokuya kwesikhathi, simana sime ukuthi “Yebo” kuloba yini ngaphandle kwalapho sizama ukudala isehlakalo sokuzilibazisa ingqondo siziba umumo weqiniso, okufana lokuhaga ukudla esiziduduza ngakho.

Uphenyo oluthile lubeza ukuthi umntwana uzwa ibala elithi *hatshi* kumbe *ungenzi* izikhathi ezedlula 148,000 lapho esakhula, kulinganiswa lembiko ka *yebo* ezinkulungwane ezimbalwa.⁴

Budebudeze ngiphathe umhlangano wethu wonyaka othiwa *Provision* (Ukusilelwa), kumbukiso ngafaka i*Ferrari* ka 2017, imota yokulangazelela uqobo. Umnikazi wayo imota le ukhonza kubandla lethu njalo wayihlawulela ngemali ebambekayo, engafika eduzane le\$400,000. Amalunga omhlangano ayethi nxa engena, ayeyibuka ayithi nhlo imota le, bonke beyikhangela, befisa ukuyibukela eduze. Noma bonke babeyibuka imota, umcijo engangiwenza kwakungasikho kukhuthaza impilo yemigomo yezinto ezibambekayo, kodwa, ngangidinga ukubafundisa isifundo. Bonke abantu babuthana kuyo imota betsho lokutsho ukuthi bayafisa ukuyitshayela.

Ngangisazi ukuthi ukuqeqetshwa kuka “hatshi” okwalo umhlaba wesithuko sokusebenza gadalala ngezithukuthuku wawumemeza kusazela sabo usithi, “HATSHI, awusoze waba lemota enjengaleyi! Hatshi, wawungeke wanelise ukuyikhokhela leyo; ungalokothi ukucabange.” Ngenxa yoqeqetsho luka “HATSHI” abalutholayo, sonke esalutholayo, inengi labo lapho alikaze likucabange ukuba ngumnini we*Ferrari* ngoba umnakano kahatshi kawukuboni njalo kawukwamukeli. Kungenani, ngabe ngaqhubeka ngiguqula imota ngehola linye, kusuka kwezibiza inani elikhulu kusiya kwezibiza inani elincane, ngokuya, embukisweni ngangizakuba lemota ababengacabanga bathi, “Ngiyayithanda imota leyana kumele ngiyithenge lami.”

Umehluko wawungaphi? Konke kwakuphathelane lokuthi bona babezibuka njani, ukwanelisa kwabo, lentengo yemota. Yebo, babengabe bekhona abalutshwane ababengathi, “Ngizakuba layo imota enje ngelinye ilanga,” kumbe babekhona ababelayo

imali bebuka imota le enye indlela. Kodwa ngileqiniso ukuthi kumphakathi, imota enjengaleyi yayingekho kuzinga leminakano yabo. Unozigidi owahlawulela imota leyi ngemali ebambekayo ulamaFerrari ayisithupha. Kowakhe umqondo, yimota enhle nje. Wathi eyibona imota leyi, waba lombono wokuba ngumnini wayo waseqhubeka wayihlawulela ukuthi isuke e-Italy, ithwalwe ize ekhaya e-U.S. Akubanga nzima ukuthi afeze umbono wakhe ngoba wayelakho ukwabelwa. Nansi isihluthulelo esimqoka sokuphumula —ukwabelwa (*provision*) kuqhuba umbono (*pro-vision*).

Isihluthulelo Esimqoka:

Ukwabelwa Kuqhuba Umbono

Kungekho ukwabelwa akula mbono; kuba lokuziphilisa kuphela. Indlela yokuphila emhlabeni oqalekiswa ngobuyanga seyasintshontshela amaphupho lekusasa lethu. Ngizazi ukuthi iFerrari yaba yisibonelo esinzima kakhulu kodwa yenza umcijo wami wazwela. Abantu ababelapho abazivumelanga ukuthi baphuphe belemota enjengaleyana ababeyibuka bethi ayifumaneki. Nxa babengazibona besiba layo noma okomzuzwana nje, isiqeqesho somhlaba othukiweyo sasizamemeza sithi, “Ukutshaphaza imali okungaka!” Kodwa ke ngabe wawulezigidigidi zamadola angamatshumi amabili lanhlani ezibambekayo kusiphala sakho sebhanga (ngenza isibonelo ngomcijo lo)? Leya mota yayizakhanya ilentengo ephansi kakhulu okokuthi wawuzathenga eyodwa eyokusebenzisa ngempelaviki kuphela. Ludaba lombono nje kuphela, njengoba iLizwi likaNkulunkulu lisitsho sonke ukuthi isithembiso sikaNkulunkulu singu,

“Yebo” lo “Ameni (akube njalo),” umbono wakho sokumele uguquke uqale ukucabanga ngendlela uNkulunkulu acabanga ngayo.

Ngoba lanxa zizinengi kangakanani izithembiso uNkulunkulu azenzileyo zingu “Yebo” kuKhristu. Ngakho ngaye ibizo elithi “Ameni” litshiwo yithi sidumisa uNkulunkulu.

— 2 KwabaseKhorinte 1:20

Nxa kusetshenziswa isichazamazwi, ingcazelo yomqondo ithi: indlela yokwamukela ethile mayelana kumbe indlela yokuphatha ulutho oluthile; indlela yokubona umcijo, isimo sokwamukela, isakhiwo sokukhomba inkulumo, kumbe ukuhumutsha. Ngamafitshane, umqondo yindlela ocabanga ngayo ngolutho.

Nansi into engifuna ucabange ngayo. U-Adamu wayeyinkosana engakazinikeli kuSathane. Ngabe wambona ngemva kokuwa lokhuya, wawuzazibonela indoda ehawulayo elemuli ehlulukelweyo (uKhayini, indodana yakhe, yabulala umfowabo, u-Abela), wawungeke umnike ithuba lokuba ngumuntu njalo. Kodwa owawungeke ukubone yikuthi wayelegazi lesikhosini emithanjeni yakhe. Noma wawungamboni ekulelo banga, wayevele wadalelwa ukuthetha lokubusa empilweni yakhe. Iqiniso leli elifanayo lithinta lawe njalo. Awungeke uzikhangele uziqathe ngalapho ohlala khona, lokho olakho, ndawonye lomumo wempilo yakho khathesi, ubusushlulela ukwanelisa kwakho. Kumele ukhangele ukwanelisa owadalwa ulakho.

Ngisakhumbula ngisedlula ebunzimeni obuthile, ngangibhekane lendaba ezinzima ezazikhanya zizinkulu kulami. Ngasengibhekane lokwenza ukhetho olwaluzathatha imali enengi ukwedlula leyo engangilayo esandleni. Ngangisizwa sengathi ngangizwisisa ukuthi

uNkulunkulu wayesithini kimi, kodwa ngangilokwesaba okuncane ukuthi ngiyeqele kikho. INkosi yangipha iphupho ngaleso sikhathi. Ngangigibele ibhiza siphezu kwentaba. Ngithwele inkemba esandleni sami. Phansi kwami

ngale kwakukhona amakhulu, nxa kungasizo nkulungwane, zamabutho esitha ezilamabhiza lazo zithwele inkemba zikhombe mina. Ngangingedwa phezu kwaleya ntaba ngikhulelwa ngamanani. Ilizwi lezwakala kimi

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kuleliphupho latsho amazwi lawa, “Ungazeyisi wena, Gary!” Lapho ke, ngaphakamisa inkemba yami ngaqolotshisa ibhiza lami lisehla uqaqa ngiqonde kuso isitha, singibona ngihlasela, laso sasihlasela siqansa uqaqa siqonde kimi siphakamise inkemba. Ngathi ngiqolotsha ngiqonda kubo, ngamemeza ngathi, “*THOR!*”

Ngathi ngivuka, ngabakwazi ukuthi yiNkosi eyayikhuluma lami ingikhuthaza, Kodwa ngangingakwazi ukuthi ibala elithi *Thor* lalisitshoni. Kukhona indoda ebandleni lethu osefundise okweminyaka eyedlula engamatshumi amathathu njalo sowafunda indimi ezinengi. Ngambuza ukuthi kambe leli bala lalisitshoni wangithembisa ukuthi uzalihlolisisa. Wangitshayela ucingo ngelanga elilandelayo wathi ukuthi Thor kutsho ukuthi indodana yomdumo wezulu. Ngambonga kodwa ngangimangele ukuthi iNkosi yayingitshelani. Kuso isitha, ngizwakala ngingumdumo wezulu! Ngaphandle kokuba mina ngitshale uSathane ukuthi ngibuthakathaka, nxa ngikhuluma kuzwakala umdumo wezulu (amandla) kuye.

Ngangitshumayela kuMhlangano wethuwo Kwabelwa ngo-2010 ngale indaba. Ngathi ngisalandisa ngale indaba, ngacina ngalokho

iNkosi eyangitshela khona ephutsheni, “Nxa isitha sikubona usiza, Gary, uzwakala njengomdumo wezulu. Ngenkathi ngisithi, “Kuzwakala njengomdumo wezulu,” kwabakhona ukusakaza komdumo wezulu okwazwakala emkhathini. Kwakungela zulu, kwakungazange kube lomunye umdumo mandulo, njalo yikho kodwa ukusakaza komdumo wezulu okwazwakala ngalobobusuku. Abantu ababekule indawo ngalobo busuku behlelwa yikwethuka. Kodwa akekho owaba lokujabula njengami, ngoba ngangisazi ukuthi yiNkosi eyayifaka, u “AMENI” Wayo kulokho engangikutsho ngoba kwakuthinta umuntu wonke ongumntwana Wayo. Ngingakalibali, ama-*camera* kamabonakude ayethatha ngalobobusuku, nxa ungafisa ukubona ukuthi umcimbi lo wawunjani sungalandela i-*link* leyi: <https://youtu.be/rtx1XYJGIAg>.

Ngakho nansi isifundo okumele usizwisise.

Izigqili aziphuphi amaphupho amakhulu!

Izigqili ziphuphani? Ukuma, yikho lokho. Ziphupha ngehola lika 5:00 zilokhe zikhangele inkombalanga zazo kungxenye yesibili yelanga, sezifuna ukuma zisuke emsebenzini. Ziphupha ukuthatha ikhefu, ziphupho ukuthatha umhlala phansi, ziphupha ukuba lemali ukuze zime. Izigqili ziphupha ukuma, hatshi ukudala omunye umsebenzi! Umqondo kumbe umnakano wesigqili awusunguli kumbe ukudala umsebenzi; udinga indlela yokuziba umsebenzi. Isigqili siyakhulelwa njalo asiboni ukwaneliswa okudlula phambi kwaso nsukuzonke.

Ukuba yinhloko hatshi umsila, umqondo wakho kumele uguquke kusuka ekubeni yisigqili usiya ekubeni ngumnini kumbe umdali. Kumele uqale ukuphupha njalo futhi. Kumele

uqale ukubona phetsheya kwalokho oyikho khona, ngoba noma ungakhanya ubuthakathaka emehlweni akho, uSathane uzwa umdumo wezulu. Ulalo igazi lesikhosini emithanjeni yakho, wena kudingeka ukuba ucabange njalo uphile ngaleyo ndlela.

Ngilomunye umngane wami ongunozigidi. Ungumnini wezindlu ezinengi ezinhle, zonke zisemakhunjini olwandle lamadamu amakhulu. Kwelinye ilanga ngathi ngimvakatshela, sasihamba ekhunjini eligcwele izikepe. Sasithi nxa sisedlula sinye ngasinye, wayengitshela umnikazi waso. Ngizakunika isiboneleo sokuthi ingxoxo leyi yaqhutshwa njani, kodwa ngizasebenzisa amabizo okuzibumbela, ngoba ayiwo angisawakhumbuli. Ngakho ingxoxo lomngane wami yayizwakala kanje: “Isikepe lesi ngesika Billy Smith, umnini we *Ohio Medical Services*. Isikepe lesi esilandelayo ngesika John Rogers, ungumnini we-Rogers and Rogers, ihlanganiso yamagqwetha. Isikepe lesi esilandelayo ngesika Ralph Tidewell, ungumnini wesitolo esihle sezicathulo ku-*High Street*.”

Sisaqhubeka sihamba ngomzila wezikepe, lapho sesedlule ezingaba ngamatshumi amabili, ngananzelela ukuthi sinye lasinye umnikazi waso wayengumnini wamabhizimusi. Asikho isikepe esisodwa esasingesomuntu makhaza nje oyisisebenzi kusukela kuhola lesificamunwemunye kusiya kwelesihlanu evinkilini le-*ice-cream*. Nanku, angimelani lokusebenza evinkilini le-*ice-cream* njalo angimelani lokuba ngoqhatshiweyo, asithi kanenginengi nje. Lapha nginika isibonelo sabantu abalenothisho.

Ngicela ulalelisise engikutshoyo lapha. Akusiyo ndaba yokuthi balemali enganani; yindaba yomqondo abalawo. Inhlwa ayibanjwa ngekhanda. Inengi labantu selingathi, “Ngiyafisa ukuba lemali engaka.” Okumele bakutsho yikuthi “Ngiyafisa ukucabanga ngendlela abacabanga ngayo!” Balombono owahlukileyo ngempilo zabo uqobo.

Inengi lezimuli azikaze zithole iholo okungathiwa liholo elinengi. Uphenyo olwenziwe budebuduze luveze ukuthi 51% yezisebenzi zase-America zihola inani elingaphansi kwe \$30,000 ngomnyaka.⁵ Inani eliphezu kwengxenye yesigidi lenza imali engaphansi kwe \$30,000 ngomnyaka?! Nxa useseleminyaka ephose ibengamatshumi amabili usanda kuqala njalo usendaweni okhethe ukuba kuyo, imali kungasiyonto emqoka kuwe kuhle ke kunjalo, kodwa ngiyazi ukuthi akunjalo kungxenye yesizwe sethu. Ngiyazi balesidingo semali engezelelweyo. Ungethembe, sengavakatshela izinkulungwane lezinkulungwane zemizi kuminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lasithupha ngisebenza kunhlanganiso zezimali, sengazi-bonela mathupha.

Ngakho kungani bengelalo iholo elingcono? Ungakaqali ukume-meza ukuthi impilo inzima kangakanani lokuthi wena waba ngokhubaziweyo kumbe omunye umsangano nje, ngizakutshela ukuthi kungenxa yezizatho ezimbili. Okwakuqala, bavinjezelwe phansi kwendlela yesiqalekiso somhlaba esobumpofu njalo kabawazi uMbuso kaNkulunkulu lezimiso Zakhe zokwabelwa. Okwesibili, balendlela yokucabanga embi enukayo, evela kusiqeqetsho sesiqalekiso abasifumanayo, njalo kabayiboni indlela yokuphuma kiso, noma nje yona ibabheke emehlweni. Ngamafitshane, izigqili zilomqondo wezigqili, njengoba bengisitsho. Kabawaboni amathuba nxa sebedinga ukuphumula. Asibhekane leqiniso lapha; nxa kungela mpedulo ecacayo, abantu badela inhliziyi.

Kahle ngikunike isibonelo engingasisebenzisa ekufundiseni. Kasithi ngike ngakutshela ukuthi ngiyanelisa ukususa zonke inhlupho zakho zemali ngomutsho owodwa nje kuphela. Thatha usiba lephepha lakho ulungiselele ngoba ngilesiqiniseko sokuthi le yimpendulo yakho. Sulungele na? Kuhle ke, nansi: zenzele iholo

elifika izigidi zamadola amahlanu lonyaka. Nxa ngingatsho lokhu ngisesiguqweni, abantu bamana bahleke. Kodwa kungani behleka? Ngoba kabaziboni besenza inani leholo elingaka, futhi kabaku-bangi ukuthi kungenzakala ukuthi bona benze izigidi zamadola amahlanu ngomnyaka.

Ngihle ngibatshela ukuthi abangeke bafumane lokho abangaku-boniyo. Besengiphinda futhi isibonelo lesi, kodwa khathesi sengisehlisa inani: \$200,000, \$100,000, \$70,000, kumbe \$40,000 ngomnyaka. Ngokuya kwesikhathi, ngiyabazisa ukuthi, “Ngizazengifike kunani lapho elizakuthi, “Kuhle ke, kulula. Lokho ngiyakwanelisa.”

Besengibatshela enye indatshana. Asithi ngingusomabhizimusi oyenza okokuthengisela phandle kwelizwe. Ngifuna ukuhambisa amabhola kweleChina, kodwa ke ngidinga usizo lokuwafaka emkhunjini. Besengibatshela ukuthi ngizabanikeza \$500 kubhola linye ngalinye abalidobhayo bafake ebhokisini. Asithi nxa benganelisa ukudobha amabhola angamakhulu amabili ngelanga, lokho kubazalela i\$100,000 ngosuku lunye. Ngifisa ukubanikeza isivumelwano sokudobha amabhola okomnyaka ngeholo elifanayo. Khathesi, nxa sengingabatshela ukuthi impumela yikuba sebengazenza izigidi zamadola amahlanu ngaleso silinganiso kunyanga ezilitsumi lambili, impendulo yabo yayiyakuthini? “Kulula, akulankinga, ngaleso silinganiso kulula ukwenza izigidi zamadola amahlanu.”

Umehluko ungaphi? Icebo, yikho nje kuphela. Icebo yilo elidale umehluko wonke. UNkulunkulu owakudalayo uyalazi icebo, wena kumele ulizwe kuphela. Kunjalo ke ngoMbuso kaNkulunkulu. UNkulunkulu wathi enginika iphupho leliyana lokuqala ibhizimusi lokuthi ngisebenze njani, iholo lami lalingaguqukanaga—kodwa ngasengimemeza ngaphakathi, “Kulula lokhu! Inhlupho zami zemali seziphelile, sengilecebo!”

“Ngoba ngiyawazi amacebo engilawo ngani,” kutsho uThixo, “amacebo okuliphumelelisa hatshi ukulilimaza, amacebo okulinika ithemba kanye lesikhathi esizayo”

— UJeremiya 29:11

UNkulunkulu ulawo amacebo okuliphumelelisa! Lapho usambulelwa ukuthi uNkulunkulu ulalo icebo lokukuphumelelisa, ingxenywe yempi isifeziwe! Lalela, ukulungisisa indaba yemali akukho nzima. Ukwabelwa kuqhuba umbono. Kulula ngaleyo ndlela. Impendulo yokuswela izinto zokusebenzisa endlini yikuthola izinto zokusebenzisa endlini: Impendulo yesidingo sendlu enkulu yikuba lendlu enkulu. Impendulo yesidingo semota esebenza kuhle yikuba ngumnini wemota esebenza kuhle.

Ngiyakwazi ukuthi ngikhuluma ngamazwi aphindiweyo lapha, kodwa ngatshayela imota efileyo okweminyaka ethile. Wawungan-

**NJENGENZALO YOMBUSO,
ULAMALUGELO
OMTHETHO,
NJALO WONKE
UMTHETHO LESIMISO
SOKUTHOLAKALA KUWE.**

gibona ngisiza ngisesekude le ngoba ngangitshiya umzila wentuthu lapho engangifika khona. Ngiyakwazi ukuthi inhlupho zemota zinjani nxa ufuna ukuyafika endaweni ethile. Ngiyakwazi ukuthi kunjani ukungena evinkilini lezimota ngihlawulele imota entsha kanye. Qagela lawe? Akusekho ukukhathezeka lokudangala. Ngenxayani?

Ngoba isidingo sami sesiphenduliwe sengelokuthula. Sengisanelisa ukujonga kulokho okumele ngibe ngikwenza endaweni yezinkinga zemota.

Iqiniso lendaba yikuthi inengi labantu kumele bajamelane

lezidingo zemali baze bafike kubanga lokhathazeka okukhulu okwesikhathi eside empilweni zabo. Kumele basebenze amahola amanegi ukuze baphile nje okokuthi abaselayo impilo ngokwayo. Mngane, leyo akusiyi intando kaNkulunkulu ngempilo yakho.

Njengoba ngike ngatsho ngathi abantu bayawatshiya amaphupho abo lemibono sebandela iholo kumisebenzi abayeyisayo. Izigqili akuvamanga ukuthi zibe ngabantu abalenjabulo! Ngeshwa elikhulu, kulapha ke abantu abaphila khona, bengajabuleli lapho abakhona empilweni, besenyanya, bengelalo ithemba. Kodwa eqinisweni, kudingeka inguquko yomqondo ukuze bathole inkululeko yabo, kumbe njengoba ngitshilo, ukuthola icebo.

Kahle kengikunike isibonelo ngeyami impilo. Inengi lenu selisazi ukuthi ngithakazelela ukuzingela lokuthiya inhlanzi, ukugibela ontshelelezane lokugada intaba, leminyane imicimbi yaphandle. Ngakhulela eOhio kusiqinti esincinyane sabathiya inhlanzi okwakuthiwa yi-Plain Township. Yayithiwa yi-Plain Township ngoba, njengoba lawe ungazicabangela, kwakuligceke. Yebo ke, lokho kwakulungele abalimi, kodwa kwakungasindawo ekhangayo. Ngangibhalisa ukuthola lonke ugwalondaba lokuzingela lokuthiya inhlanzi engangilwanelisa, olwe *Outdoor Life, Sports Anfield, Field & Stream* lezinye njalo. Ngangibala indaba ezihlabusayo zokuzingela lokuthiya inhlanzi ezasendle lezintaba zasentshonalanga ezinhle lezintaba eziluhlaza tshoko zase Appalachian Valley ezazingumango wehola ngasempumalanga kwasekhaya. Kodwa ngangingakaze ngizivakatshele lezo ndawo. Ngasengileminyaka engamatshumi amane lapho ngibona intaba yami yakuqala.

Ngenxa yani? Ngasengilayo imali yokuvakatsha, ngasengilemota yami, i-*Interstate I-70* yedlula edolobheni lakithi, iqonda entshonalanga isiyakwedlula e-*Rocky Mountains*. Kodwa iqiniso yikuthi

angizange ngilokotho ukucabanga ukuya khona noma ukuzivumela ukukucabanga ukuthi, “Ngizakuya khona ngelinye ilanga.” Ngangizikhwabitha indawo zonke lezi ngefasiteli legwalondaba kodwa ngingakaze ngicabange ukuya khona. Zasezingaba khatshana okwenyanga yesibhakabhakeni ngangingelandaba; kwakuyinto engayenzakaliyo engqondweni yami leyo. Ngathi sengifikise iminyaka engamatshumi amane ngatshayela ngiqonda entshonalanga, ngang-ingakholwa engangikukhuthile impilo yami yonke leyi. Khathesi ke, sokumele kengivakatshale intaba phose eyodwa ngomnyaka munye. Mngane, kunengi phandle lapha ongakakuboni wena. Wena umkhulu kulalokho wena ongabe ukubona khathesi! Ukhona umqondo othile ngempilo okumele uwubone njalo ukwehlele.

Lapho usuqala ukuzwisisa lokufunda ukuthi uMbuso kaNkulunkulu usebenza njani lalokho uMbuso kaNkulunkulu othi usulakho, umqondo wakho uzaguquka!

*Ngalokho-ke, kaliseyibo bezizweni lezihambi, kodwa seli-
yinzalo yakithi labantu bakaNkulunkulu, kanye lamalunga
abendlu kaNkulunkulu.*

— Kwabase-Efesu 2:19

Njengenzalo yoMbuso, ulamalugelo omthetho, njalo wonke umthetho lesimiso sokutholakala kuwe. Lolu kwakuluhlupho lwami loDrenda. Noma sasingamaKhristu simthanda uNkulunkulu, sasiyinzalo yoMbuso kaNkulunkulu engalalo ulwazi lwemithetho lezimiso zoMbuso. Ngenxa yomqondo wethu ongapheliselwanga ngendlela zalo umhlaba oqalekisiweyo, sasingelawo amaphupho. Kodwa ulwazi lungamandla.

Nansi isibonelo, ekamelweni lasemthethwandaba, isivumelwano esilotshiweyo sokuhlala sitshengisa ukuthi ulalo ilungelo lokuhlala endlini ethile. Ulwazi lokuthi kulesivumelwano esilotshiweyo lobulungiswa kuqinisa ilungelo lakho lokuhlala kuleyondlu kukulethela ukuthula lenduduzo. Ngendlela efanayo, ulwazi lwalokho okutshiwo nguNkulunkulu lalokho uMbuso okuphathela khona kukunika igunya lokuthabatha konke okungokwakho ngokomthetho. Nansi isibonelo, ukuphumelela komlimi kungaphi na? Yimali yini? Cha. Yimbewu ayitshalayo na? Cha. Lulwazi lokwazi ukuthi uphethe imithetho yokutshala lovuna. Akunani ukuthi angabe edubeka okunganani, uyakwazi ukuthi enzeni ukuthi anotho. Umana athaphe yona imithetho yomhlaba emiswe nguNkulunkulu. Uhlelo lokutshala imbewu lokuvuna solungalethela umlimi isivuno njalo nje.

Yena uyayizwisisa imithetho yesivuno njalo ulalo igunya elipheleleyo kuyo. Emhlabathini uhlanyela imbewu engaba zinkulungwane zamadola, Kodwa akesabi lutho. Awusoze uthole umlimi esehleli eceleni kwekhuba lakhe ngemva kokutshala esekhalela yonke imali ayigqibele emhlabathini. Cha, akangeke abe ekhalela indleko zenhlanyelo. Uyabe elalo ithemba ngemithetho ehola umhlaba wemvelo. Uyanelisa na ukukutshela ukuthi imbwe ihluma njani? Angikholwa, kodwa usengakutshela ukuthi udinga enye insimu yokulima. Leli liqiniso elithinta mina lawe. Ngaphandle kokubayazi imithetho yoMbuso lokuba legunya ngayo, asingeke sikholise impilo uNkulunkulu asibekele zona.

Eyinye indaba emnandi esazibonea yona ngensuku leziya ezokuqala yenzakala lapho ngithola ucingo luvela kwenye indoda engizayibiza “uDon,” owayehlaselwe zinhlupho

ezinkulu kwezezimali. Wayesezwile ukuthi ngangisiza abantu ngendaba zezimali.

Ngiqala ukuhlangana loDon, wayebuye ehofisini yami edangele ngenxa yezikweledi. Akukho okwakumi kuhle empilweni yakhe ngaleso sikhathi. Ngathi sengihleli laye sikhuluma, ngafumana ukuthi wayeseyeqise inyanga phose ezintathu kumbe ezine engakhokhanga imali yendlu ayeyiqhatshile njalo wayesemuva ukuhlawulela ezinye indleko ayebhekane lazo. Kwakukhona inhlupho emtshadweni wakhe—umkakhe wayesekhathele ngesimo sezimali zabo eseqale ukudelela uDon ngenxa yokuthi wayesehluleka ukusilela yena mlobokazi labantwababo abahlanu. Iqiniso yileli, uDon wayengasazihloniphi yena mathupha. Njalo elemibuzo eminengi.

Umsebenzi wakhe wawungowokuthengisa umshuwalense wempilakahle kusifundazwe sase-Ohio, kodwa ukungabhobokeli kwakhe kwasokum'hugela ekutshabalaleni komnotho.

Kungakhathalekile ukwakumhanqile uDon, mina ngangibona ithuba lokwanelisiswa kuye. Yena wayezimisele ukufunda lokusebenza. Lezo zinto zombili ezilamandla zenza ngakhwabitha ukumqhatsha lokutshala kumpilakahle yekusasa lakhe. Ekucineni, kwaba yikutshala ikwaba lesivuno esikhulu kithi sobabili.

Inhlanganiso yami eyayisasentsha yayithole umklomelo wohambo lokuya eHawaii komunye othengisayo, mina ngabona kulithuba elihle lokwabelana loDon ngokoMbuso kaNkulunkulu. Noma nje uDon wayengumKhristu, wayengelalo izinga lokuzwisisa elifana lelami. Noma ngasengizame kanengi ukwabelana laye izimiso zikaNkulunkulu laye kulesi sigaba, wayengakuzwisisi engangikutsho.

Ngangihleli ngidinga indlela yokukhanga uDon eyayizamenza ananzelele ukuthi laye, futhi, wayesanelisa ukufunda ukuba umbuso

kaNkulunkulu usebenza njani. Kungenani, uDon wayedangele okokuthi kwakusiba nzima kuye ukuzethemba lokukholwa ukuthi inguquko ingenzakala. Ngangisazi ukuthi uhambo lweHawaii kwakulithuba lami.

Kumaviki ayesandulela ukusukuma kwami loDon, sasixoxa ngokuthi sasizakwezani siboneni khonale. Kukhona okukodwa okwakukhanga uDon ukwedlula okunye konke. Wayefisa ukugola i-*blue marlin*, emanzini amahle awolwandle lwe*Pacific Ocean*. “IHawaii yiso isigodlo se-*blue marlin* emhlabeni lo,” nguDon engethulela ngenjabulo. “Ngihleli ngifuna ukuthiya i-*blue marlin*, liphupho lami ke lelo.” Okwakuqala kumaviki ambalwa ngabona ukuphazima emehlweni kaDon. Kukhona okwakumjabulisa, njalo lami ngazazela ukuthi ukuthokoza kwakhe kwakulisango lesifundo esikhulu.

“Don,” mina ngatsho, “uyakwazi na ukuthi kuyenzeka ukuba wazi, hathi ukuba lethemba, kodwa ukwazi ukuthi uzayibamba i-*blue marlin* eHawaii ngokuthinta uMbuso kaNkulunkulu? Ethithibele ngokumangala, uDon wafisa ukwazi okunengi, mina ngaqhubeka ngengcazelo yami mayelana loMbuso. Ngaphinda uMakho 11:24, indima ethi, “*Ngakho ngiyalitsbela ukuthi loba kuyini elikucelayo ngomkhuleko, kholwani ukuthi selikwamukele, sekuzakuba ngokwenu.*” KuDon, lokhu kwakukuhle kakhulu kungakholeki lula. Ngathatha isikhathi sokumsiza ngimchasisela ngoMbuso lokuthi ukholo lwakhe lungakhululwa njani. Ngakho ke, singakaqali uhambo lwethu, yena lomkakhe batshala ngendlela engangenze ngayo kumpunzi yami, benza umkhuleko wokuvumelana, bekholwa ukuthi uzayibamba i-*blue marlin*.

Kusenjalo, uDon wenza konke okwakusemandleni akhe ukuthi agcine umlandu wakhe kusivuno lesi. Wenza uphenyo lokudinga izikepe ezitholakalayo lentengo zazo waze waqhatsha lomtshayeli

ayasizwa kukukuhle ukusebenza laye. Konke kwasokuhlelekile, sonke sasikujabulela ukuya emanzini aluhlaza aseHawaii.

Lwafika usuku lokuntsheza, sathi singena esikepeni, sasithabile satshela umtshayeli ukuba lolu yilo usuku esasizagola khona *ibblue marlin*. Noma wayekhangelele ukuthi sibe losuku olule mpumela enhle ekuthiyeni eminye imihlobo yenhlanzi, wasithembisa ukuthi amathuba okubamba *ibblue marlin* ayemancinyane kakhulu mhlalokho. Nsukukuzonke kunyanga ezine ezedluleyo besebenzisa izikepe zokuqatsha ezimbili, iqula lakhe lalenelise ukubamba i-*blue marlin* eyodwa qha. Lokhu kwakubangelwa yikuthi kwakungayisiso sigaba sokutholakala kwe-*blue marlin*, njengoba *imarlin* kuyinhlanzi ezizula ngezigaba zomnyaka. Salandula ukudangaliswa, samtshela ngenhlonipho enkulu ukuthi sasizayithola eyodwa saqhubeka silungiselela.

Ngemva kwamahola ayisithupha okuzulazula, sasingakatholi lutho olulodwa, lami sengiqala ukudangala ukuthi ukusweleka komcimbi lokhu kwakuzathundubaza ukholo lukaDon. Ngikhathekile ngamemeza umbuzo kuye, “Don,” ngamemeza ngise-siqongweni engangihleli khona phezu kwakhe, “kahle ngikubuze umbuzo. I-*blue marlin* yakho uyamukele sikhathi bani, kulapho ezavela khona na kumbe laphaya uze ukhuleke?” Ngesiqiniseko, uDon waphendula ngamandla, “Gary, kulula lokho. Ngiyamukele laphana ngize ngikhuleke,” Ngajabula ngakhuthazeka ngisizwa impendulo yakhe. Ngazi ukuthi uDon wayelalele isixwayiso sami njalo wayezimisele ukuyithola leyo *marlin*.

Ngemva kwemizuzu embalwa, induku yokugola ekaDon yaqala ukuholoba igobela elwandle abasizi bamemeza bethi, “Inhlanzi isidlele!”

“Lingathabi kakhulu,” kwatsho umtshayeli ekhuza. “Ngiyayibona yihlanzi enkulu sibili, kodwa akusiyo *blue marlin*. *Imarlin* ivele

ize phezu kwamanzi iseqela emoyeni kakhulu, kodwa lihlanzi iyalela enzikini.” Imizuzu yadlula uDon ebindana layo ihlanzi eyayisize eduzane isibonakala ke. Ediniwe enjalo uDon, ngokufanayo ihlanzi layo yayisiphelile yavuma ukwehlulwa. Mina loDon asimangalanga lapho siyidonsela phakathi, *iblu marlin* enkulu enhle, kodwa abanye bonke esikepeni babethithibele.

Umfanekiso kaDon laleyo nhlanzi ukhona ehofisini yami lanamuhla lokhu njengobufakazi lesikhumbuzo kimi ngoMbuso. Ngaphandle, yayiyinhlanzi nje. Kodwa kuDon, *i-marlin* yayisitsho okunye okunengi. Nxa uMbuso wawusebenzile ku-*marlin*, ngeqiniso wawuzasebenza kokunye konke ayekudinga empilweni. KuDon kwaba yisiqalo sokunanzelela ubuqotho boMbuso kaNkulunkulu empilweni yakhe.

Ngiyayithanda indaba leyi, njalo ngiyakuthanda ukubona abantu besiba lezehlakalo ezibambekayo ngoMbuso kaNkulunkulu. Yikho kanye engikufisela khona lawe!

ISAHLUKO 4

NGATHOLA ISIHLUTHULELO ESIKHULU ESOMBUSO!

Sonke silezihluthulelo zemihlobo eyehlukeneyo ezezindlu zethu, izimota zethu, lokunye konke esifuna ukukuvikela. Isihluthulelo senza sifinyelele lokho okuvikelwe ngaphakathi njalo sisinikeza amandla okusebenzisa lolu lutho, njengemota. NjengomKhristu owayesephile iminyaka eyisitshiyagalolunye phakathi kwesimo sezimali esixubeneyo esasingela themba, ngangisazi ukuthi kukhona okuswelekayo, kukhona okwakungahlalanga kuhle. Akakho okwakumele angitshele lokho. Okwakudingeka ukuba ngikwazi yikuthi inkinga yayiyini lokuthi yayingalungiswa njani.

INKosi yathi isikhulume lami lapho ngikhala ngidinga usizo, ngilele embhedeni wami endlini yepulazini eliwoba, Yona yangitshela ukuthi inkinga kwakuyikuthi ngangingazange ngifunde ukuthi uMbuso Wakhe usebenza njani. Kulo umutsho owodwa ngasizwa isihluthulelo, kumbe ngithi ngezwa lapho isihluthulelo esasitholakala khona kumbe ukuthi izihluthulelo ezazidingeka ngezinjani—uMbuso. UNkulunkulu wayengitshela ukuthi impendulo yasisembusweni Wakhe. Ngangingazange ngithathe

ithuba lokufunda ukuthi uMbuso Wakhe usebenza njani, kodwa ngabe ngangikwenzile lokho, ngangiyathola impendulo yami. UNkulunkulu wathi ekhuluma lami lelo langa mayelana lokuswela kwami inzwisiso yoMbuso, ngangingazi ngitsho lakancane ukuthi wayesitshoni ngoMbuso. Kodwa ngamuzwa sibili ethi kuphela ngabe ngangingafunda indlela zoMbuso Wakhe, ngangizathola impendulo engangiyidinga. Ngakho kimi, isihluthulelo esikhulu sasikulowo mutsho, “Kawukaze uthathe isikhathi ufunde ukuthi uMbuso Wami usebenza njani!” Ngeqiniso, umutsho lo uwodwa wawusitsho okunengi, njalo ngeqiniso, wawuyisihluthulelo sakuqala esikhulu esokuguqulwa kwempilo yami.

Ngoba sizalelwe umntwana, siphawe indodana, njalo uhulumende uzakuba phezu kwamahlombe akhe. Uzabizwa ngokuthi nguMeluleki Omangalisayo, uNkulunkulu uSomandla, uBaba Waphakade, iNkosana Yokuthula. Ukwanda kukahulumende wakhe lokuthula akuyikuba lomkhawulo. Uzabusa esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavida laphezu kombuso wakhe, ewumisa njalo ewuqinisangokufaneleyo langokulunga kusukela ngalesisikhathi kuze kube lanini. Ukutshiseka kweNkosi uSomandla kuzakufeza lokhu.

— U-Isaya 9:6-7

Inzwisiso yokuthi uMbuso kaNkulunkulu ngumbuso osebenza ngesisekelo sikahulumende kanye lemithetho kwangivula amehlo ukuba ngibe lenzwisiso yoMbuso engangingazange ngibelayo ngaphambilini. Ukubakwazi ukuthi uMbuso kaNkulunkulu wawumiswa njalo uthuthukiswa yibulungiswa (ukusetshenziswa komthetho) lokulunga kukaNkulunkulu (imithetho Yakhe)

kwangitshengisa ukuthi konke okwenzakalayo eMbusweni kuyimpumela yomthetho noma isimiso salowo Mbuso. Ngingabe ngingayisuye lowo okhaliphe kakhulu, kodwa ngaba lenkalipho yokuzwisisa ukuthi nxa uMbuso usebenza ngesisekelo somthetho kutsho ukuthi ngangingayifunda leyo mithetho ngiyisebenzise kweyami impilo. UNkulunkulu wathi eqala ukusambulela lokusifundisa imithetho Yakhe mina loDrenda, ngaqala ukunanzelela ukuthi yonke indaba yeBhayibhili yayiphethe isihluthulelo okwakumele ngibe sazi mayelana lokusebenza koMbuso. Ngaqala ukufunda yonke indaba yeBhayibhili ngendlela eyahlukileyo: “Kungani kwayenzakala ngale indlela? Kungani kungayenzakalanga?” Ngasengifunda yonke indaba ngelihlo elidinga ukuthi, “Yiziphi izimiso ezivezwa kule indaba? Kwayenzakala njani?”

Ngaqala ukuzibiza ngokuthi ngingusosayensi wezikamoya, njalo ngangithokoza lapho uMoya oNgcwele engambulela imithetho ngokulandelana kwayo. Ngathokoza kakhulu ngibona ukuthi imithetho engangiyithola yayingasebenza kweyami impilo ngendlela efana leyeBhayibhilini. Abantu bayangibuza, “Gary, utshoni nxa usithi imithetho yoMbuso?” Ngandise ukubakhumbuza ngemithetho abayisebenzisa lapha emhlabeni—eyamandla adonsela izinto phansi, imithetho ye *physics*, leminyane imithetho elondoloza imvelo.

**UNKULUNKULU WATHI
EQALA UKUSAMBULELA
LOKUSIFUNDISA IMITHETHO
YAKHE MINA LODRENDA,
NGAQALA UKUNANZELELA
UKUTHI YONKE INDABA
YEBHAYIBHILI YAYIPHETHE
ISIHLUTHULELO
OKWAKUMELE NGIBE SAZI
MAYELANA LOKUSEBENZA
KOMBUSO.**

Umlimi usebenzisa imithetho le noma siphilisi isikhathi afuna ngaso; akudingakali ukuba akhuleke ukuze yona isebenze. Yona isebenza sonke isikhathi nxa angakhetha ukuyisebenzisa. Ingasetshenziswa kunoma ngubani ofuna ukuyisebenzisa. Ngendlela efanayo, uMbuso kaNkulunkulu usebenza ngemithetho efundekayo. Njengoba kuyimithetho, kayiguquki, njalo ingafundwa ibuye isetshenziswe kumpilo eMbusweni.

Khumbula ukuthi, nxa ungeza kuKhristu, usuyinzalo yoMbuso Wakhe, njalo wonke uMbuso usungowakho. Imithetho le eyoMbuso usungayifunda lawe uyisebenzise.

“Kulungile,” batsho kimi abantu, “Khonokho ngiyakuzwa, kodwa nginikeza isibonelo somthetho woMbuso.” Kulemithetho eminengi, eminengi kakhulu. Khonapha, sengilobe emilutshwane yakhona, njengomthetho wamandla okubusa indawo, umthetho wokholo, umthetho wokuvumelana, noma nje ngingazange ngiyilobe ngale indlela kuzahluko ezidlulileyo. Ngakho futhi, minengi imithetho, njalo yonke ingaqanyulwa ngokusebenza kwayo langokusetshenziswa kwayo, okuyikho esifuna ukukukhangelisa. Kahle ngikunikeze indaba ezasiza ukuletha umfanekiso walokho engikutshoyo.

Mina ngilendizamtshina, eyohlobo lwe *Piper Mirage*, engiyisebenzisa ukundiza ngisiya emibuthanweni, ukuyabona abathengi, lokuyakwenza ibhizimusi. Ngangihlele uhambo lokuya eColorado ukuyangena umhlango njalo ngangihlele ukuba indizamtshina le ihlolwe kanye ngomnyaka njengokutshiwo ngumthetho ngingakaluthathi uhambo lolu. Nxa ubungakwazi, yonke indizamtshina endiza e U.S. kumele iphutshe ukuhlolwa kanye ngomnyaka. Umtshayeli wendizamtshina yami kwakumele ayithathe i-*Mirage* angise emhlanganweni. Kodwa ngosuku olwalungemva kwalolo

okwakumele ayithathe ngalo, kwangena ucingo luvela kwabahlolayo kuthiwa kwakubelengozi yokuthi *i-copilot windshield* yaphambili yayiqamukile. Babezayibisela kungelanhlawulo, kodwa lokho kwakuzathatha amalanga amathathu bengakayikhululi indizamtshina ukuba ihambe. Lokho kwakusitsho ukuthi mina loDrenda kwasokumele siyendiza ngalezi ezithwala wonke umuntu ukuya eColorado. Akusikho kukhalaza, kodwa sithanda ukuzihambela ngeyethu indizamtshina nxa kuvuma. Sadana kodwa saqhubeka saya emhlanganweni. Sahlela ukuthi umtshayeli wendizamtshina yethu wayezasithatha sesiphenduka e-Ohio.

Kwathi sokulusuku lwesibili emhlanganweni, kwaba lezulu elikhulu kuleyondawo. Lalikhulu okokuthi lakhukhula lalimaza okunengi kuleyo ndawo. Kwezinye zezindawo, kwakusiwa iziqhotho zibhoboza uphahla. Imota ezingamakhulu zalinyazwa kwaba ngaphezu kwamandla okuthi zizabuye zilungiswe njalo. Izakhiwo kunye lophahla kwadilika. Umtshayeli wendizamtshina yami wathi ezosithatha, wafika wama ku *FBO* efana laleyo esasiyabe sitshiye kuyo indizamtshina ngabe sasihambe ngayo kusiyaqala umhlangano. Amehlo ami ahlanguka lokumangalisayo. Yonke indizamtshina eyayilapho okwakumele kube kuleyami khona yayilimele. Eyami indizamtshina, ngomusa kaNkulunkulu, yayingekho lapho njalo kayizange ilimale. Yindaba emangalisayo sibili, kodwa kwayenzakala njani lokhu? Ngitsho ukuthi kwavele kwenzakala nje kumbe ukungabikhona kwendizamtshina yami lapho kwakuyimpumela yomthetho engangiwusebenzisile?

Yebo, ngiyazi ngempela ukuthi kwakuyimpumela yomthetho kamoya engangiwusebenzisile, engizakutshela ngawo maduzane. Ukuzwisisa umthetho kuyakuvumela ukuba uphinde impumela nxa sokudingeka. Kule indaba, mina ngasebenzisa umthetho

engawufundiswa nguNkulunkulu ekuqaleni lapho uNkulunkulu eqala ukungiqeqetsha ngemithetho yoMbuso Wakhe lokusebenza kwawo.

Kahle ngikutshengise umthetho uNkulunkulu ayengitshengise wona, besengikutshengisa ukuthi ngawusebenzisa njani. Khumbula, yonke indaba yeBhayibhili ikutshengisa okuthile mayelana loMbuso lokusebenza kwawo. Mina ngizibiza ngosoyansi wezikamoya. Nxa ngifunda iBhayibhili, ngihlala ngidinga umthetho owayenza okuthile kwenzeka kumbe umthetho owavimbela okuthile. Sithola indaba yesifundo lesi engifuna ukutshengisa sona ku Makho 6.

Ngalesi isikhathi kwasekusemini kakhulu, ngakho abafundi bakhe beza kuye. “Le yindawo esesikhaleni,” batsho, “njalo sekusemini kakhulu. Tshela abantu bahambe ukuze baziyele emadolobheni lasemizini bayezithengela abangakudla.”

Kodwa waphendula wathi, “Bapheni lina ukudla.”

*Bathi kuye, “Lokho kungathatha umholo wendoda owen-
yanga eziyisificaminwembili! Uthi sihambe siyochitha imali
engako sithenge isinkwa sibaphe badle?”*

“Lilezinkwa ezingaki na?” Wababuza. “Ake liyokhangela.”

Sebezibonile bathi, “Zinhlanu—lenhlanzi ezimbili.”

*UJesu wasebalaya ukuthi bahlalise bonke abantu phansi
etshanini ngamaxuku. Yikho bahlala phansi ngamaxuku
alikhulu. Abanye ngamatshumi amahlanu. Ethatha izinkwa
ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili wakhangelela ezulwini, wabonga,
wasehlephuna izinkwa. Waseziqhubela abafundi bakhe
ukuba bazabele abantu. Waphinda wabehlukanisela inhlanzi
zombili. Bonke badla basutha, abafundi basebebutha imvuthu*

*zezinkwa lenhlanzi bagcwalisa izitsha ezilitsumi lambili.
Abadlayo babengamadoda azinkulungwane ezinhlanu.*

— UMakho 6:35-44

Le yindaba enhle etshengisa uMbuso kaNkulunkulu usebenza. Izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili zidliwa ngabantu abangu 20,000! Usungathi, “Gary, iBhayibhili lithi kwakulamadoda angu 5,000 kuphela lapho.” Yebo, litsho njalo, kodwa mina ngibona angathi kwakukhona omama labantwana lapho. Ngakho ngiyacabangela ukuthi abantu ababelapho babengaba ngu 20,000.

Abafundi bathi besiza kuJesu mayelana lendaba yokudla, uJesu ufuna ukubafundisa okuthile ngoMbuso ngakho Yena uthi, “Bapheni lina ukudla.” Yebo, lokho kwabethusa. Ukudla okungaka babeyakuthatha ngaphi? Bona baphendula ngendlela yodwa abayizwisayo eyokuthola izinto—ukusebenza! Bathi, “Lokho kungathatha umholo wendoda owenyanga eziyisificaminwembili!” Ngenxa yomcabango wabo wokuthola imali ngokusebenza ihola ngehola besebenza ngendlela yomhlaba eyokusebenza gadalala ngezithukuthuku, kwakuyakuba nzima ukubanikeza ukudla abantu.

Kodwa eMbusweni, imithetho eyehlukeneyo yenza zonke izinto zenzakale. UJesu ufuna ukubasiza ukuba babone phetsheya kwendlela yesiqalekiso somhlaba bafunde okungenziwa eMbusweni kaNkulunkulu. UJesu abesecela ukuthi bahambe bayekhangela okwakukhona okwakunganikezwa abantu. Bahambe ke bayekhangela baphendule bathi bathole izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili kodwa bayazi ukuthi akweneli ngakho ngeke kusize lutho. UJesu abesebacela lesosinkwa lenhlanzi. Akubambe ezandleni Zakhe, akuthandazele akubusise. Abesekubisela kubafundi Bakhe

athi banike abantu. Angithi uyazi ukuthi indaba le iphela njani; bonke abantu abangu 20,000 ababelapho badla basutha kwaze kwasala izitsha ezilitshumi lambili zigcwele.

Imibuzo yami yile: “Kungani uJesu wacela ukuthi izinkwa lenhlanzi kulethwe Kuye engakabanikezi ukuba banike abantu? Kungani uJesu engazange ahle athi banike abantu ukudla nxa bangakuthola? UJesu kwakumele akubusise kuqala na?” Impendulo eqondileyo yikuthi uJesu kwakumele abusise isinkwa lenhlanzi lezi kuqala. Uyabona, isinkwa lenhlanzi kwakusemhlabeni ngaphansi kwamandla lokubusa kwabantu lapho abafundi Bakhe bekufumana. Ngaleyo ndlela, uJesu wayengelawo amandla okubusa phezu kwakho. Kodwa kwathi isinkwa lenhlanzi sokulethwe Kuye, Yena wenelisa ukukubusisa. Ibala elithi *ukubusisa* litsho ukuhlenga kumbe ukwehlukanisa. Khathesi, usuveziwe ke umthetho woMbuso.

UJesu wathi esebusise isinkwa lenhlanzi, isinkwa lenhlanzi kwangena komunye umbuso.

Okubalulekileyo yikuthi, amandla ayebusa phezu kwesinkwa lenhlanzi aguquka. UNkulunkulu wayeselelungelo lomthetho elokuphindaphinda isinkwa lenhlanzi ukuze aphe abantu.

Ngabe uJesu wayengathathanga izinkwa lenhlanzi wakubusisa, kwakungeke kuphindaphinde.

Sisebenzisa umthetho ofanayo nxasibusisa ukudla kwethu, kodwa ngicabanga ukuthi abantu abanengi kabananzeleli abakwenzayo nxa bekhulekela ukudla kwabo. Kodwa ngendlela elula, nxa sithandazela ukudla kwethu, khona kungena komunye umbuso, lokho

kuvumela ukuba uNkulunkulu asivikele kokuyingozi esingakudla. Kumele ngengeze amazwi amancane lapha. Uma singaqhubeka siphila ngokudla okungayakhi umzimba kumbe sisidla ukudla esikwazi ukuthi akusilungelanga, sizavuna lokho esikuhlanyelayo. Kodwa uma ngabe sidle okunye okuyingozi, ebesingakwazi ukuthi kungasilimaza, iLizwi likaNkulunkulu liyasivikela ngendlela elavikela ngayo indizamtshina yami. Kangikhulumi ngomkhuleko wemikhuba okhulekwa ngabantu abanengi phezu kokudla kwabo. Kodwa ukukhuleka ngokukholwa, ukubonga uNkulunkulu ukuba Yena uyasusa imikhuhlane phakathi kwethu kuyasivumela, thina njengenzalo yoMbuso Wakhe omkhulu, ukuba sikholise izithembiso Zakhe.

Bazakuthi banganatha okubulalayo, kungaze kwabali-maza lakancinyane.

— UMakho 16:18

Emhlabeni wanamuhla, sidinga ukuthembela kuNkulunkulu ukuba asivikele ukuze sithole ukuphumula. Zinengi izinto ezisitshontshela ukuthula yonke indawo, ngitsho lasekudleni esikudlayo. Ungikholwe, uSathane uleqhinga lokweba impilakahle yakho lokwanelisa kwakho ukumelana laye emhlabeni esebenzisa ukudla!

Nansi esinye isibonelo sokuletha inkinga zethu, izindaba, ukuthula kwengqondo, ngingathi nje konke okusempilweni yethu ngaphansi kwamandla oMbuso. Sisithola KwabaseFiliphi 4:6-7.

Lingakhathazeki, kodwa ngazo zonke izikhathi, bikani izicelo zenu kuNkulunkulu ngokukhuleka, ngokuncenga

langokubonga. Ukuthula kukaNkulunkulu, okudlula ukuqedisisa konke kuzabusa inhliziyo zenu lezingqondo zenu kuKhristu uJesu.

— KwabaseFiliphi 4:6-7

Nxa singakhuleka ngolutho oluthile, leyo nkinga kumbe indaba iba ngaphansi kwamandla oMbuso kaNkulunkulu. Nxa singekela ukukhuleka, akukho uNkulunkulu ayabe engakwenza. Yingakho iBhayibhili lithi sikhuleke kokuphela (1 KwabaseThesalonika 5:17) lokuthi kasila ngoba kasiceli kuNkulunkulu (UJakhobe 4:2).

Ngathi sengithenge indizamtshina yami njalo sonke isikhathi nxa ngithenga ulutho, ngiyalukhulekela, ngilubeke isandla, ngilulethe ngaphansi kwamandla oMbuso kaNkulunkulu ukuze lolo lutho lusebenze ngendlela ekhangelelweyo lapho lusebenzela uMbuso kaNkulunkulu lami. Ngenxa yalokhu, indizamtshina yami ngeke ithintwe nguSathane lezinto zakhe. Akukho okubi okungangehlela kuleyo ndizamtshina!

Kunyanga edlulileyo, ngangindiza nge *Mirage* ngisuka eHouston ngisiya e-Ohio ngemva komhlangano. Kwasokuntambama sisedlula phezulu emaphandleni kumnyama tshu. Umbane wawukhanyisa isibhakabhaka emaceleni ethu lapho izulu elikhulu selisiza elizweni. Izulu leli lasenza satshintsha indlela esasihamba ngayo sizama ukulibalekela, ngenxa yalokho, sasebenzisa umhluzi omnengi kulalowo esasihlele ukuthi sizawusebenzisa. Ngakho ukuze sibe leqiniso lokuthi sizafika ngekhaya njalo silandele imilayo yeFAA mayelana lokuthwala umhluzi, safika sama eLouisville, eKentucky, ukuze sithathe umhluzi. Safika lapho silokhe silamagaloni angu 30, kodwa kwakusasele ihola ukuba siyefika ngakho sasingafuni umhluzi usiphelele endleleni. Safika kuFBO sacela ukuba basithelele

amagaloni angamatshumi amabili kuzigxinyi zombili ezokuphatha umhluzi. Lokhu kwakuzasitshiya sesilamagaloni angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ayesenela ngokwedlulisileyo ukuqedisa uhambo lwethu size siyefika e-Ohio, ngoba i-*Mirage* itshisa amagaloni angamatshumi amabili lambili ngehola.

Sathi silokhu silindile phakathi kwe *FBO*, untombazana owayesebenza lapho wavuma ukuthi angasifakela amagaloni angu 40. Lapho esatsho lokho, kwabuya esinye isisebenzi salapho lamaphepha ayetshengisa esasikulande lapha. Untombazane wawathatha amaphepha, wawakhangelisisa, wasesithi, “Kukhona okungaqondanga lapha. Inombolo kazihambelani.” Isisebenzi saphendula ngokuthi sasesithelile umhluzi ngakho inombolo zazingalungiswa kwesinye isikhathi. Untombazane wathi, “Kulungile,” kodwa wathi wayengenelisi ukusinikeza incwadi yokuthenga, inombolo zize zilungiswe ngakho wayezasithumela nge-*email*. Thina sathi, “Kulungile,” saphuma saya kundizamtshina lesisebenzi salapho. Umtshayeli wendizamtshina yami wacela isisebenzi ukuba sikhangelise ngempela ukuthi sasithele amagaloni angamatshumi amabili nxazombili, yena wathi, “Yebo, ngifake amagaloni angamatshumi amabili nxazombili.”

Ngakho sasuka saya e-Ohio, sathi sesindize okwemizuzu engamatshumi amane, masinyane, isigxingi sokunxele saphela umhluzi. Samangala; kwakungenzeka njani lokho? Ngemva komzuzu owo, isigxingi sohlangothini lokudla laso saphela umhluzi. Kwakuphakathi kwamabili kumnyama tshu, siphezulu nge 15,000 *feet* singelamandla. Kuyini okwakuyenzakele? Sasisanda kufaka umhluzi. Abantu bazakuthi kimi, “Kanti indizamtshina yakho ayilakho okutshengisa ukuthi umhluzi usungaphi?” Ilakho, kodwa khona akuphangisi ukuqansa nxa uthela umhluzi.

Nxa uyake uhamabe nge *Suburban* endala, usungazwisisa engikutshoyo. Inkomba mhluzi yazo kayiphangisi ukuphakama nxa usanda kuthela umhluzi.

Ngakho kulesi isenzakalo, umtshayeli wendizamtshina yami wayesibuzile isisebenzi ukuba sasifake umhluzi oyanelayo na kundi-zamtshina. Lathi sasimbonile kodwa ele *truck* yomhluzi ethela umhluzi. Umtshayeli wendizamtshina yami laye wayekhangelisisile, wakhangela i-*truck* yomhluzi isiyafaka umhluzi kundi-zamtshina wabuye wabuza kabili ukuthi ngempela kwakufakwe amagaloni angu 40 kundizamtshina. Nxa sesikhangelisisile indaba yomhluzi, sifaka inkombamhluzi etshengisa inani lomhluzi esiwusebenzisayo kuze kuyecina kungxenye eyodwa kwezilitshumi ezegaloni. Sasicabanga ukuthi sasenze konke okwakudingeka ukuba singabi sengozini.

Sasakaza umbiko ophuthumayo sandiza singela mhluzi sitshelela sayangena egcekeni leGreater Cincinnati, lokhu akubanga nzima ngoba umhluzi wathi usiphelela sasiphezu kwalo, kodwa kwakuhlekisa nje kancane. Sasothola ke sokuphambili,

**KULEMITHETHO
YOMBUSO OKUMELE
UYIFUNDE UKUZE
UBE LEMPUMELELO,
UVIKELEKE, UBE LENZUZO
LAPHA EMHLABENI.**

ukuthi isisebenzi lesiyana sasiqala ukuthela indizamtshina umhluzi. Sona sasifake amagaloni amabili kuzigxinyi zombili, hatshi angamatshumi amabili. Sasingakwazi ukufunda inombolo ze *meter*. Ngempela? Kambe kwakungenzeka njani yona inhlanganiso yelizwe le isebenza ukuthela umhluzi kuphela—kwakumangaza!

Isitha esasifuna kubeyingozi kwakungayisiyo indaba, kodwa

kwakuyakuba yindaba enkulu ngabe saphelwa kweyinye indawo hatshi lapha sisemoyeni nge 15,000 *feet*. Kodwa futhi njalo, isitha kasanelisi ukungilethela ingozi mina kumbe indizamtshina. Ukuze singahlakanitshelwa yisitha futhi, sesaguqula indlela esithela ngayo umhluzi. Kasisatshihi isisebenzi esithela umhluzi sithela thina singekho ukuba sizibonele sikhathi sonke nxa singama ukuba sithelwe umhluzi. Isenzakalo lesi sasiyakuba yingozi enzima ngabe saphuza ukucabanga kumbe ngabe umkhathi wawumubi; kodwa ke, akuzange kube lengozi ngoba mina ngilesivumelwano sokuvikelwa.

Izenzakalo lezi lendizamtshina yami mayelana lokuvikeleka kwendizamtshina kunye lami, zaba yimpumela yesivumelwano sami, amalungelo ami omthetho eMbusweni. Besengingakutshela ngendlela engathola ngayo indizamtshina leyo, kodwa kangisoze ngikutshela khathesi. Kodwa umlayezo ngicabanga ukuthi uyawuthola—uNkulunkulu uyamangalisa!

Kulemithetho yoMbuso okumele uyifunde ukuze ube lempumelelo, uvikeleke, ube lenzuzo lapha emhlabeni. USathane uyasizonda thina, kodwa akayanelisi ukusimisa, makadunyiswe uNkulunkulu. Ukuvikelwa yikuphumula, ukungakhathazeki, ukungesabi! Lilungelo lakho ngokomthetho.

Kenje, umthetho lo engiqeda kuwuchasisa lokuwusebenzisa yiwo esiwuthi ngumthetho wamandla okubusa indawo, nxa ubungabe ulokhe usazibuza.

Omunye uMbhalo engawuphiwa nguNkulunkulu ekuqaleni mayelana loMbuso Wakhe nguLukha 6:20.

Libusisiwe lina elimpofu, ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu ngowenu.

— ULukha 6:20

Mina loDrenda saqala ukufunda okwakutshiwo nguNkulunkulu ngo “Mbuso kaNkulunkulu” kulo uMbhalo lapho iNkosi ize isitshengise wona. Futhi, Yona yasitshengisa ukuthi Yiyo inkosi yombuso, olondolozwa njalo usebenze ngemithetho. Isibonelo, kasikhangele umngcele wethu weningizimu. Mnyaka wonke, inkulungwane zabantu ziyazama ukungena e-United States. Kungani? Ngoba akukho okubukekayo lapho abahlala khona na? Hatshi, akunjalo. Bona bazama ukungena e-United States ngenxa kahulumende walapha. Uhulumende wethu ulemithetho evikela amalungelo abantu njalo unika abantu izinto ezinengi ezinganikezwa kwamanye amazwe: ubumnini bezindlu, ilungelo lokuba ngumnini webhizimusi, ilungelo lokukhonza ngendlela yakho, lokukhululeka kwenkulumo. Konke lokhu akukho kwamanye amazwe.

Sesikhulume kakhulu ngoMbuso kaNkulunkulu, izisekelo zezihluthulelo, izimiso, kanye lemithetho uNkulunkulu ayinikeze thina njengenzalo. Ulwazi lwakho kumbe ukusweleka kwalo mayelana lemithetho le kungaba yikho okwehlukana ukufa lokuphila, ukunqoba lokunqotshwa. Ngemva kokuhlupheka iminyaka leya eyisitshiyagalolunye ngenxa yovalo lwezimali ngaze ngacina sengikhululiwe, ngizahlala ngigcizelela ukuqakatheka kokubakwazi ukuthi kutshoni ukuba yinzalo yoMbuso kaNkulunkulu lokuqakatheka kokuba lolwazi lwemithetho kanye lezimiso ezibumba lowo Mbuso.

Umhlaba wabakhona sokwedlule iminyaka ezinkulungwane, kodwa izinto ezinengi esizikholisa namhlanje zazingakaze zizwisisike. Isibonelo, ngifuna ucabange ngobusuku obandulela Ikhisimusi ka 1996 yase Ocean Bluff Brant Rock, eMassachusetts. Kukhona okwayenzakala lelo langa okwaguqula umhlaba. U-Reginald Fessenden wayedla iculo elithiwa *Oh Holy Night*

kubantu ababesemikhunjini ngegagasi lewayilesi wasefunda uLukha indima yesibili. Lo kwakungumsakazo wakuqala owewayilesi. Khathesi, sidobha omakhala ekhukhwini sikhulume laloba ngubani emihlabeni kungela kuthandabuza.

Kumbe cabanga ngoZibandlela, oka 1879? UThomas Edison wasungula isibane esithiwa yi *light bulb*, khathesi zonke izizwe zisebenzisa imithetho kagetsi lemithetho elondoloza i-*physics* ukuba kubelokukhanya ebusuku.

Kumbe cabanga mhlaka 17 ngoMpalakazi, oka 1903? Amadodana akoWright enelisa ukuphaphisa indizamthshina yakuqala, khathesi sesisenelisa ukugada i-*jetliner* ephucukileyo siphaphe phezu komhlaba wonke ngamahola nje. I-A380, i-*jetliner* enkulu kulazo zonke ezithwala abantu, ilesisindo samaphawundi ayizigidi ezingu 1.2, njalo ithwala abantu abangamakhulu ayisitshi-yagalombili okwamahola ayedlula ayisitshiyagalolunye ingazange ime ukuba inathe umhluzi lapho ihamba ngesiqubu samamayela angamakhulu ayisithupha ngehola phezu komhlaba. Ngabe abantu babona okunjengalokhu ngeminyaka yabo 1800, babeyaquleka bebona lokhu. Kodwa khathesi, sokujwayelekile nje ukubona umuntu ethinta isikopela emdulwini kukhayisa isibane se *light bulb*.

Umcijo engiwulethayo lapha yikuthi imithetho le yayivele ikhona, emhlabeni kusukela umuntu edalwa. Yayikhona ukuba umuntu ayisebenzise; kodwa umuntu wayengayiboni. Wayebona inyoni ziphapha, wayebona umbane, kodwa wayengazwisisi.

Lokho kuliqiniso mayelana leMibhalo. Inkolo sezifake imingcele mayelana lalokho okutshiwo liLizwi likaNkulunkulu. Mina lawe sesike sezwa, okweminyaka, ukuthi zonke lezo izinto sezadlula, uNkulunkulu akasazenzi izimanga. Izipho zikaMoya zazingezabaphositholi, kumbe ameva kaPhawuli ayengumkhuhlane.

Kodwa eqinisweni, iLizwi lilula kakhulu. Lona litsho lokho kanye elikukhulumayo. Kodwa isisekelo soMbuso yiso isihluthulelo esikhulu okumele ubelaso ukuze uvule onke amanye amasango.

Khathesi Nansi Esinye Isihluthulelo:

Imithetho Kayiguquki!

Ungaphosa ilitsho lizakuwa. Lizakuwa kangaki? Sonke isikhathi! Imithetho yamandla adonsela izinto phansi yenza kube lempumela efanayo sonke isikhathi. Kunjalo mayelana loMbuso kaNkulunkulu.

ISAPHLUKO 5

UKUPHAPHA KUNGCONO KULOKUHAMBA

Ukuphapha kungcono kulokuhamba! Ngathi ngiloba isahluko lesi, ngangiphapha ngisiya ngekhaya ngivela kwelinye ikhaya lethu esiluhlala ngesikhathi sehlobo eCanada ngendizamtshina yami, ihamba ngesiqubu samamayela angu 250 ngehola iphezulu nge 23,000 *feet*. Okweminyaka, sasitshayela ngemota sisiya eCanada sisuka emzini wethu wase-Ohio. Kwakuluhambo olude oludinisayo olwalusithathela amahola angamatshumi amathathu lane. Kwakuyamele ngitshaye ubusuku bonke ukuze size siyefika ngelanga elilandelayo. Yebo, zaba khona izikhathi ezinlutshwane lapho esasiqeda uhambo lolu ngensuku ezimbili, kodwa nxa ulethuba lokuthatha ikhefu elamaviki amabili ubusuchitha amalanga amane utshayela, uyabe ulahlekelwe yisikhathi esinengi kakhulu. Kodwa, habe, ngangifika ngidiniwe, besokumele ngiphinde futhi amanye amahola angamatshumi amathathu lane ngitshayela sesiphenduka e-Ohio.

Indizamtshina ngihlezi ngizithanda njalo isithupha sami sokuba ngumtshayeli wazo ngasithola ngileminyaka elisthumi lasitshi-yagalolunye, kodwa ngangingazange ngicabange ukuba leyami

indizamtshina. Ngitsho ukuthi, usuke wakhangela intengo yazo indizamtshina? Kodwa ngathi ngiqhubeka ngifunda ngoMbuso, ngananzelela ukuthi yimi engangivimba leyo ndizamtshina ngo, “Hatshi” wami lokucabanga kobumpofu. Khathesi ngilendizamtshina ezimbili, eyinye ngiyitshayela nje ukuzijabulisa, engayithola kuqala, leyinye engiyisebenzisa nxa ngilohambo. Njengoba ngike ngatsho kusahluko esidlulileyo, “Isiqeqetsho sika hatshi” kasivumeli amaphupho athile kanye lezenzakalo ezithile. Sihle siwavale engakaqali.

Ngangingakaze ngicabange ngokuba ngumnini wendizamtshina ngaphambilini. Ngangingakuboni kuyinto engayenzakala. Okweminyaka, ngangiqhatsha indizamtshina engangizitshayela. Kodwa lapho ngifunda imithetho yoMbuso ngabona izindaba zilandela empilweni yami zitshengisa uMbuso, ngathatha isinqumo sokuthi ngangizakholwa kuNkulunkulu ukuba ngizuze eyami indizamtshina. Ngangingelayo imali yendizamtshina leso sikhathi, kodwa ngakhupha *i-check*, ngaloba lapho okulotshwa khona ngathi “ukuze ngizuze indizamtshina yami.” Ngaloba ngachasisa umhlobo wendizamtshina engangiwa mukela. Mina lomkami sahlanyela *i-check* leyo eMbusweni seyame kuMakho 11:24, sikholwa ukuthi ngayamukela ngesikhathi ngikhuleka. Lokhu yikho iNkosi eyangitshengisa ukuba ngikwenze ekuqaleni mayelana loMbuso. Lokhu ngakubona kuletha izithelo empilweni yami izikhathi ezinengi, ezinengi kakhulu.

Ngemva kwamaviki amalutshwane, ngangikumongi njengoku-jwayelekileyo ngisiyahlolwa umzimba umongi wasesithi kimi, “Ngenhlanhla, ungabakwazi umuntu ongabe efuna ukuthenga indizamtshina?” Ngamangala, ngoba akekho umuntu owayeke wangibuza lokho ngaphambilini. “Yindizamtshina enjani?”

ngabuza. Waqhubeka wachasisa ngendizamtshina wangitshela ukuthi yayisegcekeni lendizamtshina elaliseduzane nxa ngangifuna ukuyibona. Ngesimanga, kwaba yiyo kanye indizamtshina engangiyichasisile ngihlanyela! Ngahamba egcekeni lendizamtshina ngayayibona, yayikhanya inhle iqinile. Ngangisazi ukuthi ngeyami. Kodwa kwakulenkinga eyodwa; ngangingelayo imali yokuthenga indizamtshina. Ngatshela umongi ukuthi ngangiyifuna indizamtshina njalo ngangizamthinta.

Kwadlula amaviki ambalwa ngasengithintwa ngumfowethu owayesebenza ekhefa likababa elaliseceleni kwesakhiwo esasingesami. Ngangibe ngumnini waleso sakhiwo okwenyanga ezinlutshwane ekucineni kwesikhathi sekwindla. Ngangihlele ukuguqula isakhiwo leso ngisenze ihofisi yenhlenganiso yami ebona ngokuhlelwa kwezimali. Isakhiwo leso sasingahambelani lemithetho eyayidingeka ukuba senze lowomsebenzi, ngakho ngangisazi ukuthi kwakumele ngisidilize ngiyakhe kakutsha. Ngadinga umakhi owayekwazi ukudweba inhlelo zezindlu sabhalelana phansi. Kodwa ke, savumelana ukuthi sime kuze kubeyi ntwasahlobo singakaqali umsebenzi wokwakha ngenxa yomumo womkhathi. Ukulungiswa kwesakhiwo lesi kwakusitsho ukuthi kwakuyamele sonke sakhiwe kutsha ngokupheleleyo.

Owayekade engumnini wesakhiwo lesi wayengitshela ukuthi amanzi ayevaliwe lobo busika, ngakho lami kangizange ngiqaze. Ucingo olwangena luvela kumfowethu lwangena ekucineni kukaNhlolanja sokuqala ukufudumala longqwaqwane webusika esencibilika. Wangitshela ukuthi isakhiwo sasesiphambanisekile ngoba kulamanzi ayegeleza esuka kuso esiya emgwaqweni. Mina laye sasikwazi ukuthi lokhu kwakusitshoni—amanzi ayekade engav-alwanga njengokwakutshiwo ngulowo owayekade engumnini.

Ngempela, ngathi sengikhangelisisa umonakalo, amaphayiphi awamakamelo ayephezulu, lawekamelweni lokugezela elaliphansi kanye lawekamelweni lokupheka, onke ayedubukile agcwalisa amanzi kusakhiwo sonke. Imiduli yonke, lophahla kwasokukhithike kwawa.

Ekuqaleni, lokhu kungakhanya kungumonakalo omkhulu, kodwa ukulungiswa kwesakhiwo lesi vele kwakuzadinga ukuba imiduli ihlutshwe kulungiswe amakamelo kakutsha. Imiduli yangaphandle layo kwakumele ilungiswe kakutsha. Ngakho eqinisweni, amanzi ayengazange enze umonakalo kulesi sakhiwo. Wonke umonakalo owawungabe wayenzeka wawusendaweni ezazivele zizadilizwa zakhiwe kutsha. Kodwa ke, ngathi ngithenga isakhiwo lesi ngasithathela umshuwalense. Umonakalo lo wawungaphansi komshuwalense, inhlanganiso yomshuwalense yangilobela *i-check*—njalo njengoba ungabe usucabanga—yilo elahlawulela indizamtshina yami. Indizamtshina leyo, *i-Piper Warrior*, kulula ukuyiphaphisa, njalo ngihlala ngiphapha ngayo nje ngizikholisela. Sonke isikhathi nxa ngiyiphaphisa, ngimangaliswa yikuthi kuhle kangakanani ukuphapha ngendizamtshina yami engayihlawulelayo. Lokhe ngilayo lanamuhla, isisiyabamba iminyaka engamatshumi amabili.

Noma kule indaba kwenzakala izinto ezimangalisayo, kangifuni kukutshiya ulomqondo ongayisiyo mayelana lokusebenza kwezinto. Izinto kaziveli zodwa njengakundatshana le. UNkulunkulu sengkukhokhela kwelinye ithuba lokwenza imali yokuthenga indizamtshina yakho, kumbe usungathola eyodwa ilentengo enhle kakhulu. Umqondo okumele ubelawo nxa uhlanyela eMbusweni yikuthi uNkulunkulu uzakutshengisa isivuno akuphe lendlela ozasithola ngayo. Into yesibili yikuhlala phakathi kokholo oluthuthukisiweyo

langokwanelisa kwakho. Sengibone abantu abacabanga ukuthi njengoba uNkulunkulu wabatshengisa indlela yokuhlawulela imota zabo sebengahlanyela njalo bayamukele izigidintathu zamadola. Kawulalo ukholo lwamadola ayizigidintathu! Qala lapho okhona usebenzise imithetho yoMbuso njalo wakhe ithemba lakho kumithetho yoMbuso lokwanelisa kwakho ukuba ubambe lokho uNkulunkulu akutshengisa khona.

Kodwa nanku umcijo engifuna uwubambe. Mina ngangibe ngumtshayeli wendizamtshina okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili ngingakathengi indizamtshina le. Ucabanga ukuthi imithetho yoMbuso yayisebenza iminyaka leyo engamatshumi amabili ingakedluli? Yebo yayisebenza. Inzwisiso yami, kumbe ngingathi ukusweleka kwenzwisiso kimi, kwavimba ukuba ngibe lombono wokuba ngumnini wendizamtshina.

Abantu sebone inyani ziphapha okweminyaka ezinkulungwane, umthetho wokuphakama wawusebenza ilanga libalele nsuku zonke abantu bekhangela, kodwa akakho owayewubona. Yikuyini ongakuboniyo? Kucabange.

Omune uMbhalo engawufundiswa nguNkulunkulu kunsuku zakuqala mayelana lokuphumula phakathi kwenzuzo yoMbuso utholakala kuZaga 10:22.

*Isibusiso sikaThixo siletha inotho, leyonotho
ingabi lahlupho.*

— Izaga 10:22

UMbhalo lo ubuyela kuMbhalo kanye lesimiso esiku Genesisi 3:17 engike ngaloba ngaye.

*Uqalekisiwe umhlabathi ngenxa yakho, ngokusebenza nzima
uzakudla okuphuma kuwo zonke insuku zokuyiphila kwakho.
Uzamila ameva lezihlahlakazana zameva azahlaba wena, njalo
uzakudla izihlahla zeganga. Ngezithukuthuku zebunzi lakho
uzakudla ukudla kwakho ze ubuyele emhlabathini.*

— UGenesisi 3:17-19

U-Adamu walahlekelwa nguMbuso, walahlekelwa yikwabelwa nguMbuso wasala eseziphilisa ngamandla akhe. Kodwa njengoba mina lawe sesikwazi, ngeke senze okunengi sisebenza gadalala ngezithukuthuku ukuze sifike kunkululeko esiyilangazelelayo. Kodwa nansi indaba emnandi!!!! UJesu weza ukuzatshumayela izindaba ezinhle kwabampofu!

*UMoya weNkosi Yobukhosi uphezu kwami, ngoba iNkosi
ingigcobile ukuthi ngitshumayele izindaba ezinhle kwabampofu.*

— U-Isaya 61:1

UJesu wayethunywe ukuyatshumayela izindaba ezinhle kwabampofu. Zaziyini indaba ezinhle kwabampofu? Kulula, ukuthi bangaqhubeki bebotshwe yikuswela lokudubeka kusiqa-
lekiso somhlaba esokwabelwa. Kholwa mina uma ngisithi, ngemva kokuphila—kumbe ngithi ngemva kokuziphilisa—okweminyaka eyisitshiyagalolunye ngingelalutho ngaphandle kwezikwelede lokukhathazeka, uMbhalo lo wawuyindaba enhle, khepha wawungidida. Wawusitsho ngempela lokho owawukutsho, ukuthi isibusiso seNkosi ngezinye indlela saletha inotho empilweni yethu? Ngangidinga ukwazi ukuqiniseka kwalokhu besengithola indela yokukusebenzisa. Into eyodwa engangiyizwisisa, yebo ke,

yikuthi isiqalekiso sokusebenza gadalala ngezithukuthuku sasiletha ukwabelwa okwanela ukuziphilisa nje—kodwa ukuziphilisa kwakunganeli. Akula owayefuna ukuphunyuka kulesi isithiyo ukwedlula mina, kodwa ngangingazi ukuthi ngangingakwenza njani empilweni yami. Ngicabanga ukuthi le yiyo indlela amaKhristu amanengi aphila ngayo—ukufunda izithembiso zikaNkulunkulu kodwa bengazi ukuthi bazisebenzise njani zibonakale lapha empilweni zabo.

Ngathi ngiqala ukufunda iNkosi ingikhokhela kulwazi lwami lwezimiso zoMbuso, ngafunda ukuthi u-Abhrahama wayeyisnothi. Mana! Kanti isiqalekiso somhlaba ke; wayesinqobe njani?

*U-Abhrama wayesenothile kakhulu ngezifuyo
langesiliva legolide.*

— UGenesisi 13:2

Wayesenothile—hatshi, iBhayibhili lithi wayesenothile kakhulu—njani kodwa? “Angithi,” usungaphendula, “yena wayengu Abhrahama.” Hatshi akukho njalo, lapha ke yikho okumele ubambe khona inzwisiso yakho yomthetho woMbuso. Imithetho kayilandaba lokuthi ungubani. Kayihloniphi muntu. Nxa omunye umuntu, noma ngubani, angeqa esuka phezulu kwe Empire State Building engela *parachute*, noma emkhulu kumbe emncane okungakanani, impumela sonke siyazi ukuthi yayiyakuba ngenjani. Umthetho wamandla adonsela izinto phansi uzahlala usebenza sonke isikhathi. Ngakho u-Abhrahama waphumelela njani phakathi kwesiqalekiso somhlaba? Kukhona yini imikhondo kundaba yakhe esingayithola? Ingxenywe yempendulo singayithola emuva kuGenesisi 12. Lapho, uNkulunkulu wanikeza u-Abhrama,

owayezakuba ngu-Abhrahama, isithembiso mayelana lempilo yakhe lezizukulwane zakhe.

INkosi yathi ku-Abhrama, “Suka elizweni lakini, lebantwini bakini lasendlini kayihlo uye elizweni engizakutshengisa lona. Ngizakwenza ube yisizwe esikhulu njalo ngizakubusisa; ngizakwenza ibizo lakho libe likhulu, njalo uzakuba yisibusiso. Ngizababusisa labo abakubusisayo, lalowo okuqalekisayo ngizamqalekisa; njalo bonke abantu emhlabeni bazakubusiswa ngawe.”

— UGenesisi 12:1-3

Isithembiso lesi sasiyakwenzakala kuphela nxa u-Abhrahama emkholwa uNkulunkulu njalo emlalela, njalo kwathatha ukholo olukhulu ukutshiya indawo ayijayeleyo engakwazi lapho ayesiya khona.

Ngokukholwa u-Abhrahama, esebizelwe ukuba aye endaweni ayezayamukela muva njengelifa lakhe, walalela wahamba, lanxa wayengakwazi lapho ayesiya khona.

— KumaHebheru 11:8

Ngakho sithola ukuthi uNkulunkulu wathola indlela esemthethweni yokungena emhlabeni ngomuntu owamkholwayo noma kwakunzima ukukholwa. Ukholo luka-Abhrahama lwenza uNkulunkulu ayanelise ukumbusisa yena mathupha. Kodwa phambili, ngenxa yokukholwa kuka-Abhrahama, uNkulunkulu wayezakwenza isivumelwano laye mayelana lendlalifa zakhe. Ungakuboni sengathi kutshekile lokhu. Khumbula, yiyo indlela eyasetshenziswa nguSathane ukungena emhlabeni ekuqaleni. U-Adamu, owayelamandla okubusa okusemthethweni phezu

komhlaba, njengokulotshwe kumaHebheru 2:7-8, wakhetha ukukholwa uSathane kulokukholwa uNkulunkulu.

Ukholo luka-Abhrahama, oluyilo olwavula umnyango osemthethweni owokuba izulu lifinyelele impilo yakhe, lwamvumela ukuba aphumelele ngendlela enkulu. Ukuphumelela lokhu kwagelezela kuzo zonke indlalifa zika-Abhrahama. Ngathi ngifundisisa, ngaqhubeka ngaze ngabala ngoJosefa, umzukulu ka-Abhrahama. Ngathola umfanekiso omkhulu kanye lenzwisiso yoMbuso lendlela zawo, kahle kahle, lokho okutshiwo yiZaga 10:22.

Kahle ngihlele inkundla, abafowabo bakaJosefa babemzonda baze bamthengisa ukuba abe yisigqili kubathengi bezigqili ababehlala behamba kuleyo ndawo. Bathatha uJosefa bamusa eGibhithe, lapho ayezathengiswa khona kuPhothifa, owayeyindunankulu yebutho laseGibhithe. Kukulawa amazwi alandelayo engathola khona ingcazelo yokuphumelela kuka-Abhrahama ngendlela enkulu kangaka.

UJosefa wathathwa wasiwa eGibhithe. UPhothifa, waseGibhithe owayengomunye wezikhulu zikaFaro, eyindunankulu yabalindi, wamthenga kuma-Ishumayeli abayibo abamletha khona. UThixo wayelaye uJosefa njalo waphumelela, wahlala endlini yenkosi yakhe umGibhithe. Kwathi inkosi yakhe ikubona ukuthi uThixo wayelaye lokuthi uThixo wamphumelelisa kukho konke ayekwenza, uJosefa wasethandeka kuye wasesiba yinceku yakhe.

UPhothifa wasembeka ukuba ngumphathi womuzi wakhe, kwathi konke ayelakho wakubeka ezandleni zakhe. Kusukela ngesikhathi embeka ukuba ngumphathi womuzi wakhe lakho konke okwakungokwakhe, uThixo wawubusisa umuzi womGibhithe ngenxa kaJosefa. ISIBUSISO SIKATHIXO

*SABA PHEZU KWAKHO KONKE UPHOTHIFA
AYELAKHO, LOBA KUSENDLINI LOBA KUSENSI-
MINI. Ngakho watshiya konke okwakhe ezandleni zikaJosefa;
kwathi ngoba uJosefa enguye ophetheyo, wakhohlwa ngakho
konke ngaphandle kokudla ayekudla.*

— UGenesisi 39:1-6

Amazwi la atsho ecaca ukuthi yiSibusiso seNkosi esenza uJosefa waphumelela. Kodwa sasiyini kumbe siyini iSibusiso seNkosi? Ngananzelela ukuthi yiso “kanye” iSibusiso seNkosi, hatshi iSibusiso seNkosi “nje.” Sonke sesingatsho lokhu mayelana lento enhle sithi “kwakuyisibusiso nje.” Kodwa amazwi la awakhulumi ngento ejwayelekileyo, enhle eyenzakalayo. Kodwa akhuluma “NgeSibusiso Sona Kanye.”

Ngananzelela ukuthi iSibusiso seNkosi yiso, ngempela, esasiy- isivumelwano phakathi kukaNkulunkulu lo-Abhrahama lendlalifa zakhe. ISibusiso kwakuyizethembiso ezazinikezwe u-Abhrahama kuleso sivumelwano. Isivumelwano somthetho simumethe phakathi kwaso lokho okumele kwenziwe yilabo abangena kuso, kodwa siphinda silobe inzuzo eya komunye lomunye wabo. Kule indaba, izithembiso ezanikezwa u-Abhrahama yizo ezaziinzuzo yakhe kulesi sivumelwano. Okwakumele akwenze, ukuba akholise inzuzo le, kwakuyikulandela imilayo lemithetho yeNkosi. Ngaphinda ngabona ngokucacileyo ukuthi lokho uJosefa ayekuletha ngaphansi kwamandla akhe okubusa kwakusiba phakathi kwalezo zethembiso kumbe kwaleyo inzuzo.

Lapho ke incwadi yeZaga 10:22 yayisizwakala kimi. Izethembiso zikaNkulunkulu ezanikezwa u-Abhrahama njengesivumelwano

somthetho zakhulela indlela yesiqalekiso somhlaba eyobumpofu. ISibusiso esaphiwa u-Abhrahama senza kwaba semthethweni ukuba uNkulunkulu ambusise u-Abhrahama lenzalo yakhe ngempumelelo lobukhulu uNkulunkulu ayekade efuna umuntu abelakho. Khathesi kasibale kuZaga 10:22 sesigoqela ukuzwisisa kwethu lokhu okutsha.

Isihluthulelo Esikhulu:

Isibusiso sikaThixo [izeThembiso Ezanikezwa u-Abhrahama] Siletha Inotho, Leyonotho Ingabi Lahlupho.

Umutsho othi “*ingabi lahlupho*” ukhuluma ngesiqalekiso somhlaba esikuGenesisi 3:17—ukusebenza gadalala ngezithukuthuku. Ibala lesiHebheru elitsho *uhlupho* litsho ukusebenza nzima! Uyakubona? Umuntu sengabalekela ukuvinjwa yisiqalekiso somhlaba esokusebenza gadalala ngezithukuthuku ngezethembiso ezanikezwa u-Abhrahama. O, ngiyazi osukucabanga—“Izethembiso lezo zanikezwa ku-Abhrahama kuphela lenzalo yakhe.” Yebo, kodwa kumele ngikutshengise omunye uMbhalo, KwabaseGalathiya 3:13-14.

UKhristu wasihlenga esiqalekisweni somthetho ngokuba yisiqalekiso ngenxa yethu, ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Uqalekisiwe umuntu wonke olengiswa esihlahleni.” “Wasihlenga ukuze isibusiso [izethembiso] esaphiwa u-Abhrahama sifike kwabeZizweni ngoKhristu uJesu, ukuze samukele isithembiso sikaMoya ngokukholwa.

— KwabaseGalathiya 3:13-14

Khathesi ngokholo, thina njengamakholwa kaJesu Khristu sesiphakathi kwesibusiso lesi esanikezwa u-Abhrahama. Ngakho siyini isibusiso esanikezwa u-Abhrahama? Singathola uluhlu lwezi-busiso kuDutheronomi 28.

Nxa limlalela ngokupheleleyo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu njalo lilandele yonke imilayo yakhe engilitshela yona lamuhla ngonanzelelo, uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzaliphakamisa libe phezu kwezizwe zonke emhlabeni. Lezizibusiso zonke zizakwehlela phezu kwenu zibe ngezenu nxa limlalela uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu:

Lizabusiwa edolobheni libusiwe futhi lemaphandleni. Inzalo yenu izabusiwa, lezithelo zomhlabathi wenu kanye lenzalo yezifuyo zenu—amathole emihlambi yenu kanye lamazinyane emihlambi yenu.

Kuzabusiwa isitsha senu kanye lomganu wenu wokuxovela izinkwa.

Uzabusiwa nxa ungena ubusiwe lanxa uphuma.

UThixo uzakwenza ukuthi izitha zakho ezikuvukelayo zinqotshwe phambi kwakho. Zizakulihlasela zivelela endleleni eyodwa, kodwa zizabaleka ngezindlela eziyisikhombisa.

UThixo uzakwehlisela isibusiso phezu kweziphala zenu, lakukho konke elizakwenza. UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzalibusisa elizweni lelo alinika lona.

UThixo uzalimisa njengabantu bakhe abangcwele, njen-gokulithembisa kwakhe ngesifungo, nxa lingacina imilayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu lihambe ngezindlela zakhe. Ngelokho bonke abantu emhlabeni bazabona ukuthi lina libizwa ngebizo likaThixo, balesabe. UThixo uzalenza liphu-melele kakhulu—enzalweni yenu, lenzalo yezifuyo zenu kanye

lezithelo zomhlabathi wenu—elizweni afunga ngalo kubokhokho benu ukuthi uzalinika lona.

UThixo uzavula amazulu, isiphala sakhe esiphuphumayo, ukuze anise izulu phezu kwelizwe lenu ngesikhathi salo njalo abusise yonke imisebenzi eliyenzayo. Lizakweboleka izizwe ezinengi kodwa lina lingeboleki lutho kuzo. UThixo uzalenza libe yinhloko, hatshi umsila. Nxa lizalalelisisa imilayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu engilinika yona lamuhla njalo liyilandele ngonanzelelo, lizahlala njalo liphezulu, lingabi ngaphansi lanini. Lingaphambuki loba lakuwuphi wemilayo engilinika yona lamuhla, lingaphambukeli kwesokunene loba kwesenxele, lilandela abanye onkulunkulu lokubakhonza.

— UDutheronomi 28:1-14

Izethembiso zonke lezi, noma zikuThestamende eNdala, sezingezakho ukuba uzikhwabithe. Umehluko yikuthi kuThestamende eNdala abantu babezithola ngalokho ababekwenza, kodwa thina sizithola ngokholo lwethu kuJesu Khristu ngaphansi kwesivumelwano esitsha. Mina lawe, ngengabeZizwe, sesingeniswe phakathi; ngakho khathesi, ngoJesu Khristu sesilesabelo kuSibusiso sika-Abhrahama. Kodwa silokungaphezu kwesibusiso sika-Abhrahama esibambekayo, silesibusiso sikamoya esokuzalwa kutsha. Sesilesibusiso esibambekayo esemhlabeni esika-Abhrahama, kodwa sesilesibusiso sezulwini esinaphakade kunye loMoya oNgcwele ophila ngaphakathi kwethu njengamadodana lamadodakazi kaNkulunkulu. Khumbula, ngamadodana lamadodakazi kuphela athola ilifa; hatshi izigqili. Kungekho ukuzalwa kutsha, noma u-Abhrahama wayemthanda uNkulunkulu, uMoya wayengekho

ngaphakathi kwakhe, njalo wayengeke angene ezulwini. Yebo ke, yena wathola izulu lapho uJesu esehlawulele isikwelede sesono.

Khathesi ngasengizwisisa okwakutshiwo kuzaga 10:22 lapho kuthiwa uNkulunkulu uletha inotho njalo ingabi lahlupho. *Uhlupho* ngolimi lwesiHebheru lutsho ukusebenza nzima, engasengizwisisa khathesi ukuthi yisiqalekiso somhlaba esokusebenza gadalala ngezithukuthuku. Ngazwisisa ukuthi isivumelwano lesi, isibusiso lesi esesithembiso sosizo lukaNkulunkiulu lenzuzo Yakhe, saphakamisela u-Abrahama phezu kwesiqalekiso somhlaba waphumelela. Ngananzelela ukuthi inzuzo yesibusiso leso njengokulotshwe kuDutheronomi 28, yayitshengisa mina ukuthi kwakumele ngiphumelele. Impumela yezethembiso lezi yayiyikuthi kwakumele ngibe yinhloko hatshi umsila, kwakumele ngibolekise hatshi ukweboleka. Leli lilungelo elisemthethweni kuwo wonke umntwana kaNkulunkulu. NjengoJosefa, ngilesibusiso sikaNkulunkulu, njalo kumele ngiphumelele. Ngilelifa futhi eloMbuso wonke kaNkulunkulu. Njengendodana, konke sokungokwami ngokomthetho.

Ngathi ngikhangela kundaba kaJosefa kuGenesisi 39, ngabona icaca ukuthi yikuphumelela kukaJosefa okwakhanga uPhothifa, njalo yikuphumelela okwakumgeke okwakhanga izizwe zomhlaba ukuba zibone umahluko kubantu bakaNkulunkulu.

Ngalokho bonke abantu emhlabeni bazabona ukuthi lina libizwa ngebizo likaThixo, balesabe. UThixo uzalenza liphumelele kakhulu—enzalweni yenu, lenzalo yezifuyo zenu kanye lezithelo zomhlabathi wenu—elizweni afunga ngalo kubokhokho benu ukuthi uzalinika lona.

— UDutheronomi 28:10-11

Kwakulolunye uphawu kuGenesisi 39:6 engalubonayo lawe engifisa ukuba ulubone. Lapho kukhulunywa ngoPhothifa, kuthiwa, “*Ngakho watshiya konke okwakhe ezandleni zikaJosefa; kwathi ngoba uJosefa enguye ophetheyo, wakhohlwa [kazange azihluphe] ngakho konke ngaphandle kokudla ayekudla.*” Ngakubona! Nanku ukuphumula esikhuluma ngakho. UPhothifa kazange azihluphe ngakho konke ngaphandle kokudla ayekudla. Lokhu kutsho ukuthi impumelelo eyalethwa nguJosefa endlini yakhe, iSibusiso seNkosi, saletha impumela eyavumela ukuthi uPhothifa akhangele umsebenzi wakhe hatshi ukuzihlupha ngokuziphilisa!

Mina loDrenda silomutsho esesiwukhulume okweminyaka, “Ngaphandle uze ulungise udaba lwemali, kawusoze uthole ubizo lwakho,” njalo kawusoze uthole lokho oyikho khona ngempela. Kawusoze uthole isikhala okumele usigcwalise, lokho otshiseka ngakho, futhi kawusoze uthole ukusuthiseka kweqiniso. Uzabe usenza zonke izinqumo ngenxa yokufuna ukuziphilisa, uhlala njalo udinga kumbe ugodla imali, ube ngumuntu ongasuye ukuze uthole i-*check* yemali. Lapha sithola impumela yeSibusiso seNkosi kuPhothifa, owayengazi lutho mayelana loMbuso kaNkulunkulu. Ngokufaka impahla yakhe ngaphansi kukaJosefa, ingcebo yakhe, konke ayengakukhathalela kwasokubekwe ngaphansi kwesivumelwano esasiphethwe nguJosefa. Ukubekwa lokhu kuyakhanya ngendlela ecacayo kundima 5 yesahluko 39.

Kusukela ngesikhathi embeka ukuba ngumphathi womuzi wakhe lakho konke okwakungokwakhe, uThixo wawubusisa umuzi womGibhithe ngenxa kaJosefa. Isibusiso sikaThixo

*saba phezu kwakho konke uPhothifa ayelakho, loba kusendlini
loba kusensimini.*

— UGenesisi 39:5

Lapha futhi sibona ukususwa kolutho olusemhlabeni, olungaphansi kwesiqalekiso somhlaba, lubekwa ngaphansi kwamandla okubusa awoMbuso kaNkulunkulu besokusenzakala inguquko enkulu. Kasikukhangele: Nxa uNkulunkulu ekusiza ngenkalipho Yakhe, ekuqondisa ukuba wenze izinqumo eziqondileyo, ekuxwayisa lapho ongakhubeka khona uwe, noma ngubani sengaphumelela. Usukubona? ISibusiso seNkosi ngesakho!

Lapho ngifunda lokhu iNkosi ingifundisa ngoMbuso, ngadideka ukuba kungani uJosefa wayelempumelelo enkulu ngenxa yesibusiso, khepha amaKhristu amanengi engiwaziyo namuhla athwala nzima ukuhlawulela izinto. Ukukhululwa okupheleleyo kwezizimali yinto inengi elibona ingeke yenzakale. Khepha, thina silesivumelwano esingcono esisekelwa yizethembiso ezingcono kulalezo ezeThestamende eNdala. Noma ngangizwisisa iSibusiso seNkosi, ngangilokhu ngingazi ukuthi isibusiso sasiletha njani impendulo engangizidinga —kodwa ngangifunda njalo sengikhwabitha inkululeko enengi lapho ngiqala ukusebenzisa lokho uNkulunkulu ayengifundisa khona.

Ngazotshibilikela kuThestamende eNtsha ngakhangela uJesu lenkonzo Yakhe ukuze ngifunde okunye mayelana lendlela uMbuso kaNkulunkulu owawuguqula ngayo izehlakalo lezimo lapho.

*Ngelinye ilanga uJesu emi eduze kweChibi laseGenezaretha
abantu beminyezelana kuye belalela ilizwi likaNkulunkulu,
wabona ekhunjini lechibi izikepe ezimbili zitshiywe khonapho*

ngabagoli benhlanzi ababegezisa omambule babo. Wangena kwesinye isikepe esasingesikaSimoni, wamcela ukuthi akathi gudlu asuke kancane okhunjini. Wasehlala phansi wafundisa abantu ehlezi esikepeni.

Eseqedile ukukhuluma, wathi kuSimoni, “Gwedla ungene enzikini uphosele omambule bakho ukuze ubambe inhlanzi.” USimoni waphendula wathi, “Nkosi, sisebenze gadalala ubusuku bonke, kodwa kasibambanga lutho. Kodwa njengoba usitsho njalo ngizabehlisa omambule.”

Kwathi sebenze njalo babamba inhlanzi ezaba zinengi kwaze kwaqalisa ukudabuka omambule. Basebebiza abakhula babo kwesinye isikepe ukuthi bazobelekelela. Beza abakhula babo kwesinye isikepe ukuthi bazobelekelela. Beza bazigcwalisa zombili izikepe zathi phamu zaze zaqalisa ukutshona.

Kwathi uSimoni Phethro ekubona lokhu wazilahla phansi phambi kukaJesu wathi, “Suka kimi, Nkosi; ngingumuntu oyisoni!” Ngoba yena labakhula bakhe babemangele ngenhlanzi ababezibambile, kwamangalisa njalo uJakhobe loJohane amadodana kaZebhediya, ababe phathisana loSimoni.

UJesu wasesithi kuSimoni, “Ungesabi; kusukela manje usuzagola abantu.” Basebedonsela izikepe zabo okhunjini batshiya konke bamlandela.

— ULukha 5:1-11

Nansi indaba etshengisa indlela uMbuso wezulu owaphendulela ngayo isiqalekiso somhlaba empilweni zabagoli benhlanzi abathathu ngelinye ilanga kusisa. Ungafunda amazwi lawa, uzathola ukuthi uPhethro, loJakhobe, loJohane babezame ukugola ubusuku bonke kodwa behluleka ukubamba ulutho, ngitsho oluncane. Lokhu kufana kanye lindlela yesiqalekiso somhlaba eyokusebenza gadalala

ngezithukuthuku, baqeda ubusuku bengela lutho olwalutshengisa lokuthi babesebenze nzima. Kodwa uJesu lapho ethinta uMbuso kaNkulunkulu lokusebenza kwawo, abagoli abafanayo bacine begole inhlanzi ezinengi okokuthi izikepe zabo zaphosa zatshona!

Mana!!!! Kasicabange ngalokhu esisanda kukubala. Okwakungela lutho, ukusweleka kwenhlanzi, kwacina sokuyisuvuno esaphosa sacwilisa izikepe ezimbili? Khepha abantu bafunda indaba le njalo sebeyifunde okweminyaka engamakhulu kodwa kabakuboni kumbe bakucabange ukuthi lokhu kungabenzakalela labo. Kungani? Impendulo ejwayelekileyo yikuthi njengoba uJesu wayelapho kutsho ukuthi Nguye owakwenzayo. Khumbula indaba engikutshengise yona kuMakho 6 lapho uJesu esehluleka ukusilisa abantu ngoba babengela kholo, okwakusenza, uMbuso ungabi lamandla okubusa? Kulomuntu okwakumele anikeze izulu imvumo yokubusa izulu lingakenzi lutho kulesi sehlakalo.

USimoni waphendula wathi, “Nkosi, sisebenze gadalala ubusuku bonke, kodwa kasibambanga lutho. Kodwa njengoba usitsho njalo ngizabehlisa omambule.”

UPhethro wangena kusivumelwano lezulu, ngakho izulu lasel- ilokufinyelela okusemthethweni kule indaba. Futhi, sibona umhlaba uguqulwa nguMbuso kaNkulunkulu. Ngumsangano angithi, kufana labantu asebebukele inyani ziphapha okweminyaka ezinku- lungwane kodwa bengananzeleli ukuthi labo bayanelisa ukuphapha ngakho kabazange bakulandelele. Anjalo amaKhristu namuhla, kawananzeleli ukuthi akumelanga ahlupheke ngomambule ongela lutho kodwa kumele afinyelele emandleni ezulu ukuze abasize baphumelele empilweni. Into engifuna uyibone lapha yikuthi

ngabantu abafanayo ababeke baswela inhlanzi abacina sebelezikepe ezimbili ezasezifuna ukucwila!

Mngane wami, umehluko nguMbuso, hatshi abantu. Usung-acabanga ukuthi awulalo ikusasa, uhlala uswela, kungekho okusebenzayo. Kodwa eqinisweni, okudingayo kuphela nguMbuso kaNkulunkulu ukuba uguqule impilo yakho ube yindaba yempumelelo. Yebo, kulendima okumele uyidlale lawe. Kwakumele bayethiya inhlanzi—kwakumele banakekele omambule babo, njalo kwakumele balungiselele ukugola—kodwa noma ngubani angabamba inhlanzi uma uNkulunkulu emtshengisa lapho ezikhona.

Lalela, isiqalekiso somhlaba esokugijima lokuphuma izithukuthuku ngeke senze ulutho. Ngeke ugijime kakhulu kangakanani kumbe okwesikhathi eside okungakanani ukuba ufeze amaphupho akho. UNkulunkulu kazange ahlele ukuthi wena ugwedle kanzima ngamandla akho ukuze wenze izinto zenzeke.

Ngokuthinta imithetho kunye lezethembiso zoMbuso kaNkulunkulu, siyenelisa ukuphapha kulokuhamba. Kahle ngikubeke ngendlela eyehlukeneyo. Noma umthetho wamandla adonsela izinto phansi ulokhe usebenza, sesingaphapha sisebenzisa omunye umthetho, umthetho wokuphakama, sikholise indlela yokuphila entsha.

Khumbula, nxa ungeza kuKhristu, usulilunga loMbuso kaNkulunkulu. Njengenzalo yalapho, usulamalungelo omthetho; njengendodana kumbe indodakazi, usulamalungelo okuthola ilifa. Amalungelo akho omthetho lenzuzo sokukubeke phezu kwesiqalekiso somhlaba esobumpofu, imikhuhlane, lokwehluleka.

Cabanga ukuthi indima le yayingazwakala njani kowase-Isirayeli owayekade eyisigqili impilo yakhe yonke. Eqinisweni, bona babesazi ubugqili kuphela njalo yibo bodwa ababengabukhumbula.

Lawa yiwo amazwi akhulunywa nguMosi kusizwe sako-Isirayeli lapho bephuma ukuyangena elizweni lesithembiso.

Kuzakuthi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu eselengenisa elizweni afunga ngalo kuboyihlo, u-Abhrahama, u-Isaka loJakhobe, ukulinika lona—ilizwe elilamadolobho amakhulu aphumelelayo kodwa ELINGAZAKHELANGA WONA, izindlu ezigcwele konke okuhle elingazange likuhluphekele, imithombo yamanzi elingazange liyigebhe, kanye lezivini lezi-hlahla zama-oliva elingazihlanyelanga—ukuze kuthi lingadla lisuthe, linanzelele ukuthi alimkhohlwa uThixo, yena owalikhupha eGibhithe [komunye umbuso] elizweni LOBUGQILI [umbuso wobugqili].

— UDutheronomi 6:10-12

Njengoba babeke baba yizigqili, indlela eyodwa ababesazi ukuthola ngayo ulutho yikusebenza gadalala ngezithukuthuku. Kodwa lapha uNkulunkulu wayebatshela ukuthi ukusebenza nzima kwakungasoze kubanikeze ababekudinga. Wayengatsho ukuthi babengasoze basebenze, kodwa wayesitsho ukuthi babengasoze babotshelwe kundlela ezidinga ukuba basebenze nzima ukuze baziphilise. UNkulunkulu uthi babezaphumelela elizweni yena ayebase kulo.

Kahle ngivale isahluko lesi ngeyinye indaba eyodwa efanekisa lokho engikutshoyo. Mina loDrenda kasithandi mota kangako. Abanye abantu bayazithanda, njalo bangakutshela ngazo zonke imota abazithandayo. Asazi ngasizatho bani, kodwa thina kasizange nje sibe lendaba lezimota. Ungaphambanisi ukungizwa. Siyazithanda izinto ezinhle, kodwa kasikaze nje zitsho ukuthi

kumele sibe lemota enjani. Sandise ukuthenga imota siphile layo okweminyaka elitshumi kusiya. Yebo ke, sizigcina kuhle imota zethu ngakho kazikhanyi lokuthi sezindala, kuphela nxa zibukeka njalo zihamba kahle, siyabe sijabula.

Kodwa kuminyaka emilutshwane edlulileyo, ibandla lethu laqhatsha ama-*Escalade* ambalwa ngenxa yomhlangano esasiwuphatha. Sasiwaqhatshela ukubh-
odisa izivakatshi zethu, njalo lokho sasifuna ukukwenza ngemota enhle. Khathesi, sasingaqali ukukwenza lokho. Sihlezi sikwenza. Kodwa sasiqala ukutshayela uhlobo lolu lwemota eyayilande umhlangano kule indawo. Kangazi ukuthi kungani sakhetha ukuyitshayela kulo umhlangano, kodwa sahamba layo ngekhaya kusihlwa. Uyazi kwabanjani? Sayithanda. Mina loDrenda sathanda indlela eyayihamba ngayo lokubukeka kwayo.

Ngaleso sikhathi, sasihamba nge *Honda Pilot* enhle, kodwa i-*Escalade* yayiphezulu kwe *Pilot* ngempela. Yayingeyohlobo lombala wobuhlalu be-*platinum* obumhlophe njalo yayingemfitshane. Nxa usazi ngama-*Escalade* lawa, uyazi ukuthi alungiswa eyimihlobo emibili, ende lemfithane. Sasithanda emfitshane ngcono ngoba yayingani yenza ngcono, ilula ukutshedisa. Ngathi ngilokhu ngitshayela i-*Escalade* ngiloDrenda yena wathi, “Uyazi, ngiyayithanda le; ngicabanga ukuthi kumele sizitholele eyethu.” Ngavuma. “Kumele sithole eyethu efana lale xathu, emfitshane elombala omhlophe okobuhlalu.” Sonke savumelana.

**OKUDINGAYO
KUPHELA NGUMBUSO
KANKULUNKULU UKUBA
UGUQULE IMPILO
YAKHO UBE YINDABA
YEMPUMELELO. YEBO,
KULENDIMA OKUMELE
UYIDLALE LAWE.**

Noma singazange sitshele muntu ngengxoxo yethu, ngemva kwenyanga eyodwa, ngathi ngihamba phandle ukuyathatha iphephandaba, umakhala ekhukhwini wami wakhala. Ngalinanzelela ilizwi njengelomunye esasingena laye inkonzo. Yena wathi, “Sakubona,” wasesithi wayefuna ukungithengela i-*Escalade*. Ngamangala okomzuzu ngasengisithi, “Kuhle!” Wasengibuza umbala engangi-wufuna, ngamtshela ukuthi sasithanda emhlophe okobuhlalu. Wasesithi, “Ngizakuthinta nxa sengiyitholile.” Kazange abuze ukuthi ngangifuna emfitshane kumbe ende, kwabanjalo. Kwadlula inyanga eyodwa ngacabanga ukuthi mhlawumbe wayesekhohlwe ngayo imota, kodwa ngeqiniso, wasitshayela ucingo wasitshela ukuba size, wayeselayo i-*Escalade* ngakho sasesingayilanda.

Sathi sihlengana laye, sayibona inhle ilombala wobuhlalu obumhlophe, i-*Escalade* emfitshane imi laphaya. Yayinhle ngazo zonke indlela, ingadletshwanga, inhle okwangempela. Samtshela ukuthi sasiyithanda. Wasixolisa, esithi wayethethe isikhathi eside ngoba wayezama ukusitholela ende yakhona, kodwa wayelokhu ethola yonale emfitshane. Sahleka sathi, “Emfitshane yiyo ebesikade siyifuna.” Satshayela saya layo ngekhaya sicabanga ukuthi yithi sodwa abantu ababenothile emhlabeni ngenxa yokutshayela leyo mota. Kodwa uyazi ukuthini? Ama-*Escalade* lawa kade abakhona. Ngangingazake nje ngicabange ngokuba layo engeyami! Ukuze uzwisise indaba le okupheleleyo, kumele ubekwazi ukuthi senganikela imota eziyisitshiyagalombili mandulo, ngakho ngangilembewu emhlabathini eyezimota. Yikuthi ngangingazake ngithi ngiyayifuna.

P.S. – Ngizazi ukuthi ucabangani, ukuthi izinto ezifana lalezi zenzakala kubafundisi kuphela. Kodwa, mina sengisebenze kwezezimali okweminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lasithupha ngakhuluma labafundisi abanengi. Iqiniso yikuthi, inengi labo

liphilela ukudinga imali eyanela elamhlalokho kuphela. Hatshi, izinto lezi kazilani lokuthi sitshumayela ngoMbuso, kodwa zenzakala ngoba siphila eMbusweni njalo sisebenzisa imithetho yoMbuso empilweni zethu. Eqinisweni, mina ngaphuma esikweledeni ngingakaqali lebandla lami. Kangizange ngidinge ukuqala ibandla ukuze ngithole umsebenzi wokubhadala inhlawulo zami, ngiyatsho nje. Ngaqala ibandla lami ukuba ngitshale abantu ngalokho mina loDrenda esasikutholile—indaba ezinhle ezoMbuso.

ISAHLUKO 6

IMPILO ISIPHATHELE OKUNENGI UKWEDLULA UKUHLAWULELA IMITHELO!

Kwakhanya kuyisikhathi esifitshane esokuba ngiphumule phakathi kwesivunguvungu sempilo engangikhangelane laso. Sasimeme abantu ababengaba ngamatshumi amahlanu endlini yethu yemapulazini endala emini ukuzekholisa ukuwotha umlilo, ukudla ama *hotdogs*, lokuyanana. Kwakuphakathi kweminyaka yenkathazo enkulu singela mali, sidonsa nzima nje ukuba siziphilise okweyinye iviki elandelayo. Ngangilukhangelele lolo suku njengoba imizwa yami yayikhathale ngakho ngangifuna olunye ulutho oluhle engangingalulangazelela. Intambama yalolo suku yaba ngenhle kakhulu: ukudla kwakumnandi, abangane bethu beza labantwana babo, bonke baba lesikhathi esihle. Indlu yayigcwele abantu kwasokusiba lokuqoqoda emnyango. Ngacabanga ukuthi mhlawumbe ngomunye owayephuze ukufika embuthanweni wethu, kodwa ngathi ngivula umnyango, ngabingelelwa yisisebenzi senhlanganiso yamagetsi. Yena watsho ngesihle ukuthi wayelande

ukuzocitsha amagetsi ngenxa yokuthi ayengahlawulelwanga. Ngayethuka. Indlu yami yayilezivakatshi ngakho amagetsi ngangiwadinga, kasisakhulumi nje ngokuyangeka engangiyakuba lakho.

Ngaphangisa ngacela isisebenzi lesi ukuthi sisuke eduzane kwendlu sitshedele ngemva kwayo kancane. Ngambuza ukuthi kwakudingakalani ukuba ngigcine izibane zikhanyisa endlini wanginikeza inani lemali. “Inengi kakhulu,” ngacabanga. “Ungangehlisela na kancane?” Wacabangisisa okomzuzu wasenginikeza inombolo encane mbijana. “Ungabamba na *i-check* leli kuze kube ngoLwesibili ungakalihambisi ebhanga?” ngamcela. Yena wathi, “Akula nkinga,” ngabhala *i-check* ngamnikeza. KwakungoLwesihlanu futhi kwakungelamali kuleso siphala sami sebhanga, futhi ngangingazi ukuthi uLwesibili lungakafiki, ngangiyabe sengiyithethe ngaphi, kodwa kungcono ngoba saba lamagetsi impelaviki yonke. Kangikhumbuli engakwenza ngoLwesibili, kodwa ngicabanga ukuthi kulolutho engaluthatha ngayaluthengisa.

Lolu kwakulusuku olulodwa empilweni yethu siphila phakathi kwengxabangxosa yemali. Khathesi cabanga ukuphila ngale indlela okweminyaka eyisitshiyagalolunye! Ukuphila ngaphansi kokukhathazeka kohlobo lolu kumisa yonke imibono njalo kucitsha yonke injabulo engalethwa lusuku. Wonke umnakano ngowokuca-banga indlela yokuziphilisa, lalapho okuzatholakala khona imali yokuhlawulela umthelo olandelayo. Ngingabe ngasebenzisa imali enengi na kuviki eyedlulileyo? Kumele ngithwale na *i-calculator* yami nxa ngisiyathenga ukuze ngibe leqiniso lokuthi kangedlulisi? Isikhathi sonke kuyabe kucatshangwa ngendlela yokwenza ulutho ngemali ephansi. Mngane, lokho kayisikho kuphila! Khangela ukuthi kuMathewu 6:25 kuthiwani.

Ngakho ngiyalitshela ukuthi lingakhathazeki ngokuphila kwenu, ukuthi lizakudlani loba lizanathani; kumbe ngemizimba yenu, ukuthi lizagqokani. Impilo kayiqakathekanga ukwedlula ukudla na, lomzimba ukwedlula izigqoko na?

— UMathewu 6:25

UJesu uthi izinto zempilo kayisizo impilo! Konke okulapha empilweni ngokokusekela impilo, injongo yethu. Kodwa njengoba u-Adamu walahlekelwa yikwabelwa nguMbuso, impilo yagonqoma ngakho khathesi konke okusekela impilo sokuqakathekile kulempilo ngokwayo. Abantu kabakwazi ukuthi impilo iyini futhi kabazazi bona ukuthi bangobani. Buza noma ngubani ukuthi yena ungubani uzezwa ekutshela ngalokho akwenzayo. “Mina ngingumongi, mina nginguMphathi wezindlu,” njalo njalo. Hatshi, kayisikho lokho oyikho khona; lokho yikho okwenzayo. Umuntu selahlekelwe ngamaphupho akhe. Engikutshoyo yikuthi umuntu usephupa ngokwenza imali enengi kodwa selahlekelwa liphupho lenjongo. Ngamanye amazwi, noma yini okuletha imali enengi kuba yilo iphupho. Kodwa ke, ngenxa yokuthi wonke umuntu wadalwa ngendlela eyehlukeneyo wanikezwa ukwanelisa kanye lamathalenta aqonde yena, uthola esesebenza kumbe esenza umsebenzi ongelani lalokho atshiseka ngakho. Impilo icina isiba ngende, amaviki ekhanya edonsa njalo ethatha isikhathi eside kulindelwe impelaviki, kumbe impilo ekhanya idonsa ithatha isikhathi eside kulindelwe umhlala phansi.

Ngakho kahle ngibuze umbuzo. Ngabe wawungelaso isidingo semali, ulemali enengi okokuthi wawungeke uyiqede empilweni yakho, wawuyakwenzani? Wawuyakwenza okwehlukene lalokho

okwenza khathesi. Njengoba ngike ngatsho, ngiyazi ngezinombolo ukuthi i-70% yabantu base America, bathi bebuzwa ukuthi bayawuthanda na umsebenzi wabo, bonke bathi kabawuthandi. Ngifuna uzwisise ukuthi ukugijimisa inotho lokhu, ukucindezelwa ukuba usebenze, ukuhlala ukhathazeka ngekusasa akusilo okwaku-luhlelo lukaNkulunkulu ekuqaleni.

Ngakho uNkulunkulu wadala umuntu ngomfanekiso wakhe, ngomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu wabadala; owesilisa lowesifazane. UNkulunkulu wababusisa wathi kubo, “Zalananani lande ngobunengi; liwugcwalise umhlaba liwubuse. Busani phezu kwenhlanzi zolwandle lezinyoni zemkhathini laphezu kwezidalwa zonke ezihambayo emhlabathini.”

UNkulunkulu wasesithi, “Ngilinika zonke izihlahla ezithela intanga ezisemhlabeni wonke lazozonke izihlahla ezilezithelo ezilentanga phakathi. Zingezenu ukuba lizidle. Njalo nginika zonke izihlahla eziluhlaza kuzozonke izinyamazana zomhlaba lakuzo zonke izinyoni zemkhathini lakuzo zonke izidalwa ezihambayo emhlabathini—yonke into ephfumula impilo phakathi kwayo—ukuba zibe yikudla kwazo.” Kwabanjalo.

UNkulunkulu wakubona konke lokho ayesekwenzile, njalo kwakukuhle kakhulu. Kwabakhona ukuhlwa lokusa—usuku lwesithupha.

— UGenesisi 1:27-31

Umuntu wadalwa ngosuku lwesithupha olokudalwa—ekucineni kosuku lwesithupha, kahlekahle. Yena wadalwa ekucineni kosuku lwesithupha ngoba wadalelwa ukuthi ahlale loNkulunkulu ngosuku lwesikhombisa, usuku esilwazi njengosuku lwesikhombisa.

Kanjalo amazulu lomhlaba kwapheleliswa ngakho konke ukuhlotsiswa okukhulu. Ngosuku lwesikhombisa uNkulunkulu wayesewuqedile umsebenzi ayewenza; ngakho wasephumula kuwo wonke umsebenzi wakhe. Njalo uNkulunkulu walubusisa usuku lwesikhombisa walwenza lwaba ngcwele ngoba waphumula kuwo wonke umsebenzi wokudala lokho ayeseqenzile.

— UGenesisi 2:1-3

IBhayibhili lithi uNkulunkulu waphumula ngosuku lwesikhombisa. Wayengadinwanga! Wayeseqedile. Konke kwasokuphelelisiwe. Konke okwakungadingwa ngumuntu emhlabeni kwasokukhona ngesikhathi umuntu efika. Ukuthula! Umuntu wayeselento yonke ayengayidinga. Kwakungelasizatho sokukhathazeka ngenhlawulo, inkathazo zokugula. Wayelomzimba omuhle lonkosikazi omuhle. Okukodwa nje okwakumele bajonge kukho yikukhangelana bobabili, ukukhangelana kuNkulunkulu, lomsebenzi wabo, kumbe injongo yabo. U-Adamu nguye owayephetha emhlabeni; wayebusa phezu kwawo ngamandla oMbuso kaNkulunkulu. Kodwa sesikwazi ukuthi indaba leyo yaphela njani. U-Adamu lo-Eva bavukela uMbuso kaNkulunkulu balahlekelwa yisikhundla sabo, ukwabelwa

**INOTHO IYASIKHANGA
NGOKUSITSHENGISA
SENGATHI EKGGINENI
IZASILETHELA UKUPHUMULA
—INDAWO LAPHO
ESINGAFIKA KHONA SIJONGE
KUPHELA KULOKHO ESIFUNA
UKUKWENZA, SIPHILE IMPILO
EZIGCWELE INJONGO HATSHI
UKUZIPHILISA.**

kwabo, lenjongo yabo. Injongo yabo yaba yikuziphilisa. Ukukhathazeka lokwesaba kwagodla imicabango yabo kanye lokuhlupheka kokuziphilisa. Njengokutshiwo kuGenesisi 3:17, kwakudinga ukusebenza gadalala ngezithukuthuku.

U-Adamu walahlekelwa lusuku lwesikhombisa!

Kwakungasela kuphumula khathesi, kwakungasela kuthula. Ukungapheliswa okumnyama kwasokugubuzele impilo yakhe, njalo u-Adamu kwasokumele agijime ukuba abalekele ubuze lobu. Umuntu usephile kulesi isimo sokungapheliswa kusekela lapho. Kodwa kwakulethemba. Umuntu esiwa, uNkulunkulu wamnikeza isikhumbuzo, singathi ngumfanekiso, owalokho Yena ayezakubuyisela kundalo Yakhe ngelinye ilanga. Kwakuthiwa yiSabatha. Ibala elithi *isabatha* litsho ukuphumula. Ilanga lesikhombisa lanikezwa umuntu njengosuku lweSabatha. Okwakudingeka ngeSabatha, njengoba usungacabanga, yikuthi kungabi lokusebenza; kwakungavunyelwa izithukuthuku lokusebenza gadalala. Kwakulusuku lapho umuntu okwakumele ame, akholise lemuli, akhonze uNkulunkulu. Konke ukwabelwa kwangeSabatha kwakumele kuphele iSabatha ingakaqalisi. Ukudla kwangeSabatha kwakumele kuphekwe ngosuku olungemuva. Kwakulusuku lokuphumula lulento yonke njalo izidingo zalo zonke zilungisiwe. Umuntu wayesenelisa ukuma acabange ngokunye hatshi ukuziphilisa.

Usuku lweSabatha lwaluyilokho, usuku. Kodwa umuntu kusukela lapho lokhe ephupha ngokuphumula. Indlela umuntu agijimisa ngayo inotho itshengisa ukuthi ulangazelela ukukhululeka empilweni yokusebenza gadalala ngezithukuthuku ebimenze isibotshwa impilo yonke. Inotho iyasikhanga ngokusitshengisa

sengathi ekugcineni izasilethela ukuphumula—indawo lapho esingafika khona sijonge kuphela kulokho esifuna ukukwenza, siphile impilo ezigcwele injongo hatshi ukuziphilisa.

Namuhla, iSabatha, usuku lwesikhombisa, noma lugcinwa ngoMgqibelo kumbe ngeSonto, kalusaphathwa ngembeko kusiko lethu. Yebo, abantu abanengi abaya enkonzweni bahamba ngeSonto ekuseni. Kodwa ungakhangela ngokupheleleyo, ngeke ulwehlukanise lolu usuku lezinye nje insuku zokuya emisebenzini. Ngisasengumntwana, konke kwakusima ngeSonto. Kwakungavumi ukuyathenga ngeSonto; ngitsho igasi yayingathengwa ngeSonto. Ubaba wayethenga igasi ngobusuku boMgqibelo ukuze abe lesiqiniseko sokuthi wayelakho konke ayekudinga ngeSonto. Nxa ungazi kuhle mina, uyazi ukuthi ngiyathanda ukuzingela, kodwa njengomzingeli, ngangingayizingela ngeSonto. Kwakungekho emthethweni ukuzingela ngeSonto. Abantu babegqoka impahla zabo ezinhle njalo babuthane badle isidlo santambama njengezimuli ngeSonto. Kodwa konke lokho sokwaguquka namuhla. Kodwa umfanekiso weSabatha awukaguquki.

Kodwa noma iSabatha lalilungiselelwa njani, noma ukudla kwemuli kwakukuhle okungakanani, uMvulo wawusiza. Umutsho othi “*Monday morning blues*” (Isidina sangoMvulo) ubanjani swa lokudonda sonke isikhathi. Ukuthi “kumele ngiye emsebenzini” lokuthi “kahle ngibuyele ngiyephanda” yimitsho eyayisetshe ziswa ukuchasisa ukusa kwangoMvulo. Ungama ucabangisise ngakho, kwakuphosa kuzwakale njengobugqili. Kodwa sibonga uNkulunkulu ngoLwesihlanu! Lanamhlanje, impelaviki leSabatha kuletha ukuphumula nje okufitshane kubantu abanengi. Kodwa ngokwesikhathi esifitshane nje besekusiza uMvulo lokuminyana kwakhe emigwaqweni.

Kwakungabanjani kubekhona indlela yokuphila impilo nsuku zonke sengathi yiSabatha. Kwakuyakuba mnandi okungakanani ngabe yayikhona sibili indlela yokuphila impilo singela kwesaba, silenzuzo egcweleyo, sigcwele injongo, sihlala endaweni yokuphumula! Mina loDrenda saphila impilo eyayigcwele ukuhlukuluzeka, ukwesaba, ukugula, lokungahlaliseki okweminyaka saze sathola ukuthi ukuphumula kweSabatha sasingabalakho impilo yethu yonke. Ngiqinisele!

Ngakho, kulokhu kukhona ukuphumula kweSabatha kwabantu bakaNkulunkulu; ngoba loba ngubani ongena ekuphumuleni kukaNkulunkulu uyaphumula lakowakhe umsebenzi njengokwenziwa nguNkulunkulu kowakhe. Ngakho-ke, kasenzeni imizamo yonke ukuba singene kulokho ukuphumula, ukuze angabikhona ozawiswa yikulandela isibonelo sakhe sokungalaleli.

— KumaHebheru 4:9-11

**KWAKUYAKUBA MNANDI
OKUNGAKANANI NGABE
YAYIKHONA SIBILI INDLELA
YOKUPHILA IMPILO
SINGELA KWESABA,
SILENZUZO EGCWELEYO,
SIGCWELE INJONGO,
SIHLALA ENDAWENI
YOKUPHUMULA!**

Mngane, le yiThestamende eNtsha. Kulokuphumula kweSabatha okungatholakala kubo bonke abantu bakaNkulunkulu namuhla. UMBhalo lo utsho ukuthi singangena ekuphumuleni kukaNkulunkulu siphumule eyethu imisebenzi. Khumbula esiqeda kukufunda: Ukuphumula kukaNkulunkulu kuthi yonke into igcwele, iphelelisiwe, njalo

ukwabelwa kukhona. Kulokukhululwa kumcabango wokuziphilisa, ukukhululwa kusibopho sobumpofu, lokukhululwa ekuguleni lakumikhuhlane. Kulokhetho olutsha! ISabatha kwakungayisilo lwazi lweThestamende eNdala kuphela, ngolwethu lathi namhlanje. Kodwa ngaphambili kokuba ucabange ukuthi ngithi uphile ngaphansi kwemithetho lemikhuba yonke eyeThestamende eNdala, kayisikho engikutshoyo. Kodwa ke, ngifuna ukuhlaziya ukuphumula kweSabatha okukhulunywa kumaHebheru. Ngoba njengoba mina loDrenda sakuthola, lapha kulesihluthulelo esiqakathekileyo esokusebenza koMbuso kaNkulunkulu empilweni usabela empilweni zethu njengokwakujongwe nguNkulunkulu.

OKWETHUSAYO: ISABATHA AKUSEYILO SUKU!

Ngithemba umutsho lo ukhange ukunaka kwakho. Sokube lengxoxo enkulu emzimbeni kaKhristu mayelana lokuthi iSabatha kumele ligcinwe njani: ngoMgqibelo, ngeSonto, kumbe kusihlwa ngoLwesihlanu kuze kubeyintambama yangoMgqibelo. Amabandla asesehlukaniswa yingcazelo zawo zeSabatha. Ungakalahleli ugwalo lolu khatshana ucabanga ukuthi ngingulowo obhoda ngezinkolo, ngicela unginike ithuba kancane, sikhangele KwabaseKholose 2:16-17.

Ngakho-ke lingavumeli umuntu elahlulela ngalokho elikudlayo loba elikunathayo, loba ngokuphathelane lomkhosi wokholo, ukuthokozela ukuThwasa kweNyanga loba usuku lweSabatha. Lezizinto ziyisithunzi nje sezinto ezazizakuza; kodwa, ubuqotho, butholakala kuKhristu.

— KwabaseKholose 2:16-17

Lalelisisa okukhulunywa nguPhawuli. ISabatha kwakuyisithunzi sezinto ezazizakuza; kodwa, ubuqotho, butholakala kuKhristu. Usuku lweSabatha lwaluyisithunzi, lwalungayisiyo nto yobuqotho. Nxa uKhristu eyibuqotho, kutsho ukuthi iSabatha kwakuyisithunzi Sakhe lalokho ayekwenza. Kahle ngikutsho ngale indlela: Akula mandla kusuku lweSabatha angasusa kumbe antshintshe indlela yesiqalekiso somhlaba eyokusebenza gadalala ngezithukuthuku eyalethwa ngu-Adamu emhlabeni. Ungalukakathekisa ngokwezinkolo, lona lodwa, alulamandla okukukhulula. Kodwa luyisithunzi, umfanekiso, walokho ozakuthola kuKhristu.

Ngathi ngikuzinga lakuqala esikolweni, umbalisi wami wathi sidwebe amathunzi amnyama awamakhanda ethu kodwa icele lawo. Bathatha i-*projector* basihlalisa phambili kwayo, yona yenza isithunzi esasikhanya emdulwini ephepheni elimhlophe. Basebedweba belandelisela izithunzi zethu balungisa amathunzi amnyama, esawaqumayo sayawanika omama ngekhaya ngosuku lwaboMama. Isithunzi sasikhanya ukuthi yimi, kodwa kasizange sibambe umphefumulo wami, ubuntu bami, lesimilo. Kodwa sasinikeza ulwazi oluthile ngami.

ISabatha lalisenza okufanayo. Isithunzi salo sasisithi akumelanga sisebenze, kungabikhona ukusebenza gadalala ngezithukuthuku. Kodwa sasikhombela kuJesu Khristu, othe ngeqiniso, wasikhulula kusiqalekiso somlayo lesiqalekiso somhlaba wasithuthukisa njengamadodana lamadodakazi kaNkulunkulu ayinzalo yoMbuso kaNkulunkulu omuhle! Njalo, kwakungumfanekiso walokho uJesu ayezakuphendukisa ngelinye ilanga. Ngumsebenzi opheliselisweyo lapho konke esikudingayo empilweni kuyabe sokubuyiselwe kithi. Kodwa ke, njengokukhulunywa kumaHebheru, singena ukuphumula lokhu ngokholo. Khumbula, ukholo luyadingeka

ukuba kubesemthethweni ukubusa kwezulu lapha emhlabeni. Esiphambanweni uJesu wamemeza, “Sokuphelile!” njengoba uNkulunkulu wayethe sokuphelile ekucineni kosuku lwesithupha.

ISabatha kubantu abanengi namhlanje lusuku lwenkolo. Abantu abanengi bakhangela iSabatha njengosuku lukaNkulunkulu, ilanga esilikweleda uNkulunkulu ukuthi siye enkonzweni, senzele uNkulunkulu izinto, senze okunye okwenkolo zethu. UJesu wacina eqondisa abafundi Bakhe, ababelengqondo enjalo.

ISabatha lenzelwa abantu, hatshi ukuthi umuntu wenzelwa iSabatha.

— UMaKho 2:27

ISabatha lenzelwa abantu, hatshi ukuthi umuntu wenzelwa iSabatha. Uyakwazi ukuthi abantu abanengi badliwa yisazela bangekela ukuya enkonzweni? Kungani bedliwa yisazela, khona kuyikuthi, basenkonzweni? Kangitsho ukuthi akumelanga sihlangane sidumise ndawonye, kodwa umnakano lo utshengisa ukuthi bakhangela iSabatha ngendlela engayisiyo.

Ngiyazi ungabe ulokhe udidekile, ngakho kahle ngijulise ngokukhangela inkulumo eyakhulunywa nguJesu kuJohane 11.

Ekufikeni kwakhe uJesu uLazaro wayesehlale ethuneni okwensuku ezine. EBhethani kwakungaphansi kwamamayela amabili usuka eJerusalema, yikho amaJuda amanengi ayebuyile ukuzakhalela uMatha loMariya ngokulahlekelwa kwabo ngumnewabo. Kwathi uMatha esizwa ukuthi uJesu wayesiza, waphuma wamhlangabeza, kodwa uMariya wasala ngekhaya.

“Nkosi,” uMatha wathi kuJesu, “aluba ubukhonapha

ngabe umnewethu kafanga. Kodwa ngiyazi ukuthi lamanje uNkulunkulu uzakunika loba yini oyicelayo.”

UJesu wathi kuye, “Umfowenu uzavuka njalo.”

UMatha waphendula wathi, “Ngiyazi ukuthi uzavuka futhi ekuvukeni kwabafileyo ngosuku lokucina.”

UJesu wathi kuye, “Mina ngiyikuvuka kwabafileyo lokuphila. Lowo okholwa kimi uzaphila loba engafa; njalo lowo ophilayo ekholwa kimi kasoze afa lanini. Uyakukholwa lokhu na?”

“Yebo Nkosi,” waphendula “ngiyakholwa ukuthi unguye uKhristu, iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, ozabuya emhlabeni.”

— UJohane 11:17-27

UJesu wathi Yena uyikuvuka kwabafileyo; kwakungayisilo suku nje. ISabatha kwakulusuku njalo lokhe lulusuku oluyisithunzi salokho uJesu akwenzela thina esiphambanweni. UJesu nguye iSabatha leqiniso njalo Kuye sithola ukufinyelela eMbusweni kaNkulunkulu lakho konke okukuwo. Ngakho, singaphumula!

Kasibuyele kuMbhalo wethu weThestamende eNtsha okumaHebheru.

Ngakho, kulokhu kukhona ukuphumula kweSabatha kwabantu bakaNkulunkulu; ngoba loba ngubani ongena ekuphumuleni kukaNkulunkulu uyaphumula lakowakhe umsebenzi njengokwenziwa nguNkulunkulu kowakhe. Ngakho-ke, kasenzeni imizamo yonke ukuba singene kulokho ukuphumula, ukuze angabikhona ozawiswa yikulandela isibonelo sakhe sokungalaleli.

— KumaHebheru 4:9-11

Isithunzi sosuku lweSabatha sithi wena wenqatshelwe ukusebenza lokuphuma izithukuthuku ukuze uthole lokho okudingayo ngosuku lweSabatha, kodwa sasitshengiswa kancane nje lokho okwakwenziwe nguJesu, okwakuyikusikhulula kusiqalekiso somhlaba esokusebenza ngezithukuthuku ukuze siziphilise. Ngamanye amazwi, lokho okwakuboniswa kwacina sokuqotho kuKhristu. Ngempela, umlayezo wakuqala owatshunyayelwayo wawujonge usuku lweSabatha. Ku-Isaya 61, sithola amazwi awentshumayelo Yakhe yakuqala, eyatshunyayelwa kuLukha 4.

UMoya weNkosi Yobukhosi uphezu kwami, ngoba iNkosi ingigcobile ukuthi ngitshumayele izindaba ezinhle kwabampofu.

— U-Isaya 61:1

Ngokutsho ukuthi kwakulendlela yokuphuma kusimo sobumpofu, yena wayesithi kwakulendlela yokuphuma kusiqalekiso somhlaba esokusebenza gadalala ngezithukuthuku. Yikugqilazwa lokhu okokudinga inzuzo okwakubambe abantu beyizibotshwa besehluleka ukuphumula. Kodwa iSabatha akusiwo wodwa umfanekiso owanikezwa abantu nguNkulunkulu mayelana lalokho okwakuzabuyiselwa ngelinye ilanga. Kwakulomyaka weSabatha futhi!

Ekupheleni kweminyaka eyisikhombisa kumele lesule izikwelede. Nanso indlela elizakuphatha ngayo: Wonke umuntu owake waboleka omunye wakibo wako-Isirayeli impahla yakhe kumele esule lesosikwelede. Akusafanelanga ukuthi adinge ukuhlawulwa ngomunye wakhe wako-Isirayeli loba umfowabo, ngoba isikhathi sikaThixo sokwesula izikwelede

sesimenyazelwe. Lilakho ukuthi lihlawulwe ngabezizweni, kodwa kumele lesule isikwelede umfowenu ayabe elaso kini.

Kodwa, akungabi lomuntu oswelayo phakathi kwenu, ngoba elizweni lelo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuze libe yilifa lenu, uzalibusisa kakhulu, nxa lizalalela uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu linanzelele njalo ukuthi liyayilandela yonke imilayo yakhe engilethulela yona lamuhla. Kungenxa yalokho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu azalibusisa njengokulithembisa kwakhe, njalo lizakweboleka izizwe ezinengi kodwa lina aliyikweboleka lutho kuzo. Lizabusa phezu kwezizwe ezinengi kodwa lina akulasizwe esizalibusa.

— UDutheronomi 15:1-6

Nanzelela ukuthi kwakumele besule izikwelede zonke ngemva kweminyaka eyisikhombisa. Siyaphinda njalo ukubona uNkulunkulu esebenzisa inombolo yesikhombisa ukutshengisa ukupheleliswa kwezinto. Akukho zidingo; Yena uselungise konke okudingwa ngumuntu. Abanye babuza inkalipho Yakhe mayelana lokuthi besule izikwelede, Yena wangezelela ngokuthi, **“Kodwa, akungabi lomuntu oswelayo phakathi kwenu, ngoba elizweni lelo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuze libe yilifa lenu, uzalibusisa kakhulu.”** Waqhubeka wathi bazabusiwa bangaboleki kodwa babolekise. Njalo futhi siyabona ukuthi isiqalekiso somhlaba esokusebenza gadalala ngezithukuthuku senziwa saba yize ngumthetho omutsha owomhlaba owasiphakamisa kusiqalekiso somthetho wesono lokufa.

Njengakusuku lweSabatha, babengasoze basebenze gadalala ngezithukuthuku okomnyaka wonke; ngakho, babengavunyelwa ukuhlanyela izilimo. Kodwa izinto zaqala ukungabi mnandi.

Babengasoze besule isikwelede somuntu kuphela, kodwa kwakun- gamelanga bahlanye izilimo zabo. Kuleli ibanga, omunye sengathi, “Bakithi, mina ngingaphila usuku olulodwa ngalokhu okuse frijini, kodwa ukuphila umnyaka wonke ngingasebenzi kungaba nzima.”

Ngakho lapha futhi, isithunzi sisitshela ukuthi sithethelele izikwelede zethu. Yena wabatshela ukuthi babengasoze bakwelede ngoba babeyabe belokunengi okokuthi babengasoze badinge ukuboleka kodwa babeyablekisa. Isikwelede yindlela esebenza nxa okuthile kungeneli kumbe kusweleka, kodwa uNkulunkulu wayezayabela okwanelayo ukuze bangadingi ukukwelede. Isithunzi sithi, “Wena akumelanga uhlanye izilimo zakho,” kutshiwo impilo yokuphila ngaphandle kwesiqalekiso somhlaba. Khathezi, konke lokhu kutholakala kuJesu Khristu.

Kodwa mana, kulokunye—umfanekiso omkhulu owawu- zatshengisa abantu bakaNkulunkulu okwakusiza. Kwakuthiwa nguMnyaka weJubhili.

ISAHLUKO 7

LOKHU AKUNGEKE KWENZEKE

Lokhu osuzakubala kuyamangalisa. Hatshi, kahle ngikubeke kutsha lokho. Wena usungakubona njengento engeke yenzakale. Ngikhuluma ngoMnyaka weJubhili, umfanekiso omuhle walokho uJesu afisa ukukwenza empilweni yakho osungawuthola kuThes-tamende eNdala, kodwa balutshwane abantu abawaziyo kumbe abazwisisa ukuthi utshoni. Sesike sakhuluma ngosuku lweSabatha kumbe umnyaka weSabatha, konke okuyizithunzi zalokho esilakho kuKhristu, kodwa ke khathesi sesifika kumcimbi omkhulu, uMnyaka weJubhili.

Ibizo nje lilodwa lizwakala sengathi yikungqutsha, akunjalo na? Kungenani kuzinga lezezimali, abantu abanengi—nxa ngisithi abantu abanengi, kuyadanisa, ngigoqela lamaKhristu amanengi, futhi—abalakho okokungqutshela. Njengoba ngike ngabela, sengisebenze ensimini yezezimali okweminyaka eyedlula engu 36. Kuso lesi isikhathi sengaba ngumnini wenhlanganiso ezimbalwa njalo ngasebenza lamatshumi, nxa kungesiwo makhulu, awezinku-lungwane zabantu ngihlela izimali zabo ngasolesi sikhathi. Ngakho

ngiyakwazi okuphandle lapha. Ngiyakwazi okufihlwe yimota ebucwazicwazi lekhaya leli elikhulu elitsha. Kanengi yizikwelede ezinkulu lokukhathazeka okukhulu. Habe, angilwisani lokuba lemota enhle kumbe ikhaya elikhulu. Ngithi kudingeka imali enengi nje ukuthi umuntu aphile namuhla.

Indlela yokuphila kusiqalekiso somhlaba ivame ukunganeli ekusizeni abantu ukuba bakhululeke. Ngicela ungethembe, kuzinkulungwane lezinkulungwane zabantu engahlangana lazo, inengi labo babengasibo bantu ababi. Babesenza imizamo eminengi bebodwa, kodwa bengazi ngoMbuso kaNkulunkulu kumbe lokhu engikwabela kulolugwalo. Yebo phela, wena uyazi ukuthi mina loDrenda saphila sihlulukelwe kwezezimali okweminyaka eyisifcamumwemunye emide ilobunzima saze safunda ngokuphumula kweSabatha. Ngemva kokuphila ngaleyo ndlela okwesikhathi eside kangaka, awunanzeleli ukuthi ubusuziphilela ngokugogeka okunganani ubona kuyinto eqondoleyo.

Minyaka ethile eyedlulileyo, uNkulunkulu wangiqondisa ngenxa yokucabanga kwami okungajulanga wangazisa ukuthi kumele ngibe ngithakazelela iJubhili, umdlalo, kodwa mina ngang-ingakwenzi. Yebo, ngasengiphumile esikweledeni, ngasengibone izinto ezithile ezimangalisayo zisenzakala, njalo yebo, ngangijabula ngisuthiseka. Kodwa ngasengimile ukuphupha njalo uNkulunkulu wayekwazi lokho, kodwa Yena esafuna ukuba ngizelule futhi, ukuze ngiqhubeke ngidala lokuphupha. Ngasengilokuthundubala kancane, kodwa ukuthundubala okulenjabulo.

Njengoba ngitshilo, ngingumnini wenhlanganiso yezezimali, njalo myaka ngomyaka, nganginxuswa ngomunye wabathengisayo engisebenzisana labo, kumcimbi wokuthakazelela impumelelo yomnyaka owedlulileyo. Umbuthano lo wawugogela izikhulu

labahleli abangafika phose 250 abezinga laphezulu. Kwakusiba luhambo oluhlawulelwe indleko zonke kuyiwa kundawo ezimangalisayo, kodwa kukhona abalutshwane abezinga eliphezulu, ababethola ukubongwa lemiklomelo ebalulekileyo. Ngenxa yokuthi ngangiphatheke ngokuhola ibandla elikhulu, ngisenza inhlelo zikamabona kude, njalo ngihola inhlanganiso, ngangihleli ngingelaso isikhathi sokuthuthukisa isivuno esasidingeka ukuthi ngifike kuzinga eliphezulu.

Kodwa ngomnyaka othile, ngathi ngihleli emhlanganweni ngibukele izikhulu ezilitshumi zibongwa zisamukela imiklomelo ye \$100,000, lami ngabalokukhuthazwa. Ngacabanga, “Ima kancane! Kumele ngibe laphaya esiguqweni ngibongwa lami. Mina ngingumntwana kaNkulunkulu njalo uMoya oNgcwele nguye uMaluleki wami. Kumele ngibe laphaya ngisabela lokubabonisa ubuhle bukaNkulunkulu!” Ngakho mina loDrenda senza isinqumo khonapho esokuthi sasizakubakhona esiguqweni ngomnyaka olandelayo. Njani? Sasingelalo icebo.

Okweminyaka elitshumi eyedluleyo, ngangisenza izigidi zamadola ezingaba ntathu kumbe ezine ngomnyaka ngenhlanganiso inye, kodwa isivuno esasifuneka ukuthi ufinyelele kulabo abalitshumi abezinga laphezulu kwakuyizigidi zamadola alitshumi lanye. Ngangingelacebo lokuthi ngangizafinyelela njani kulelozinga njalo ngingazi ukuthi kwakungenzeka njani ngesikhathi sezinhlelo zami. Into inye engangiyazi yikuthi ngangingeke ngikwanelise ngamandla ami. Ngakho mina loDrenda sakhuleka samisa umgomo wethu, satshala inhlanganyelo yezezimali, sakhulula ukholo lwethu, samemezela ukuthi sokwenzakele.

Ukuthi ngifinqe indaba ende, ngoZibandlela womnyaka owalandelayo, umnyaka usanda kuqala nje, uNkulunkulu wasebenzisa

iphupho ukungitshengisa ukuthi umgomo wami ngangingawufeza njani. Wangibonisa kamhlophe ukuthi kwakumele ngenzeni; njalo uma ngangiqhubeka ngisenza lokho ayengitshengise khona, ngangizawufeza. Uyazini sayenza lezo zigidi zamadola alitshumi lanye ngokuthengisa kanye kuphela! Kwabayinjabulo enganani ukuba sesiguqweni ngomhlangano owalandelayo ndawonye lezikhulu ezilitshumi kunhlanganiso sisamukela umklomelo we \$100,000. Uyafuna ukwazi ukuthi ngangizizwa nginjani?

**AWUNANZELELI UKUTHI
UBUSUZIPHILELA
NGOKUGOGEKA
OKUNGANANI UBONA
KUYINTO EQONDOLEYO.**

Kwakungumdlo omkhulu kakhulu. Sasingafezanga umgomo wethu wokuthola umklomelo kuphela, kodwa isivuno sethu sasesikhuphuke ngezinkulungwane zamadola ngalowo mnyaka. Lokhu kuzwakala njengedili kimi!

Ngakho nxa ngingaqala ukukhuluma ngeshlakalo seThestamende eNdala esifana leJubhili, ungaqali ukunyikinya ikhanda usithi lokhu akuhlabusi. Khumbula, impilo imumethe okungcono nxa kuledili, ngakho akesikhangele ishlakalo/idili elalingqutshelwa ngu-Isirayeli ubusufunda ukuzenzela elakho.

Umnyaka weJubhili

Balani amasabatha ayisikhombisa eminyaka—iminyaka eyisikhombisa iphindwe kasikhombisa—ukuze amasabatha eminyaka eyisikhombisa abeyisibangase minyaka engamatshumi amane lesificamunwemunye. Lapho ke akutshaywe uphondo ezindaweni zonke ngosuku lwetshumi lwenyanga yesikhombisa;

kuthi ngoSuku lokuBuyisana kutshaywe uphondo kulolonke ilizwe lenu. Umnyaka wamatshumi amahlanu wenzeni ube ngcwele, limemezele inkululeko elizweni lonke kubo bonke abahlezi kulo. Uzakuba lijubhili kini; lowo lalowo wenu kuzamele abuyele emzini wawabo esizweni sakibo. Umnyaka wamatshumi amahlanu uzakuba lijubhili kini; lingahlanyeli lutho, njalo lingavuni imikhukhuzela kumbe likhe izithelo zamavini angalungiselwanga. Ngoba ulijubhili, uzakuba ngcwele kini; dlanini kuphela lokho elikuthethe emasimini. Ngalo uMnyaka weJubhili, umuntu wonke kuzamele abuyele emzini wawabo.

— ULevi 25:8-13

Lapho ngisaqala ukulandisa ngoMnyaka weJubhili, kahle ngibeke isisekelo obekumele ube ususibonile. UMnyaka weJubhili wawusenzakala ngemva kweminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu, njalo wawusenzakala ngemva komnyaka weSabatha, umnyaka wamatshumi amane lasificamunwemunye. Ngiyabona usunanzelele uhlupho olukhulu luvela, uyalubona na? Ngomnyaka weSabatha abako-Isirayeli babengavunyezwa ukulima izilimo. NgoMnyaka weJubhili owawulandela lowo mnyaka lakho kwakulomlayo ofanayo wokuthi bengalimi izilimo. Ngakho eqinisweni, abako-Isirayeli babesiba leminyaka emibili elandelayo ababengavuni khona besebelinda ngomnyaka wesithathu ukuthi izilimo lezo zivuthwe besebevuna ukuze babuyisele isabelo sokudla eziphaleni. Lolu kwakuluhlupho kulowo ozithandela ukudla kuhle kumbe lowo owayeziphilisa ngokuthengisa amabele. UMosi wathi ebethulela umthetho woMnyaka weJubhili, lawe sungazicabangela ukukhathazeka ababalakho. Eqinisweni, umnakano wokuba leminyaka

emithathu yokuphumula kwakulicebo elihle, kodwa kwakusiza lenhlawulo enje. Umbuzo wabo wakuqala kuMosi besizwa lokhu wathi, “Kwenzakala njani lokho?”

Lingabuza lithi, “Pho sizakudlani ngomnyaka wesikhombisa nxa singahlanyeli kumbe sivune amabele ethu na?” Mina ngizalilethela isibusiso ngomnyaka wesithupha, ilizwe lithile izithelo zeminyaka emithathu. Lapho selilima ngomnyaka wesifcaminwembili lizakube lisidla amabele amadala, liqhubeke lisidla wona kuze kufike isivuno somnyaka wesifcamunwemunye.

— ULevi 25:20-22

UNkulunkulu wabaphendula ngempendulo esizachitha isikhathi esinengi siyihlolisisa kungxenye yogwalo lolu eseleyo. Yena wathi wayezathumela isibusiso esikhule kangakanani ngomnyaka wesithupha okokuthi sasizathela isivuno esanela iminyaka emithathu kuze kube isivuno somnyaka ngemva koMnyaka weJubhili. Kukhona lapha okuhambelana lokwezinsuku zokudalwa komhlaba. IBhayibhili lithi uNkulunkulu waqeda umsebenzi ngosuku lwesithupha wasephumula. Noma wayephumula, Yena wayengadinwanga. Khepha, Yena wayeseqedile. Konke umuntu akudingayo kwasekudaliwe njalo sokubekelwe yena.

UNkulunkulu wayesetshengisa abako-Isirayeli umfanekiso wokwedlula okwanelayo, wona ophikisana lomlayo wesiqalekiso somhlaba esokusebenza gadalala ngezithukuthuku. Wayefuna bambone Yena njengalowo obayabelayo lokuthi Yena wabela ngokwabela okukhulu. Phindenjalo, noma lo kwakungumfanekiso wokwabela kukaNkulunkulu kibo ngensuku zabo, kulapho uJesu

esezile esiqala khona ukuzwisisa ukuthi isithunzi lesi sasibonisani. Ngokwemvelo, yayingekho indlela umuntu ayengaphila ngayo engazange atshale izilimo. Ngendlela efanayo, ngokwemvelo, uphila phansi kwesiqalekiso somhlaba, ayikho indlela yokunqoba lokuphumelela kwezezimali ungazange uchithe ubusuku lemini uginqa. Akwenzakali ukuthi ugijime okwaneleyo ukuze ufeze lokho. Akuzame ukuthatha iminyaka emithathu ungekho emsebenzini wakho kodwa ulokunengi okudinga ukwenziwa, ngeqiniso uyabe uzicandela indlela yokuphelelwa yimali. Kodwa uNkulunkulu uzama ukubatshengisa umfanekiso wendlela entsha, laphe ke Yena kuNguye oyabela abantu Bakhe, ngendlela u-Adamu ayesabelwa yikho konke uNkulunkulu ayambekele khona ngesikhathi sokudala.

Zikhona ezinye izinto ezimbili uMnyaka weJubhili owawuzitshengisa esizidingayo. Sibuya sibone ilizwe liphumula njalo, kungekho ukusebenza gadalala ngezithukuthuku, ngomnyaka wamatshumi amahlanu. Uzananzelela ukuthi amasimu onke ayebuyiselwa kumnini wawo wokuqala. Kwathi lapho u-Isirayeli echapha uMfula weJoridane, yonke indlu lemuli yanikezwa umhlaba ababesakuba ngabanikazi bawo bazilimele izithelo lokudla kokuthengisa ukuze baziphilise. Eqinisweni, umhlaba, yiyo okwakuyinotho yabo. Kuwo umhlaba babelima izilimo befuya lezifuyo. Ngakho nxa umhlaba wonke ubuyiselwa kumnikazi wawo wokuqala kwakuyikubuyisela ukwanelisiswa kokuphumelela.

Siyakubona njalo, kuyisithunzi salokho uJesu asenzela khona. Isithunzi sithi umnotho wawubuyiselwa kuzizalwane zesizwe sika-Isirayeli. Iqiniso lisibonisa into efanayo, ukuthi umnotho wethu usubuyiselwe kithi njalo, lokuthi ilifa loMbuso kaNkulunkulu ngelethu njalo.

Kukhona okwesithathu uMnyaka weJubhili osibonisa

khona, yikuthi zonke izigqili zazikhululwa zibuyiselwe ezimulini zazo. Lokhu kukhulu. Sibonanjalo, isithunzi sisibonisa ukuthi

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LISITSHENGISANI,
INGUQUKO ENKULU
IZAKWENZAKALA
EMPILWENI YAKHO
YEZEZEMALI.**

awuseyiso sigqili kodwa indodana kumbe indodakazi. Eqinisweni uKhristu uthi awuseyiso sigqili kodwa usuyindodana kumbe indodakazi endlini kaNkulunkulu elamalungelo agcweleyo kulifa lokuphumelela kwalapha ekhaya.

Ngakho akucabange ngalokhu osuthe wakufunda, uJesu wasibisela konke lokho u-Adamu akulahlayo. UJesu wasikhulula ebugqilini, wasenza amadodana lamadodakazi kaNkulunkulu. Yena wasikhulula kusiqalekiso somhlaba sokusebenza gadalala lokuginqa, evumela uNkulunkulu ukuthi abusise umsebenzi wezandla ngendlela ebalulekileyo. Noma uJesu wabhadalela zonke izinto lezi, kumele sibekwazi ukwendlala yonke inzuzo leyi kumpilo zethu lapha ezingeni lalo umhlaba. Kulapha ke inengi, amaKhristu amanengi akukhutha khona. Ukungazi ukuthi uMbuso usebenzisa imithetho, lokungazi amalungelo abo njengamadodana lamadodakazi lenzalo, benakana ukuthi uNkulunkulu uzenzela ukhetho lwalabo Yena afuna ukubabusisa. Ngokunjalo, abayifundi imithetho yoMbuso, okuyiyo ephethe isihluthulelo sokungena entokozweni lasekwenzeni okutshiwo liBhayibhili ngabo. Ngiyakutshela, ungafunda ukuthi iSabatha lisitshengisani, inguquko enkulu izakwenzakala empilweni yakho yezezemali.

Umnumzana othile ebandleni lami waqala ukungizwa ngifundisa ngokukholwa lokuthi uMbuso kaNkulunkulu usebenza njani. Imuli yakhe labantwana bakhe baqala ukucubungula imilayo leyi beyimuli. Kwathi lapho umnyaka omutsha ususondele, bakhetha

ukusebenzisa amalungelo abo ukuthi bahlawulele izakhiwo zokuqhatsha ezimbili ababezifumane ngalowo mnyaka. Nxa ngisakhumbula kuhle, inani elalifunakala ukuhlawulela izindlu zombili lalifika phose \$400,000. Ngakho bakhuleka batshala imbewu enkulu yemali kusenzelwa umgomo lowu wokuhlawulela izindlu zombili ngalowo mnyaka. Lo kwakungumgomo onzima kubo, kodwa umnumzane lo wayesebenza kundima eyayivuma ukuba uthole abathengi kunye/kumbe abathengi abakhulu ababengalenza lelithuba. Imuli le yakhuleka ndawonye yavumelana ukuthi lokhu kwakungenzeka. Vikiyinye ngayinye, imuli yayihlola umgomo wayo ibuye ihlole imibhalo eyayibapha amalungelo okukhangelela isivuno esinje. Yebo, umnumzane laye wayekwazi ukuba kumele enze izopha lakhe laye.

Kwathi lapho umnyaka uqhubeka, ngesiqiniseko esinjalo, abathengi abambalwa abakhulu baqala ukuvela, kodwa kubobonke abathengi abakhulu, imisebenzi egoqela izigidi zamadola ayifezwa ngokuphangisa. Kwathi sokwedlule ingxenye yomnyaka, umnumzana lo wazitholela wazithathela ithuba lokuthengisa esenzela inhlanganiselo yakhe, laba likhulu okokuthi laletha 40% yesivuno senhlanganiselo esomnyaka wonke. Ngeholo elavela lapho, wenelisa ukuhlawulela enye yezakhiwo zokuqhatsha. Sokusiya phela umnyaka enye inhlanganiselo yathembisa ukuthi layo yayizathatha isivumelwano umngane wami ayebanika sona. Kodwa usuku lokuphetha isivumelwano lesi lwaluhlala luguquliwe. Amaphepha ayethi engalungiswa, usuku beseluguqulwa amaphepha aqale ukulungiswa njalo, usuku luguqulwe njalo. Isikhathi sasesihambile sokusentwasa lapho umngane wami atshelwa ukuba iqembu elalihola leyanhlanganiselo laseliguquliwe sokusiza elinye elitsha ukuzoqhuba umsebenzi.

Umngane wami waqaleka, wayesazi ukuthi lokhu kwakusitshoni. Iqula elitsha leli lalingazi ngesivumelwano lesi esasiphuthuma, sona ngeqiniso, esasesivaliwe sagqitshwa. Kwasokumele aqale ukuhlela kusukela ekuqaleni laleliqembu elitsha. Wathi esiyahlangana leqembu lokukhokhela elitsha leli, latshengisa ukuthakazelela ukusebenzisa izaluleko zenhlanganiso yakhe. Ngemva kokwamukela isinqumo ngoLwezi, batsho bathi bafisa ukuqhubekela phambili ngaso. Kodwa kwaphinda njalo, amaphepha aphuza abhalwa kutsha kwaze kwasala insuku ezimbili ukuthi umnyaka uphele. Umngane wami wathola ucingo lokuthi babefisa ukuhlangana laye babhalelane isivumelwano, njalo babezahlawulela ngemali ebambekayo nxa wayesenelisa ukuhlangana labo mhlalokho. Umngane wami wenza imali eyanelayo kulowo msebenzi ukuthi afinyelele umgomo wakhe wokuhlawulela izindlu zombili ngalowo mnyaka yena lemuli yakhe ababewukhethe ngokukholwa.

Lokhu kweza ngokuhlolisisa imithetho yoMbuso eyayivumele kumbe eyayisungule ukuthi acabange umgomo ophakame kangaka, ngoba wayengakaze athole umsebenzi omkhulu kangaka kumbe ukwenza imali engaka kumnyaka odluleyo okwakungabonisa ukuthi umgomo wakhe wawufinyeleleka. Wangitshela ukuthi benza idili elikhulu lokujabulela ukunqoba lokhu!

Eyinye, “eyenzakala okwamaqiniso” indaba yehlela omunye wabantwana bami. Ngempela, abantwana bami bonke sebabona uMbuso usebenza empilweni zabo. Sebasebenzisa izimiso engizakwabela zona lapha babona uNkulunkulu esenza izimanga. Noma besesekuminyaka engamatshumi amabili, bonke sebahlawulela imota zabo, inengi labo selahlawulela izindlu zabo kumbe sebesiyaqeda. Indodana yami endala, uTim, wayefuna ukuthenga

indlu eyihlawulela kanye ngemali ebambekayo. Ngakho watshala imali yakhe, wakholelwa kuNkulunkulu ukuthi athole indlu enhle elentengo ehambelana laleyo ayeyifuna. Yena phela ulemine kwezokwakha, ngakho wayengesabi ukuthenga engabe ifuna ukucoliswa.

Wachitha isikhathi ehlola izindlu kodwa engayitholi eyayihambelana laye. Kodwa ngelinye ilanga, wayetshayela ezula, wasebona indlu eyayithengiswa kodwa yena engakazi ayibone. Yayingevalisiweyo, lapho laye eyikhangela, wabakwazi ukuthi yayidinga ukulungiswa, kodwa yayibukeka inhle. Watshayela lo othengisa izindlu wamcela ukuthi abuzisise ngentengo yale indlu. Akakholwanga indlebe zakhe—\$37,000. “Kodwa kwenzakala njani lokhu?” wazibuza.

Othengisa izindlu wenza uphenyo lwakhe wasemtshela indaba emangalisayo. Indlu le ngeqiniso yayingevalisiweyo, yayikeyathengiswa nge \$110,000 kunyanga eziyisithupa ezedlulileyo. Yiyo okwakuyintengo yomkambo owawuyivalisile, kodwa indlu leyi yayithengiswe nge-\$160,000 kuminyaka embalwa eyedlulileyo. Kukhanya, akula owayetshengise ukuthakazelela indlu leyo kunyanga eziyisithupha ezedlulileyo kusukela ibukiswa emkambo. Ibhanga laseliqhubeka lisehlisa intengo, lingazwisisi ukuthi kungani kwakungela muntu owayehawukela indlu leyi. Kodwa lapho uTim lalo othengisa izindlu owayemsiza bathi becubungula ngayo bafumana ukuthi kungani wayengekho otshiseka ngale indlu. Yayisibhalisiwe kwelinye idolobho ngekheli elahlukeneyo ngitsho lenombolo zocingo kwakungasizo. Ngakho akekho owayesazi ngale indlu! Indlu le, ngoba yayisemgwaqweni omncane wasemaphandleni, ekucineni komgwaqo ongahambi zimota. Intengo yayilokhe isehla ngosuku kwaze kwathi uTim eyibona. Kuyamangalisa.

Ngamtshela uTim ukuthi indlu leyi yayifihliwe ibekelwe yena! Wayigudula kutsha wabuye walungisa okunye okumbalwa kuyo indlu waseyithengisa nge\$160,000.

Indodakazi yami u-Amy ikhokhela indumiso *eFaith Life Church*. Yena loJason basebefuna indlu enkulu ngoba imuli yabo yayikhula masinyane isuka kwabane isiya kwabahlanu. Intengo zazingafinyeleleki ngehlobo lika 2017 e-Ohio, njalo izindlu ezazibukiswa zazithengiswa ngeviki nje. Ithemba labo lokuthola ikhaya elikhule okwaneleyo kuntengo ye \$250,000 kusiya ku\$300,000, elilama *acre* amahlanu kusiya kwalitshumi awomhlaba, lezinye izinto ezithandekayo ezigoqela amanzi zazingatholakali. Amasimu amancane kulesosigaba angaba li *acre* elilodwa ayethengiswa ngenani eledlula \$200,000 ngalelohlobo. Ngemva kokugijima bezula bebuka izindlu ezinengi, bama ukudinga baqala bathandaza. Batshala imbewu besenzela ukuboniswa indlela, bayitshela iNkosi, “Siphatheke kakhulu akwenzi ukuthi sibe sichitha isikhathi kanje. Wena uyazi lapho indlu yethu ekhona, ngakho siyakucela usitshengise ngesikhakthi esifaneleyo. Asiyi kudinga kumagagasi, kumbe ukukhuluma labathengisayo ngale indlu!”

Kodwa ngobunye ubusuku, kwaba lesehlakalo esimangalisayo. Indodakazi yabo eyayileminyaka emine ngaleso sikhathi, yatsho lokhu befika ekhaya, “Mama, sokuyisikhathi sokuthutha,” “Kambe utshoni?” u-Amy wabuza. “Sokuyisikhathi sokuthuthela endlini elezitebhisi ezinkulu eziya ekamelweni lami,” watsho oleminyaka emine. “Indlu yiphi? Ungabe uphuphe okuthile na?” u-Amy wabuza. Indodakazi yakhe yathi yebo, kwakunjalo. Kukuhle kunjeya, ngalobobusuku ngemva kokulalisa okhekhe laba bobabili, u-Amy kwamehlula ukukhohlwa ingxoxo leyi watshayela uJason ethi bake bakhangele kumagagasi.

Yebo, ikhona eyayisivaliwe eyayisanda kubukiswa, indlu elamazinga amabili ihleli phezu kwama *acre* alitshumi njalo iledamu phambili kwayo. Intengo, kungasenani, yayile \$26,000 phezu kwe \$300,000 ababeyitshalele. Bakucabanga ukuthi babesanelisa ukucela ukubhadala enlutshwane batshayela othengisayo ucingo. Owabo othengisayo wayezaphuma eFlorida ngosuku olulandelayo ngakho wayesanelisa ukubabonisa indlu ekuseni ngo 9:00 u-Amy loJason bathi bazahlangana laye khona.

Othengisayo waphuza ukufika endlini kodwa yayikhanya inhle yona. Ndawonye lokuba leguma elilingeneyo, ama *acre* alitshumi awamasimu, ledamu elaliphambili, konke kwakukhanya kukuhle, Omunye umklomelo yikuthi kwakulegusu laphaya elaligombolozele ikhaya lonke, kwakuthatha inhliziyo. Bathi bengena endlini, indodakazi yabo yaklabalala iqansa ilele iqondo ekamelweni layo. Ukufinqa indaba, uJason lo-Amy bathi bafisa ukuyithenga. Othengisayo wathi esakhangelisisa ngendlu wathola ukuthi bonke ababefisa ukuthenga kwakumele bebesebebhalisile ngaleyo kuseni. Kwasekusele isikhathi esingaphansi kwehola! Ngabe indodakazi yabo yayingabatshelanga ngephupho layo, ngabe babengahlolanga kumagagasi ebusuku, indlu yayizabe isihambile.

Bavuma ukuhlawula i-\$326,000 lakanye bayithola indlu! Kwaba lokujabula okukhulu. Sebeyihlolisisa, unobhala wathi uphahla lona lwaluseseluhle, kwakudingeka ukuthi lubuyiselwe ngemva kweminyaka engu 5 kumbe ethile. UJason waba lecebo. Wakhetha ukuba acele ibhanga intengo eyehlisiweyo ngenxa yophahla olufuna ukulungiswa lolu budebuduze. Othengisa izindlu wabaxwayisa ukuthi bangalokothi bazame, phela indlu yayithengiswa “njengoba injalo” njalo wayengakaze alibone ibhanga lisehlisa intengo yendlu esivaliswa ngenxa yezinto ezifileyo kuyo. Kodwa uJason lo-Amy

bezwa befuqwa emoyeni yabo ukuthi balobele ibhanga bacele ukwehliselwa imali. Yebo uyitshaye ekhanda, ibhanga labanika indlu nge \$296,000, singaphansi kwe \$300,000 leyana ababekholwe kuNkulunkulu ukuthi yiyo abazayisebenzisa. UNkulunkulu wayiletha indlu ngendlela ababemcele ngayo ukuthi ayenze. Bathi sebebuza ohlola izindlu ukuthi inani lentengo efaneleyo linganani, yena wathi, “\$500,000.” Mngane wami, lesi yisabelo esiphindiweyo!

Njengoba uzibonela, abantwana bami labo bazikholisela indlela yokuphila ngoMbuso. Eqinisweni, icinathunjana, uKirsten, usanda kuhlawulela indlu yakhe yakuqala yena eleminyaka engamatshumi amabili evuthiweyo. Njani? Bonke bayakwazi ukuthi kuhanjiswa njani ngendlela yoMbuso.

ISAHLUKO 8

ISABELO ESIPHINDWE KABILI

Khathesi, ngifuna ukujula kancane ngendlela iSabatha elisebenza ngayo lokuthi ungalifinyelela njani ngempilo yakho. Ngifuna ukubuyela kundaba yethu yoMnyaka weJubhili sikhangele amazwi alapho. Sithola impendulo kaNkulunkulu kubantu mayelana lokuthi babeyaphila njani bengavunanga okweminyaka emithathu. Ngumbuzo omuhle lowo!

Lingabuza lithi, “Pho sizakudlani ngomnyaka wesikhombisa nxa singahlanyeli kumbe sivune amabele ethuna?” Mina ngizalilethela isibusiso ngomnyaka wesithupha, ilizwe lithile izithelo zeminyaka emithathu. Lapho selilima ngomnyaka wesifcaminwembili lizakube lisidla amabele amadala, liqhubeke lisidla wona kuze kufike isivuno somnyaka wesifcamunwemunye.

— ULevi 25:20-22

Sibona kulawa mazwi ukuthi uMnyaka weJubhili, kunye

lomnyaka weSabatha owawungemva kwawo, wawusenzakala ngenxa yesivuno esikhulu esasisenzakala ngomnyaka wesithupha, kutshiwo umnyaka wamatshumi amane lasitshiyagalombili (kusukela kuJubhili yokucina). Ngaphandle kwesivuno esikhulu, ukuphumula kweSabatha kwakungeke kwenzakale. Kasikhangele omunye umbhalo engikholwa ukuthi uzachasisa lokhu kabanzi.

Nsuku zonke ekuseni umuntu emunye wabutha isilinganiso ayesifuna, njalo ilanga lathi selitshisa, kwancibilika. Ngelanga lesithupha babutha isilinganiso esiphindwe kabili—ama omeri amabili umuntu emunye—njalo abakhokheli babantu beza ukuzobika kuMosi. Wathi kubo, “Lokhu yikho okwalaywa nguThixo: ‘Kusasa lilanga lokuphumula, iSabatha elingcwele kuThixo. Ngakho bhekani konke elifuna ukukubhekha, libilise konke elifuna ukukubilisa. Gcinani konke okuseleyo kuze kube sekuseni.’”

Ngakho bakugcina kwaze kwaba sekuseni njengokulaya kukaMosi njalo kakuzange kube lephunga kumbe impethu. “Kudleni namuhla,” UMosi watsho, “ngoba namuhla liSabatha likaThixo. Kalisoze lithole lutho phandle namuhla. Okwensuku eziyisithupha lizakubutha, kodwa ngelanga lesikhombisa eleSabatha akusoze kube lalutho.”

Lanxa kunjalo, abanye abantu ngelanga lesikhombisa bahamba ukuba bayobutha kodwa bafica kungelalutho. UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, “Kuzaze kube nini lisala ukulandela imithetho lemilayo yami na? Kufakeni ezingqondweni zenu ukuthi uThixo ulinikile iSabatha; yikho ngelanga lesithupha elinika isinkwa esenela insuku ezimbili. Wonke umuntu kumele ahlale lapho ayabe ekhona ngelanga lesikhombisa;

akulamuntu okumele aphume phandle.” Yikho-ke abantu baphumula ngelanga lesikhombisa.

— UEksodusi 16:21-30 (imana)

Umbhalo lo, ngempela, ukhuluma ngemana eyayisiwa ivela ezulwini nsuku zonke ukuze abantu babe lokudla njalo uchasisa ukuthi yayiyabe ingabuyi ngelanga lesikhombisa, iSabatha. Babengenelisi ukuyigcina amalanga onke, ngoba yayiphangisa ukubola. Babesenelisa ukuyigcina bayibuthethele ngelanga lesithupha kuphela ingabolanga. Amazwi amnandi mayelana lokuthi kungani imana yayibola amalanga onke atholakala ku **Dutheronomi 8:16**.

Walnika imana ukuba lidle enkangala, into abangazange bayazi oyihlo, ukulichumisa njalo lokulilinga ukuze kuthi ekucineni kulihambe kühle.

UNkulunkulu wayeqeqetsha ilizwe ukuba likhangele Kuye amalanga onke ngenxa yokudla, njalo lokuthi, bathembe kuye ngakho konke okwempilo zabo. UNkulunkulu wayesazi ukuthi babezadinga okunye okungaphezu kokudla; babezahlangana lezigodlo ezilemiduli kanye leziqhwaga. Ukuthembela Kuye kulezo izimo kwakuyakuba ngumehluko phakathi kokufa lokuphila.

Kasibuyele ku-**Eksodusi 16:29**. Lapha, uyabona ngokucacileyo ukuthi ukuphumula kweSabatha kwakungenzakala kuphela nxa kulesabelo esiphindwe kabili ababezasinikezwa ngosuku lwesithupha.

Kufakeni ezingqondweni zenu ukuthi uThixo ulinikile iSabatha; yikho ngelanga lesithupha elinika isinkwa

esenela insuku ezimbili. Wonke umuntu kumele ahlale lapho ayabe ekhona ngelanga lesikhombisa; akulamuntu okumele aphume phandle.

Usukubona? Ukuphumula kweSabatha kwakusenzakala kuphela nxa kulesabelo esiphindwe kabili. Lokhu kuqakatheke kakhulu ngakho ngizacela ukulobe phansi.

UKUPHUMULA KWESABATHA AKUNGEKE KWENZEKE NGAPHANDLE KWESABELO ESIPHINDWE KABILI!

Kahle ngikubeke lokho ngeyinye indlela eyehlukeneyo. Ngaphandle nxa ulokwendlula okwanelayo, kawusoze uphumule ukugijima lokuphuma izithuluthuku zesiqalekiso somhlaba. Njengalokho mina loDrenda esikutshela abantu kuyo yonke indawo esiya kuyo, “Ngaphandle ulungise udaba lwemali, kawusoze uthole ubizo lwakho!” Ngenxa yani? Ngoba nxa ungelakho okwendlula okwaneleyo, kawusoze ube lenkululeko yokukhetha njalo uzakuba yisigqili sokuziphilisa impilo yakho yonke. Khumbula size sifunde ngenzuzo yeSibusiso sika-Abhrahama ku Dutheronomi 28:11-13 kusahluko esidlulileyo. Lapho bekucaca ukuthi ukuphila impilo yokuziphilisa akusilo ubizo lwakho! Kasiyikhangele njalo indima le, sikhumbuzane.

UThixo uzalenza liphumelele kakhulu—enzalweni yenu, lenzalo yezifuyo zenu kanye lezithelo zomhlabathi wenu—elizweni afunga ngalo kubokhokho benu ukuthi uzalinika lona.

UThixo uzavula amazulu, isiphala sakhe esiphuphumayo, ukuze anise izulu phezu kwelizwe lenu ngesikhathi salo njalo abusise yonke imisebenzi eliyenzayo. Lizakweboleka izizwe ezinengi kodwa lina lingebileki lutho kuzo. UThixo uzalenza libe yinhloko, hatshi umsila. Nxa lizalalelisisa imilayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu engilinika yona lamuhla njalo liyilande ngonanzelelo, lizahlala njalo liphezulu, lingabi ngaphansi lanini.

— UDutheronomi 28:11-13

Ubumpofu, ukuziphilisa, lokuswela imali akusilo ikusasa lakho. Kumele webolekise hatshi ukweboleka, ube yinhloko hatshi umsila! Ubungcitshi lobu yiwo uMbuso. Yikho ukuphumula kweSabatha, ukuba lokwedlula okwanelayo, isabelo esiphindwe kabili!

Ngiyazi ukuthi ucabangani, “Ndoda, lokho kungaba kuhle, Gary, kodwa impilo yami isasekhatshana lalokho kathesi.” Kulungile, kasikhangele emuva, kodwa sikhangelela kulokho okutshiwo nguNkulunkulu lakulokho okutshiwo nguMbuso mayelana lathi. Uma singelawo umfanekiso, osenza sibekwazi ukuthi impilo zethu kumele zibe njani, sizawela kumaqhinga lezithiyo kanye leminakano ekhohlakeleyo eyesiqalekiso somhlaba. Ukhoho yikuhlala uvumelana lalokho okutshiwo nguNku-

lunkulu, hatshi isimo sethu. Ngingakakutsheli ngendlela uNkulunkulu asifundisa ngayo mina loDrenda mayelana lesabelo esiphindwe kabili, ngifuna ukukutshela ngendaba engikholwa ukuthi iyibufakazi obukhulu obesabelo esiphindwe kabili kuThestamende eNtsha.

**UKHOLO YIKUHLALA
UVUMELANA
LALOKHO OKUTSHIWO
NGUNKULUNKULU, HATSHI
ISIMO SETHU.**

Indaba engifuna ukukutshela ngayo sowayizwa kanengi, kodwa mhlawumbe hatshi ngelihlo lesabelo esiphindwe kabili kumbe ngenzwisiso yoMbuso osulayo khathesi. Sithola indaba le kuLukha 15, indaba yeNdodana Yolahleko. Njalo futhi, ngibekezelela. Ngiyazi usuke wayifunda, kodwa kasiyifunde ndawonye ngenzwisiso le entsha.

UJesu waqhubeka wathi: “Kwakukhona indoda eyayilama-dodana amabili. Encinyane yathi kuyise, ‘Baba, ngipha esami isabelo selifa.’ Ngakho uyise wabehlukanisela impahla yakhe bobabili. Ngemva kwesikhatshana indodana encane yabutha konke okungokwayo yasuka yaya elizweni elikhatshana, yafika khonale yayichitha inotho yayo ngempilo yokuxhwala. Isitshaye yachitha konke, kwaba lendlala enkulu kulolonke ilizwe, yasiswela kakhulu. Yasisiyadinga umsebenzi komunye umuntu wakulelolizwe owayisa esiqintini sakhe ukuyagcina ingulube. Yabona kungcono kuyo ukuthi ixotshe iphango ngokudla okwakudliwa zingulube, kodwa kayizange iphiwe lutho langubani.

Kwathi lapho ingqondo yayo isicabanga kühle, yathi, ‘Kambe zingaki izinceku zikababa ezidla zizezitshiye kodwa nanku mina ngifa ngendlala! Ngizasuka ngibuyele kubaba ngifike ngithi kuye: ‘Baba, ngenze isono phambi kwezulu lakuwe. Kangisafanelanga ukuthiwa ngiyindodana yakho; ngenza ngibe njengomunye wezinceku zakho.’ Ngakho yaphakama yaya kuyise.

Kodwa yathi isesebucwala, uyise wayibona wayizwela isihawu; wagijimela kuyo indodana yakhe, wayigona wayanga. Indodana yathi kuye, ‘Baba, ngenze isono phambi kwezulu lakuwe. Kangisafanelanga ukuthiwa ngiyindodana yakho.’

Kodwa uyise wathi ezincekwini zakhe, 'Phangisani! Lethani isembatho esihle ukwedlula ezinye limgqokise. Lifake indandatho emunweni wakhe, limgqokise lamanyathela ezinyaweni zakhe. Beseliletha ithole elinonisiweyo lilihlabe. Asenzeni idili sithokoze. Ngoba indodana yami le yayisifile kodwa isiphila njalo; yayilahlekile manje isifunyenwe.' Waqalisa manje umkhosi wokujabula.

Sonke lesisikhathi, indodana endala yayisensimini. Yathi isibanga endlini yezwa kuhlatshelwa njalo kugidwa. Yasibiza omunye wezinceku yambuza ukuthi kwakusen-zakalani. 'Umfowenu usebuyile,' waphendula, 'ngakho uyihlo usemhlabela ithole elinonisiweyo ngoba ubuye ephilile, ephilele.'

Umnewabo wazonda kakhulu wala ukungena ngekhyaya. Uyise wasephuma esiya kuye ukuyamncenga. Kodwa waphendula uyise wathi, 'Khangela! Iminyaka yonke le bengikusebenzela kanzima njalo kangizange ngeqe imilayo yakho. Kodwa kawuzange ungiphe lokulizinyane kodwa lokhu ukuthi lami kengithokoze labangane bami. Kodwa lokhu kuthi nxa indodana yakho le esitshaye yathintitha inotho yakho lezifebe, isibuyile ekhaya uyihlabele ithole elinonisiweyo!'

'Ndodana yami,' uyise watsho, 'uhlezi ulami sonke isikhathi njalo konke engilakho ngokwakho. Kodwa bekufanele sithokoze sijabule ngoba umfowenu lo wayesefile, manje usephila njalo; ubelahlekile kodwa usefunyenwe.'"

— ULukha 15:11-32

Kule indaba, sibona ukuthi indodana encane isuka ekhaya lesabelo sayo selifa. Lo ngumcijo oqakathekileyo kule indaba ngoba ukhuluma ngesabelo sakhe selifa. Ngakho kubambe ukuthi

indodana encane isiyamukele isabelo selifa layo; kayisenelisi ukucela okunye okwelifa.

*Encinyane yathi kuyise, “Baba, ngipha esami isabelo selifa.”
Ngakho uyise wabehlukanisela impahla yakhe bobabili.*

Okulandelayo, indaba le isitshela ngalapho okwaya khona indodana encinyane: elizweni elikhatshana. Kuqakathekile ukuba uzwisise ukuthi indodana encinyane yasuka emzini kayise, kusitsho ukuthi yatshiya konke ukwabelwa, ukuvikelwa, lemithetho yelizwe lapho okwakulomuzi kayise khona. Yahamba yaya elizweni elikhatshana, elilemithetho eyehlukeneyo lezindlela zempilo ezehlukeneyo. Ngileqiniso lokuthi indodana le encinyane yayingazi eyayikwenza. Yayikhulisa inzuzo yokuba yindodana iphila endlini kayise. Konke okwakungokukayise kwakungokwayo lapho isahlala ngakibo. Kodwa ngasizatho bani, wayesizwa ukuthi kukhona ayekuswela, ukuthi wayevinjelwa ukukhulisa elinye ithuba elalikweyinye indawo.

Nxa ungakakuboni, eqinisweni, uJesu usitshela indaba yomuntu, indaba ka-Adamu. U-Adamu yindodana encane kule indaba eyasuka endlini kaBaba. U-Adamu nguyey owayezizwa sengathi ulekusasa elingcono kweyinye indawo kulokuqhubeka esebenzela uNkulunkulu, uYise. Ngiyazi okucabangayo, “Nxa kunjalo, u-Adamu eyindodana encane, ngubani indodana endala eyasalayo?” Ngizaphendula umbuzo lowo ekucineni kwengxoxo, kodwa okwakhathesi, khumbula ukuthi u-Adamu yindodana encane eyasukayo.

Noma babelakho konke, u-Adamu lo-Eva bakhohliswa ukuba bacabange ukuthi kwakulokunye okunengi kweyinye indawo kulokuhlala endlini kaBaba. U-Adamu wavukela indlu kayise

wakhetha ukuhamba, wahle waba ngaphansi kukahulumende omutsha, umbuso omutsha olemithetho emitsha. IBhayibhili libiza lithi ngumbuso wobumnyama, obuswa nguSathane. Ngileqiniso lokuthi u-Adamu wamangazwa yibumpofu lobuze obabukulo umbuso omutsha. Ekuqaleni, konke kwakukhanya kukuhle. Kuphela nxa wayelokhu elemali, wayeyaziphilela phakathi kwedili elikhulu! Kodwa ngesikhathi enanzelela ukuthi wayeyenze iphutha, kwasokuphuzile. Ngaleso sikhathi, ilifa lakhe seliphelile, wazithola elahlekile. Inggondo yakhe, eyayike yaba lemibono, yayisihlose kuphela ukucabanga ngendlela zokuzigcina ephila. Kwakungasoke kube lekusasa. Wayeyahlala ekhangele elamhlalokho khepha elamhlalokho alilazo izithembiso.

Ngemva kwesikhatshana indodana encane yabutha konke okungokwayo yasuka yaya elizweni elikhatshana, yafika khonale yayichitha inotho yayo ngempilo yokuxhwala.

Indodana encane khathesi isizithola iphakathi kombuso ongela ngitsho imali, umbuso ophila ngesimo sendlala enkulu. Indodana ibisizama ukuqondisisa lokho ekubonayo—ibona abantu besifa ngendlala. Njengoba yayisuka ekhaya elalilento yonke, ingqondo yayithwala nzima ukuzwisisa lokho ayekubona. Kodwa ubuhlungu bendlala esiswini babulokhe bumkhumbuza ukuthi lokhu ayekubona kwakuliqiniso. Ukuze aziphilise, usezicindezela ukuyacela uncedo emgwaqweni. Embusweni lo wobumnyama, umhlaba umila ameza lezihlahlakazana ezihlabayo, ngakho ukuthi wona uzale, kumele kube lokusebenza gadalala ngezithukuthuku. Ngenxa yokuba lesidingo esikhulu, indodana incenga usizo komunye umuntu. Kodwa wonke umuntu lapha usesimeni

esifanayo. Akakho ozamnikeza ulutho ngoba bonke bangaphansi kwendlala efanayo.

Indodana encinyane yehlelwa yisehlakalo esimqoka ngalesi isikhathi, utshintsho osoluthinte mina lawe kunye labantu bonke. Okwakuqala empilweni yakhe, indodana encinyane incenga ukubhadalwa njengesisebenzi, umuntu oqhatshiweyo, oyenza umsebenzi wezandla. Lokhu yikungcoliswa kobuntu bakhe beqiniso. Akasenguye indodana yendoda ephakemeyo eyisinothi esihlonitshwayo, usengosebenza ukulinda izakhiwo, ukuthengisa inyama, ukuphatha izindlu, ukuthumela imilayezo, uluhlu lude luyaqhubeka. Usesaziwa ngalokho akwenzayo hatshi lokho ayikho khona! Uselahlekelwe yibuntu bakhe! Ejulisa ukulahleka kobuntu bakhe, uJesu uthi yena waphelwa waze wathatha umsebenzi wokunakekela ingulube. Ingulube zazithiwa kazihlanzekanga ngamaJuda, njalo uJesu utshela ixuku labantu ukuthi indodana le encane yayisiphelelwe okokuthi yayisilahlekelwe yinjongo yonke eyayike yaba layo ngempilo yayo. Isiphila impilo yamahloni lokuyangeka. Ubukhosi eyayike yabukholisa sokungumcabango nje okhatshana.

Isitshaye yachitha konke, kwaba lendlala enkulu kulolonke ilizwe, yasiswela kakhulu. Yasisiyadinga umsebenzi komunye umuntu wakulelizwe owayisa esiqintini sakhe ukuyagcina ingulube. Yabona kungcono kuyo ukuthi ixotshe iphango ngokudla okwakudliwa zingulube, kodwa kayizange iphiwe lutho langubani.

Ngethemba uyabona ukuhambelana kwendaba le labantu banamuhla. Amadoda amabili angahlangana, athini omunye komunye? “Uziphilisa ngokwenzani?” kumbe “Usebenza ngaphi?”

kumbe “Wenzani?” Ungabuza umuntu ukuthi ngubani, esikhathini esinengi yena ukutshela ngokuthi wenzani. Kungani? Ngoba kusiqalekiso somhlaba, sonke sesalahlekelwa yibuntu bethu, njalo sizama ngawo wonke amandla ukuba sibuthole. Silandela wonke umuntu olandelwa ngabantu okhanya eqakathekile. Konke lokhu kwavela kusinqumo sika-Adamu esokutshiya indlu kaYise. Kumicabango yethu egcwele ukuziphilisa, sesilahlekelwe yikuthi singobani. Kodwa khuthazeka, indodana le kundaba yethu kayizange iphelele esibayeni sengulube; njalo lapho silandela indaba le, ngithemba ukuthi uzabona ukuthi lawe akumelanga uphelele khona.

IBhayibhili lithi ngelinye ilanga ingqondo yendodana encane yaqala ukucabanga kuhle yakhumbula indlu kayise lapho ngitsho lezisebenzi ezazisidla khona zize zitshiye. Ngicabanga ukuthi ngesikhathi ebulawa yindlala wakhumbula konke ukudla okuhle ayeke wakukholisa. Umalume wami uHarold wayephendla ngamagagasi ewayilesi ku B-17 ngesikhathi se *World War II*. Wayesuke kumphakathi olimayo njalo lasemulini elimayo. Malanga onke ngeSonto, unina wayephakulula ukudla okunengi okwenkukhu etshiswe ngamafutha, amagwili abondweyo, isinkwa esiphekwe ngekhaya, indumba eziluhlaza, leminyane imibhida emnandi. Yebo futhi, kwakusibakhona i-*pie* ephekwe ngekhaya lekhekhe le *dessert*. Ngiyazi mathupha ukuthi ukudla lokho kwakumnandi okungakanani ngoba unina wayengugogo wami.

Indizamtshina kamalume yadutshulwa eGermany ngesikhathi sempi, yena wachitha inyanga ezinengi enkambeni yejele laseGermany. Ukudla kwakuphosa kungabikhona. Ngelinye ilanga, ngabuza umalume ukuthi wayeziphilise njani kulawo amalanga, wathi wayehlala ecabanga ngokubuyela ekhaya ayekudla inkukhu

kanina lamagwili abondiweyo. Ngileqiniso lokuthi indodana encane le yenza okufanayo yananzelela lokho eyayikukhutha. Kodwa wayengasela lungelo phezu kwelifa, ngoba wayeseyamukele ilifa likayise lonke elalingelakhe. Ngakho wacabanga icebo. Wayezabuyela kuyise ayemcela ukuba amqhatshe njengenceku. Engqondweni yakhe, ukusebenza njengoqhatshiweyo, kwakuyikho kodwa okwasokusele.

Kwathi lapho ingqondo yayo isicabanga kuhle, yathi, "Kambe zingaki izinceku zikababa ezidla zizezitshiye kodwa nanku mina ngifa ngendlala! Ngizasuka ngibuyele kubaba ngifike ngithi kuye: Baba, ngenze isono phambi kwezulu lakuwe. Kangisafanelanga ukuthiwa ngiyindodana yakho; ngenza ngibe njengomunye wezinceku zakho." Ngakho yaphakama yaya kuyise.

Ngakho wabuyela ekhaya lecebo lakhe ukuze ayencenga ubaba ithuba lokuthi asebenzele ukuthola indawo yokulala lokudla. Kodwa iBhayibhili lisitshela impumela emangalisayo kule indaba. Wathi esondela ekhaya, uyise wambona esasekhatshana wagijima ukuyamhlangabeza wamgona. Kusukela lapho, indaba le kumele ithiwe yindaba kaBaba olothando ngoba ubaba lo wamgona loba wayegcwele ubulongwe bengulube. Ngokwenza lokho, amaJuda ayelalele uJesu ayesazi ukuthi ukugona kwakuyakwenza ubaba abe ngongahlanzekanga ngokomoya. Kodwa ubaba wazenza wangcola ngenxa yendodana yakhe. Abesecela isembatho esihle kulazo zonke ambathise indodana yakhe ukuba asithe ingcekeza. Wabesethatha indandatho etshengisa amandla akhe wayofaka emunweni wendodana yakhe. Wasemnikeza amanyathela ukuba agqoke, wona akhombisa ukuthi usengangena futhi emzini wonke olilifa.

Kodwa lokhu okokucina okwanikezwa indodana yikho okwenza indodana endala izonde. Ubaba ucela ukuthi balethe ithole elinonisiweyo libulawe lidliwe ngenxa yokuphenduka kwendodana. Indodana encane, noma ingafanelanga, yanikezwa isikhundla sayo kunye lenzuzo yokuba yindodana, yahlonitshwa njengendodana egcekeni, yabuyiselwa kusikhundla sayo sakudala njengendodana endlini.

Kulungile, kodwa konke lokhu kulani lesabelo esiphindwe kabili? Yonke into. UJesu wasebenzisa indaba yendodana encane eyasuka yayaphenduka ngenxa yokuthi ababemlalele, abosiko lwamaJuda, babezaswisisa indaba okwakukhulunywa ngayo lalokho esengifuna ukukutshela khona. Kusiko lwamaJuda, indodana endala kwakumele yamukele isabelo esiphindwe kabili. Nxa ukhumbula, indodana endala kayizange ihambe, kodwa ngencane eyahambayo yayaphenduka. Uzakhumbula futhi ukuthi yathi ihamba, yathatha okwayo okwelifa, isabelo sayo ngokomthetho, yahamba laso. Khathesi yayingeke ifune ulutho olwelifa lakho konke okwakuphakathi kwekhaya leli. Kodwa indodana encinyane yathi isiphen-dukile njalo ubaba eseyibuyisele njengendodana, ngokunjalo, yamnikeza ithole elinonisiweyo ngokuthakazelela ukuphenduka kwayo, indodana endala yazonda. Engqondweni yendodana endala, ithole lalingelayo ngoba laliyingxenye yesabelo sayo selifa.

Nanku umcijo. Noma umfo omncane wayeseyamukele isabelo sakhe selifa, wabuyiselwa njengendodana ngakho khathesi wayesekholisa isabelo sesibili. Lokhu kutsho ukuthi wayamukela isabelo esiphindwe kabili eselifa. Kumfo omdala, lokhu kwakungela bulungiswa, ngakho ngenxa yokuzonda, watshela uyise. Yena uthi ubekade ethembekile esebenza iminyaka yonke le njalo umnawakhe akukho akwenzayo ngaphandle kokuyangisa imuli. Kungani kwakumele athole isabelo esiphindwe kabili?

Lokhu kwakulobulungiswa na? Ngelihlo lesiqalekiso somhlaba esokusebenza gadalala ngezithukuthuku, sonke singaphendula sithi kwakungela bulungiswa. Sasiyaxhasa indodana endala eyayikade isebenza ngokuthembeka njalo ilelungelo lokutshela uyise ngobulungiswa njengoba yayisebenze kangaka.

Kodwa thina sahlulela ubulungiswa sime ngaphi? Akusuye ubaba na owazi ukuthi Yena utshengisa bani umusa Wakhe? Ukuqeqetshwa kwesiqalekiso somhlaba kwakuyasenza sonke sithi ngenxa yokuthi ubaba wayesenikeze indodana encinyane esinye isabelo selifa, indodana endala yayisiyathola okulutshwane. Kodwa akunjalo. Ubaba ulenotho enengi okokuthi inceku lazo zilakho okwedlula okwaneleyo. Kakhulu kangakanani amadodana.

Usathane akafuni ubekwazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu wethu umkhulu okungakanani kumbe uzazi ukuthi wena ungubani. Yena kade ekhuluma amanga ngoBaba wethu kusukela ekuqaleni. Abantu bomshuwalense bathi kungehla izinhhlupho yisenzo sikaNkulunkulu. Inhlanganiso zenkolo zona zithi uNkulunkulu uyajabula ngesifungo sobumpofu. Abantu bona bathi uNkulunkulu wenza izinto ezimbi kubantu abahle. USathane ufuna ukukugcina uyisiphofu ungaboni lokho oyikho khona lokuthi uBaba wakho umkhulu okungakanani ngaphandle ungaphendukisa ingqondo ubuyele Kuye ngenhliziyo yonke. Ngiyakuthembisa ukuthi ungabuyela Kuye, uzathola ukwamukelwa okufana lokwendodana le encinyane kule indaba.

“Ngubani indodana endala?” ungabuza. Kahle sibone ukuthi ungayithola na impendulo.

Sonke lesisikhathi, indodana endala yayisensimini. Yathi isibanga endlini yezwa kuhlatshelelwa njalo kugidwa. Yasi-biza omunye wezincedu yambuza ukuthi kwakusenzakalani.

“Umfowenu usebuyile,” waphendula, “ngakho uyihlo usemhlabele ithole elinonisiweyo ngoba ubuye ephilile, ephelele.”

Umnwabo wazonda kakhulu wala ukungena ngekhaya. Uyise wasephuma esiya kuye ukuyamncenga. Kodwa waphendula uyise wathi, “Khangela! Iminyaka yonke le bengikusebenzela kanzima njalo kangizange ngeqe imilayo yakho. Kodwa kawuzange ungiphe lokulizinyane kodwa lokhu ukuthi lami kengithokoze labangane bami. Kodwa lokhu kuthi nxa indodana yakho le esitshaye yathintitha inotho yakho lezifebe, isibuyile ekhaya uyihlabele ithole elinonisiweyo!”

“Ndodana yami,” uyise watsho, “uhlezi ulami sonke isikhathi njalo konke engilakho ngokwakho. Kodwa bekufanele sithokoze sijabule ngoba umfowenu lo wayesefile, manje usephila njalo; ubelablekile kodwa usefunyenwe.”

Indodana endala ithi kuminyaka yonke le yona ibikade isebenzela ubaba, kodwa isikhathi sonke lesi ubaba akazange amnikeze ngitsho lezinyane ukuba akholise labangane bakhe. Kahle ngichasisa lokho akutshoyo. “Baba, kawulabo ubulungiswa!” Kodwa nanzelela ukuthi ubaba uthini kuye. “Uhlezi ulami sonke isikhathi, njalo KONKE ENGILAKHO ngokwakho.”

Mana!!!!

Khathesi, usukwazi ukuthi indodana endala ngubani na? Indodana endala ibikade isebenzela ubaba ilomqondo ongayisiwo owokuzingcwelisa ukuze ikholise ukulunga kukababa. Konke okukababa bekungokwayo isikhathi sonke lesi. Uqondile, indodana endala imela umthetho

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wesivumelwano sakuqala. Indodana yakuqala yayingeke ikholise inzuzo yendlu kayise ngoba yayilokhu imatasa isebenzela ukuthandwa ngubaba. Noma indodana endala yayilelungelo lesabelo esiphindwe kabili, yindodana encane eyasikhwabithayo.

Wena uyindodana encinyane!

Ulaso isabelo esiphindwe kabili. Wena uyindodana eyamukelwa hatshi ngenxa yalokho ekwenzayo kodwa ngenxa yokuthi ungubani kuKhristu—indodana kumbe indodakazi kaNkulunkulu, ekholisa inotho engazange iyisebenzele kodwa eyiphiwe mahala nguBaba.

ISAHLUKO 9

OKWEDLULA OKWANELEYO

Ngiyazwisisa ukuthi ungabe ulensolo ngesihloko salesi sahluko, Kodwa ke kulapho osuqonda khona, kokwedlula okwaneleyo. Hatshi ngoba ngikutshengisa indlela entsha, njalo esahlabusa eyokwenza imali lula kodwa ngenxa yokuthi njengomntwana kaNkulunkulu kulilungelo lakho ukukholisa ubuhle lempumelelo yendlu kaYihlo. Umcabango wesabelo esiphindwe kabili, ukuthola ukwedlula okwaneleyo, usungakhanya unzima ukufumana khathesi ngoba uqathanisa lalapho okhona khathesi empilweni. Kodwa ke kulapha okumele uqale khona uhambo lokuya kumpumelelo—ekucabangeni kwakho.

**UMCABANGO WESABELO
ESIPHINDWE KABILI,
UKUTHOLA UKWEDLULA
OKWANELEYO,
USUNGAKHANYA UNZIMA
UKUFUMANA KHATHESI
NGOBA UQATHANISA
LALAPHO OKHONA
KHATHESI EMPILWENI.
KODWA KE KULAPHA
OKUMELE UQALE KHONA
UHAMBO LOKUYA
KUMPUMELELO—
EKUCABANGENI KWAKHO.**

Ngaphandle kokuba imicabango yakho isekelane leLizwi likaNkulunkulu, awusoze ukholise inzuzo Zakhe. Ngakho ke phakamisa amehlo akho asuke kulokhu okukugombolozelayo uwase kulokhu uNkulunkulu athi kungokwakho eMbusweni Wakhe. Mana ukuphikisana lalokho uNkulunkulu akutshoyo ngoba wena ungakakuboni empilweni yakho. Endaweni yalokhu, qala ukuphikisana lomumo wakho ngeLizwi likaNkulunkulu, ukholwa ukuthi kumele usekelane lakho konke uNkulunkulu athi kungokwakho. Mina ngingumuntu nje owayenza lokho engikutshela ukuthi ukwenze. Kholwa ukuthi uNkulunkulu uthini! ILizwi likaNkulunkulu kalehluleki njalo liyadala inguquko kumumo wonke. Njengesibonelo, nansi i-*email* engayithola komunye umlaleli owayelensolo, wayesekuzwile konke, kumbe wayecabanga njalo?

“Ngizazama ukufaka iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili yokudubeka kumitsho le emilutshwane eyanelayo. Mina lomyeni wami sonke sakhulela emulini zesiKhristu sisiya enkonzweni sikhathi sonke. Sasiphathisa kwezabatsha, izifundo zabancane i-*Sunday School*, njalo njalo. Kwathi lapho sitshada, umnyaka wethu waba muhle ezimalini ... sokuyiminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili eyedlulayo. Kusukela lapho, “into yemali” yabangumthombo wobuhlungu lokukukhathazeka, ukholo lwami lwaseluhlala luzamazamiswa ngoba ngangingakuzwisisi ukuthi kungani lokho iMibhalo eyayikutsho kwakungenzakali. Nxa iLizwi likaNkulunkulu lalimi okunaphakade njalo lingatshabalali njalo Yena eNguye izolo, lamuhla laphakade, pho kwenzakalani? Mhlawumbe Yena usengumuyi, usomangase kumbe isiwula!

“Asedlulele kumhlaka 28 Zibandlela, 2013 ... Ngatshela umyeni wami, ‘UNkulunkulu kazibonakalise kumbe mina ngizihambe.’... Ngasengikhathele ngenkonzo laye uNkulunkulu.

Ngathi ngiphuma endlini ukuyayenza imisebenzi embalwa, umyeni wami wazehlisa kufuqo lukaMoya oNgcwele wabiza omunye umngane wethu ukuthi baxoxe. Wathi eseqedile, umngane wethu wathi ulakho afisa sikulalele—uGary Keese. Wasabela ubufakazi balokho okwakwenzakale kuye. Ngakho, ngathi ngifika endlini umyeni wami wangitshela ukuthi umngane wayetheni lokuthi wayezakuya mbona ngosuku olulandelayo ayethatha.

Angikwazi ukuthi kuyini okwayenzakalayo (ngoba ngasengidiniwe ngokuzwa ngabafundisi lababalisi “bezinto zikamoya”), kodwa ngamtshayela ucingo, ngabuza ukuthi sasingamthola yini ngaleyo ntambama. Phakathi kobusuku obabulongqwaqwane, nganelisa ukuyafika endlini yakhe. Ngathi ngisatshayela ngamtshela uNkulunkulu ukuthi, ‘Kumele kube yikho lokhu!’

“Ngosuku olulandelayo, saqalisa ukulalela, sobabili sakhulelwa. Konke kwaqala ukuzwisiseka. Indima zonke leziyana: ukukholwa, ukubambelela ngamandla kubufakazi bakho. Zonke incezu zelibho zaqala ukuhlangana. KODWA akekho owayeyenze umzamo wokufundisa INDLELA ... yokufika lapho esasingathi ‘SESIKU-FUMENE!’ Wena wakwenza.

“Ngakho ngokutshetsha, saqala ukusebenzisa lokho esasikufundile ... sasidinga imali yesikwelede sendlu. Kwakungolwesine, umyeni wami wayeseqede ukwenza imisebenzi emzini wabazali bami ... bona babelokhe bebuza ukuthi kwakumele bamnike malini umyeni wami (phela babesazi ukuthi isimo sasisibi). Ngaphendula ngathi, ‘Noma yini ababeyanelisa.’ Yayinganeli ukuhlawulela inhlawulo yendlu ... KODWA ke kwakulokhe kungoLwesine.

“NgoLwesihlanu sasihlele ukuyahlangana lomngane loyana owayesinike amadlalade e-*CD* okuyalalela. Kwakulesiqhotho

sikangqwaqwane esikhulu, kodwa mina lomkami sobabili sasifisa ukuhlala phansi sikhulume laye ngoMbuso lokuthi usebenza njani.

“Singakasukumi, wayefisa sithandaze, wasesiqhubela incwadi yemali okuthiwa yi-*check* ... iNkosi yayimfuqile ukuthi atshale empilweni zethu. Lokhu kwasiqeda amandla onke sibili. Sasesivula i-*check* leyana ... YAYISEDULULA OKWANELAYO ukuthi sihlawulele inhlawulo yendlu lezinye indleko ezincane!

“Ngatshela umkami ukuthi yikho kodwa engangikudinga! Ngathatha umfanekiso we-*check* ukuze ibeyibufakazi bokwet-hembeka Kwakhe. Yebo, isitha kasikuthandanga esakubonayo lapho njalo masinyane (ndoda, ngithi kwaba masinyane nje!!!!) wazama ukuyintshontsha imbewu yethu. Sasiyenze ukhetho lokuthi leli yilo iqiniso, njalo sasingasoze sikhulume noma yini engaphazamisa ikusasa lethu. Yena wayengakhathali ... kodwa saqhubeka sijonge lapho esiya khona siphathe ihawu.

“(Khathesi ngingakaqhubekeli phambili, ngifisa ubekwazi ukuthi ngangingulowo oqhamuka e-Italy olenkani owayesekhathele ‘ngemfundiso zempumelelo’ engasengizizwile ... njalo lomyeni wami wayekwazi lokho. Isimanga esikhulu yikuthi ngangikubambisisile ngabambelela kukho ... kwesinye isikhathi umyeni wami uyangikhangela emangala ukuthi kambe kuyini okwayenzakala kimi!

“Sakhulula ukholo lwethu satshala ukuze sithole isinqumo somsebenzi wenhlanganiso yethu yokwakha ngo 3/13 sisenzela isivumelwano somsebenzi esasizaletha i-\$150,000 ukuze sihlawulele indleko, imithelo lokunye okunjalo. Ngo Mabasa 5/13, sayamukela izivumelwano zomsebenzi ezimbili ezifika \$450,000 NGOSUKU OLULODWA!!!! Lokhu kwenzakala ngemva kwenyanga ezimbili siqale ukusebenzisa izimiso zoMbuso.

“Safundisa labantwana bethu labo bazibonela ukuthi ‘sesikufumene.’ Khathesi, sebazenzela uluhlu lwabo sebetshala kuma-*piggy bank* abo ukuze betshale kulokho abakufisayo. Silezindima kukamelo lonke, ingane yethu eleminyaka emihlanu ifika kizo ithi, ‘Ngiyakukholwa ngokunjalo sengikwamukele.’

“Silokubonga okukhulu ukuthi sesilemali eyanela ukuthi sinikele lokuthi mihla lemhla sesisondele ekuqedeni izikweledi zethu lokuthi sanelise ukufeza imisebenzi esiyibekelweyo!

“Ngiyabonga, Mfundisi uGary, ngokuthatha isikhathi sokuphendula ama-*email* engakuthumela wona. Siyakuzwisisa ukuthi isikhathi sakho kasaneli, ngakho iqiniso lokuthi wathatha isikhathi sokwenza lokhu likhomba isilinganiso sesifiso sakho sokwabelana umbiko lowu omangalisayo owoMbuso kaNkulunkulu omkhulu.”

Ngamukela ama-*email* afana lale mihla yonke. Abantu abafana lami lawe sebelithola iqiniso lokuthi bangobani kuKhristu, befunda ukuthi uMbuso usebenza njani, besebezikholisela inzuzo zakhona. Ngakho mina loDrenda sasithola njani isimiso lesi sesabelo esiphindwe kabili? Ngizakutshela kulesi isahluko wena uzathola ukukhuthazwa zindaba zethu.

Lapho mina loDrenda siqala ukufunda imithetho lezimiso ezivela kuMbuso kaNkulunkulu, kwaba lontshintsho olukhulu empilweni zethu, njengoba ngikutshelile kusigaba sakuqala salolugwalo, sasuka ekuphileni ngokutholakele mhlalokho, ukuqaleka ngokudangala, imithi eyelapha ukudangala, lokusweleka kwethemba okukhulu saya kunjongo lokwabelwa. Sabona izinto zisenzakala ngokuphindaphindwa okukhulu okwasenza sithi, “Ukubonile na lokhuyana? Habe!” Sasiqhubeka sibona umbuso kaNkulunkulu usebenza ngendlela ebekwa ngayo liBhayibhili sibuye sibuzo

imibuzo, “Lokhu kwenzakale njani njalo ngasizatho bani? Kumbe “Sithaphe kusiphi isimiso lapha?” Noma sasikholisa okwedlula okwaneleyo, sasingasiboni isabelo esiphindwe kabili ngendlela emgceke efana lale ekundaba engizakutshela zona. Sasikholisa isabelo esiphindwe kabili, kungenani, sasingakwazi ukubiza lokho esasikubona sithi yisabelo esiphindwe kabili kodwa uNkulunkulu waqhubeka esengezelela ukuzwisisa kwethu. Ngingakachasisi ukuthi uNkulunkulu wasisiza njani ukuthi sizwisise isabelo esiphindwe kabili ngendlela ebalulekileyo, ngithanda ukuhlola uMbhalo wethu omqoka okomzuzwana nje. (Amazwi aphakathi kwezihanqo ngawami, awasiyo ngxenye yoMbhalo wakuqala.)

Ngakho, kulokhu, kukhona ukuphumula kweSabatha kwabantu bakaNkulunkulu. Ngoba loba ngubani ongena ekuphumuleni kukaNkulunkulu [ukholo] uyaphumula lakowakhe umsebenzi [isiqalekiso somhlaba esokusebenza gadalala, ngezithukuthuku, lokuziphilisa] njengokwenziwa nguNkulunkulu kowakhe [ngoba Yena wayeseqedile].

— KumaHebheru 4:9-10

Okwamanje ususazi ukuthi ukuphumula lokhu kweSabatha kuyisethembiso salolonke ikholwa lika Khristu kuThestamende eNtsha futhi akusiyonto yeThestamende eNdala. Usukwazi njalo ukuthi iSabatha alenzeki nxa ungelakho okwedlula okwaneleyo, njengoba sibonile kuEksodusi 16, isabelo esiphindwe kabili. Ngicela ungaxubanisi ukuhamba kusabelo esiphindwe kabili sengathi kutsho ukuhlala ulemali enengi engelamsebenzi ilindele lapho uNkulunkulu esekuthume ukuyayenza umsebenzi othile.

Sokube lezikhathi empilweni yami lapho uJesu angitshela khona

ukuba ngithuthukise umsebenzi kodwa ngingalayo imali ebhanga. Ngananzelela muva ukuba uNkulunkulu yena akazange esabe ukuthi imali izavela ngaphi. Akazange akuvumele lokho ukuthi kwenzakale, hlezi isitha sesingazama ukuthi sintshonsthe isikhathi singakeneli. Kahle ngikucebise, kumele wenze ukhetho lokuya phambili kusimo esinje nxa ulesiqiniseko sokuthi uMoya oNgcwele usethe ukwenze. Phindenjalo, ngaphandle kokuba uJesu ekutshelile ukuthi uqhubekele ngohlelo ungelamali, ungalokothi uzame ukuluqhuba. Linda kuze kubelapho isikhathi kanye lokwabela kukaNkulunkulu sokwanele.

Singakubeka lula, thina amakholwa sibizelwe ukuthi siphile ekuphuphumeni kwezezimali okuvela empilweni zethu. Kasisizo ziphepheli kodwa singabaphayo ngezikhathi zonke njengalokho uBaba wethu ayikho. Lalela, ukuthi uNkulunkulu ukutshengise okuthile akutsho ukuthi sokuyisikhathi sokuqala ukuhamba. Kanengi ukutshengisa ulutho ukuze akuqondise indlela njalo lokukunika isikhathi sokulungiselela. Ngolwazi lwami, ukukhetha isikhathi esifaneleyo, kuqakatheke njengokuthola umlayezo wokuqondiswa indlela.

Lapho uJesu eqala inkonzo Yakhe edolobheni lasekhaya Lakhe, ngemva kokuba esebhaphathiziwe emfuleni uJoridane nguJohane umbhaphathizi langemva kwensuku lobusuku obuyi 40 esenhlane. Waqonda esinagogwini lakibo wadobha umbhalo wavula ku-Isaya isahluko samatshumi ayisithupha lanye waseqala ukubala. Sithola isehlakalo lesi silotshiwe ku Lukha 4:18-21.

UMoya kaThixo uphezu kwami, ngoba uThixo ungicobile ukuba ngitshumayele izindaba ezinhle kwabampofu. Ungithumile ukuba ngimemezele ukukhululwa

kwabathunjiweyo lokusiliswa kweziphofu ukuthi zibone, ukukhululwa kwabancindezelweyo, lokumemezela umnyaka womusa kaThixo.

Wasewugoga, wawubuyisela esikhonzini sebandla, wahlala phansi. Amehlo abo bonke esinagogweni athi nhlo kuye, waseqalisa ngokuthi kubo, “Lamhla umbhalo usugcwalisekile lizizwela.”

Limqotho, bamthukuthelela ukuthi Yena wayezikhomba ethi umbhalo lo utsho Yena. Kodwa ngifuna ujonge lapho uJesu acina khona ukubala. Indima yakuqala usiya kweyesibili ku-Isaya 61 ithi,

Ungithumile ukuba ngibophe inhliziyi ezidabukileyo, ngimemezele ukukhululwa kwabathunjiweyo, lokukhululwa kwezibotshwa emnyameni, lokumemezela umnyaka womusa kaThixo, losuku lokuphindisela kukaNkulunkulu wethu.

Nanelela ukuthi uJesu wama phakathi laphakathi komutsho. Akazange abale ukuthi, “losuku lokuphindisela kukaNkulunkulu wethu.” Ngenxayani? Ngoba wayefuna ukuma kusiga sakuqala somutsho, “umnyaka womusa kaThixo.” Uyini na umnyaka womusa kaThixo? NguMnyaka weJubhili! UJesu wayebonisa ukuthi konke lokhuya okwakulithunzi loSuku lweSabatha, uMnyaka weSabatha, loMnyaka weJubhili kwasekugcwaliswa ngoba Yena wayesebuyile. Sonke isahluko sika-Isaya 61 sisitshela ngalokho uJesu asenzela khona. Mayelana lasabelo esiphindwe kabili, khangela isahluko sesikhombisa usiya kwesesificamunwemunye.

Esikhundleni sehlazo labo abantu bami bazaphiwa isabelo esiphindwe kabili, njalo esikhundleni sokuyangeka bazathokoza ngelifa labo; ngakho ilifa labo elizweni yisabelo

esiphindwe kabili lentokozo engapheliyo izakuba ngeyabo. Ngoba mina, uThixo, ngithanda ukulunga, ngizonda ubugebenga lobubi. Ngobuqotho bami ngizabanika umvuzo ngenze isivumelwano esingapheliyo labo. Izizukulwane zabo zizakwaziwa phakathi kwezizwe, lenzalo yabo yaziwe phakathi kwabantu. Bonke abababonayo bazavuma ukuthi bangabantu ababusiswe nguThixo.

— U-Isaya 61:7-9

Ngeqiniso ngiyakuzwisisa ukubalenhloni ngenxa yezindaba zezimali eziqeda amandla. Kanengi ngangizithola ngiyangeka lokucaphuka ngenxa yesimo sethu sezimali esasingamanga kuhle. Ngiyakhumbula kwesinye isikhathi ngangibuthanise abangane bethu abangamatshumi amabili kusidlo santamba kwelinye ikhefa esigabeni. Angisakhumbuli umcimbi esasiwuthakazelela, kodwa ngangivumile ukuhlawulela umcimbi wonke. Ngikhumbula ngingahlalisekanga phakathi komcimbi ngoba eqinisweni ngangingelayo imali yokwenza umcimbi ongaka. Imali engagikhangelele ukuyithola kusuka kumcimbi womsebenzi yayiphuze ukubuya. Ikhadi lebhanga elilodwa engangilalo laselingavalwanga cha kodwa laseleyiyeqe umkhawulo,

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UKUTSHENGISE
OKUTHILE AKUTSHO
UKUTHI SOKUYISIKHATHI
SOKUQALA
UKUHAMBA. KANENGI
UKUTSHENGISA ULUTHO
UKUZE AKUQONDISA
INDLELA NJALO
LOKUKUNIKA ISIKHATHI
SOKULUNGISELELA.**

kodwa ngangingazi ukuthi lalizavuma ukusebenza kanye kumbe hatshi. Eqinisweni, ekucineni komcimbi sesiqede isidlo ikhadi layaliwa. Kwasekumele ngicele ngokuzithoba okukhulu, ngokuy-angeka okunengi, ngacela omunye wezethekeleli zethu ukuthi ahlawulele umcimbi.

Oh, ngilazo indaba ezinengi ezinjengayonaleyi, kodwa angazi ukuthi ungabe ulezesula ezaneleyo ukuthi siqale ukuyathelana indaba ezinje ezikhalisayo. Kodwa asimbongeni uNkulunkulu, ngaye uJesu, bonke abasibonayo kuzafanele bavume ukuthi siyilabo ababusiswa yiNkosi ngempela!

Isabelo esiphindwe kabili esiphindwe kabili ngesakho, uJesu nguye ukuphumula kweSabatha, njalo Yena nguye isabelo sakho esiphindwe kabili! Ungabala eyinye yezingwalo ezedlulileyo, uzabakwazi ukuthi iNkosi seyangifundisa okunengi ngoMbuso isebenzisa ukuzingela impunzi. Eqinisweni, ukuzingela impunzi yiyo into yakuqala uNkulunkulu ayisebenzisa ukungikhanganga ngoMbuso. Ngasengizingele impunzi okweminyaka ethile kungela mpumelelo. Noma nje ngangifaka isikhathi lemali kumizamo yami yonke leyi, ngaphetha ngingela mpumelelo ngingelayo inyama. Nxa ngingakhuluma iqiniso, angizange ngijimbe kanye. Kwathi ngomunye umnyaka ngicabanga ngesigaba sokuzingela impunzi esasisiza, uNkulunkulu wakhuluma lami wathi, “Kungani ungangivumeli ngikusize ngokuzingela impunzi lezi lonyaka?!” Ngeqiniso, ngangingakwazi ukuthi lokho kutshoni, kodwa Yena wangitshela ukuthi ngilungise i-check njalo ngibhale phansi, “Ngisenzela impunzi yami enduna ka1987” ngiloba kusigaba sezikhumbuzo, ndawonye lenani elithile lemali, besengithumela kuleyonkonzo Yena ayezangitshela yona. Wabuye wangitshela ukuthi mina

loDrenda kwakumele sibeke izandla kuleyo *check* besesithabatha uMakho 11:24 lapho sikhuleka phezu kwayo.

UMakho 11:24 uthi,

*Ngakho ngiyalitshela ukuthi loba kuyini elikuce-
layo ngomkhuleko, kholwani ukuthi selikwamukele,
sekuzakuba ngokwenu.*

Ukuze sifinqe indaba, ngaqonda kwenye insimu engang-
ingayazi ngajimba impunzi ngemizuzu engamatshumi amane. Mina loDrenda sesilandele amanyathelo afanayo okweminyaka engamatshumi amathathu eyedluleyo, njalo sikhathi sonke ngijimba impunzi yami ngemizuzu engamatshumi amathathu kusiya kwamane mnyaka yonke kusukela laphana. Eminyakeni, sengabona uNkulunkulu esenza izimanga lapho ngizingela, senga-
funda imilayo embalwa ngawo uMbuso ngakho ukuzingela lokhu. (Izindaba zakuqala zonke lezi ziqukethwe kugwalo lwami oluthiwa *Faith Hunt*.)

Ngivame ukuthakazelela ukuzingela ngemicibitsholo ngesikhathi semibala ebomvu yasekwindla ngibuye ngizingele ngombhobho nxa sokugodola lapha e-Ohio. Inani elivunyelwayo lempunzi ongazizingela likhulu lapha e-Ohio, kungenani lomnyaka, inani elivunyelwayo zimpunzi ezinsikazi eziyisithupha ngomnyaka. Angikaze ngibe lesidingo sokuvuna impunzi ezinengi kangaka ukuze ngiphilise imulu yami. Ifriji yami ivame ukuba igcwele impunzi ezimbili kumbe ezintathu ngomnyaka. Ukuze wamukele kokhu engizakutshela khona, kumele wazi ukuthi lalapho ngizingela kuminyaka yonke leyi angikaze ngidubule impunzi

ezimbili ezisesikhundleni esisodwa ngekuseni kumbe intambama yinye. Kanje, nxa ungasuye mzingeli, yebo, sizingela simi phezu kwesinyathelo esisesihlahleni. Okwenzakalayo yikuthi, ngangithi ngingabulala impunzi, ngangiphuma egangeni besengiphenduka ngelinye ilanga ukuzothatha eyinye. Kodwa iNkosi yayifuna ukungifundisa okuthile ngalelilanga lokuzingela.

Kwakungelinye lamalanga amahle okuzingela ekwindla, kulamayezi ayembesileyo lomfefezo owawuthambisa umhlabathi lapha lalaphaya. Kwakuyintambama kungeSonto, ngasengikhathele ngemva kokukhokhela inkonzo ezimbalwa ngaleyo kuseni, ngangikhangelele ukuba segangeni. UDrenda wayephumile laye eyedobha okuthile emavinkilini, mina laye sasivumelene ukuthi kwakuyaba yibusuku obuhle bokufaka inyama yenyamazana efrijini. Ngasengigqoka ezokuyazingela ngibuthanisa izinto yena eqonda emoteni. Ngaphuma phandle laye eseqala ukuyisukumisa ephuma. Wathi eyisukumisa imota, wavula ifasiteli wathi kimi, “Isabelo esiphindiwe.” Angazi ukuthi kungani yena watsho njalo, noma muva wangitshela ukuthi wayezwe iNkosi imtshela lokho ngalesisikhathi wazizwa eholwa ukuba angitshela lokho.

Sasesitshale ukuthi sithole impunzi ezintathu ngalowo mnyaka, lolu kwakulusuku lwakuqala lokuzingela kulesi sigaba. Ngamqabula masinyane ngamtshela ukuthi lami ngivumelana laye, ngasengiphuma ngiqonda egangeni. Mina ngizingela emhlabeni ongowami, ngakho ngangisazi lapho engiyakhona. Ngathi ngigada esiqongweni sesihlahla, ngatshaya isabhoru sami kabili kathathu. Ngemva kwemizuzu elitshumi lanhlanu, inkalakatha elempondo ezingu 8 yavela iqolotsha, ngakhulula umtshoko ngisebangeni lama *yard* angu 40, impunzi yavela yawela phansi. Kwakumangalisa lokho! Ngehla ngaqonda kuyo impunzi, kodwa ngasengikhumbula ukuthi

uDreanda wayetheni, isabelo esiphindwe kabili, ngakho ngatshiya impunzi lapho eyayilele khona ngabuyela esihlahleni ngakhwela ngibuyela esiqongweni.

Ngacabanga ukuthi ngokwehla ngomdlandla engangikwenzile, ngihamba ngizula, lokuhamba ngibuyela esiqongweni ngikhwela ngisiyalinda, yeka uqhatshi engangilutshiyile, konke lokhu kwakuzakwenza kube nzima ngokwemvelo ukuthi ngijimbe ngemizuzu yokukhanya eyayisisele evumela ukuzingela. Kodwa ngemva kwemizuzu elitshumi lanhlanu ngisesihlahleni, okuyimpunzana kweza kuqonde kimi nta esihlahleni, mina ngakuwela ngomvutho omkhulu. Habe, imicibitsholo emibili lempunzi ezimbili zilandelana phambi kwesihlahla sinye. Ngangingakaze ngikwenze lokho. Lokhu kwangikhanga ngaba kwazi ukuthi yiso isabelo sami esiphindiweyo uDrenda ayekhulume ngaso.

Okweminyaka emihlanu eyalandelayo, ngaba lesehlakalo esifanayo. Sonke isikhathi ngingaphuma ngisiya zingela ngemitshoko, ngangithola impunzi ezimbili kusihlahla sinye ngemizuzu elandelayo. Ngangikwazi ukuthi lokhu kwakungajayelekanga, ngaqala ukujonga kuso isabelo esiphindwe kabili, nginanzelela ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayesephinda njalo ukungifundisa esinye isifundo soMbuso Wakhe.

Ngihleli ngiyithanda imbhubho, yebo, ngiyakuthanda ukuzingela. Ngilombuthaniso wami wembhubho engiyisebenzisa ekuzingeleni, ngangisuthiseka ngembhubho eyayingeyami. Mina loDrenda silomhlaba ongama *acre* angamatshumi ayisithupha kuwo kulama *acre* aliganga angamatshumi amabili lanhlanu lamanye ama *acre* alitshumi lanhlanu awamaxhaphozi.. Ngesikhathi sonke sekwindla, amaxhaphozi ayoma kumbe uwathole elamanzi, kusiya ngokuthi izulu line njani ehlobo.

Ngalowo mnyaka, sasibe lehlobo elalilezulu elinengi, ngakho ixhaphozi laligcwele amanzi lapho amadada asekwindla esiza. Kwakuhlala kusiba lamadada exhaphozini ngomnyaka lapho kusiba lezulu elinengi, kodwa ke ngangingakaze ngibe lendaba lawo. Kodwa ke ngalo umnyaka kwakulemihlambi emikhulu yamadada ayesiza lapha exhaphozini ngoba amanzi ayemanengi, ngakho ngahugeka. Noma ngangingakaze ngicabange ukuwazingela, nganakana kukuhle ukuthi kengiyazama ukuzingela amadada. Yebo, ukuzingela lokhu kwabamnandi. Kwakulamadada yonke indawo, thina saba lezidlo ngamadada ezimbalwa ngalowo mnyaka.

Ngizingela amadada ngalowo mnyaka, ngafumana ukuthi amanengi ayaqaleka nxa ungawadubula ukubanga lombhobho, lokhu kwakusenza kube lula ukudubula ukubanga elide. Ngangisebenzisa umbhobho wami wansukunzonke, umbhobho sebenza indawo yonke, engangiwusebenzisa ukuzingela imivundla lezikhwehle, kodwa nje njengoba amadada ayephaphela phansi, ngiyakhumbula ukuthi ngangizwe wombhobho omutsha owawudalelwe ukuzingela amadada kuphela. Wawenziwe ukuthi ufihlakale njalo usanelisa ukudubula inani elikhulu lamadada, njalo wawuvumela ukuthi udubule okwesikhathi eside. Ngiyakhumbula ngizitshele ukuthi kumele kengiyihlola leyo mibhobho kwesinye isikhathi.

Yebo, kwenzakala ukuthi ngangisesitolo sezemidlalo ngemva kokuphela kwesigaba samadada. Lapho engabona khona inqwaba yemibhobho eyayilotshwe ukuthi ngeyenyonini zemanzini, Ngazibuka okwesikhatshana, kodwa ngentengo ye \$2,000 leqiniso lokuthi ngangingasozengidinge omunye umbhobho okwenyanga ezilitshumi ezilandelayo lapho isigaba samadada sesiqala, ngakhetha ukuma ukuthenga. Kodwa ngingakacabangi, ngaphumusela ngimemeza, “Nkosi ngingafuna lowayana.” Angizange ngicabange ngakho

kakhulu lapho ngisaphuma esitolo, kodwa ngemva kwamaviki ambalwa ngangikhuluma emhlanganweni wokuthengiselana, hatshi owenkonzo, umhlangano wokuthengiselana. Ngemva kokukhuluma u-CEO wangibonga ngifundisa wasesithi, “Besifisa ukukubonga ngokuba yisikhulumi sale intambama ngesipho.” Ngatshaywa luvalo lapho esiza lombobho lowayana xathu engangi-wukhangele esitolo kumaviki ambalwa ayedlule. Amazwi ami athi, “Nkosi ngifuna lesiyana,” leqiniso lokuthi emuva nganginikeze imibhobho yikho okwaletha isivuno lesi.

Kugwalo lwakuqala lwesiqeqetsho lesi, *Inguquko Yezimali Zakho: Amandla Okuthembeka*, ngikhuluma ngesimiso esenza ukuthi umbhobho loyana uvele. Ngisibiza ngokuthi yisimiso sesikela, sona sitholakala kuMakho 4:26-29. Ngiyakukhuthaza ukuba uthole ugwalo lolu nxa wena ungakalubali. Ukuvela kombhobho kwaba yinto emangalisayo kimi, kodwa akusiyo indaba engifisa ukuyijonga lapha. Kodwa yona yasungula le esengifisa ukukuyathela yona.

Ngemva kokuvela kombhobho lowayana, ngananzelela ukuba ngangiqubule njani unyakazo lwesivuno, ngacabanga ngeminye imbhobho engangifisa ukuba layo. Phela, ngangitshale imibhobho ephetsheya kwetshumi, ngakho ngacabanga ukuthi kuhle ukulinga imithetho yoMbuso. Umbhobho engangingelawo ngothiwa yi-*over and under*. Wona ngumbhobho omuhle, kodwa intengo yawo iyabiza. Ngakho ngathi, “Nkosi ngifuna ukuba lawo umbhobho othiwa yi-*over and under*!”

Ngemva kwenyanga, ngayamukela ucingo luvela komunye umsize wenkonzo yethu, wathi yena ufisa ukungithengela umbhobho, i-*over and under*. Ngajabula kakhulu yena wathi uzawuthumeza ngeposo. Yebo, ngemva kwensuku ezimbalwa ngayamukela ama-*over and under* amabili eposo, kwakuhle bantu!

Nanzelela ukuthi ngayamukela imibhobho emibili. “Habe,” ngacabanga. Ngatshayela umsizi lowu ucingo ngambonga ngembhobho ayeyithumezele. Ngensuku ezimbalwa ezalandelayo wathumela eminye emibili. Ngathi ngimtshayela ucingo ngimbonga njalo, yena wathi, “Ngajabula kakhulu ukuthi wangifonela mathupha, ngakho ngabona kukuhle ukuthi ngikuthumele ezinye ezimbili.” Ngajabula kakhulukazi ngezipho lezi zombili, kodwa ngasengiqale ukubona umzila lapha. Izibhamu ezimbili sonke isikhathi? Kuzwakala sengathi yisabelo esiphindwe kabili.

Ngenyanga ezimbili ezedlulileyo, ngangifundisa kwelinye ibandla ekuseni ngizabuye ngiyefundisa kwelinye ibandla ngalobobusuku kulelo dolobha linye. Ngemva kwenkonzo yekuseni, indoda ethile yeza kimi yathi, “Ngizakuthumela umbhobho wohlobo lwe-*Browning semi-automatic* engilawo. Phindenjalo, ngajabula kakhulu. Okumngalisayo, yikuthi kunkonzo yantambama owesilisa wabuya kimi wathi, “Ngithenge umbhobho omutsha olokhe usebhokisini ngifuna ukukunika wona,” Wona wawumuhle, i*Marlin* 30/30, umbhobho engihlala ngiwukhwabitha kodwa angikaze ngibe lawo. Phindenjalo, ngamangala kodwa nganginanzelela—isabelo esiphindwe kabili.

Phindnjalo, kungelamaviki ambalwa ngemva kwesehlakalo leso, into efanayo yenzakala—nganikezwa imbhobho emibili ngosuku lunye ebusuku. Yebo, ngingafakaza ukuthi ngiyindoda ebusisiweyo elembhobho eminengi. Kodwa ngengodaba lonke engilukhulumayo, ngihleli ngibuza, “Kwenzakale njani lokhu?” Yebo phela, ngikutshelile ukuthi ngatshala imbhobho eminengi emuva le kodwa angizange ngithi, “Ngifuna lo onje, Nkosi,” kwaze kwaba lapho. Phindenjalo, ngasengizithaphela kusabelo esiphindwe kabili ngendlela ebalulekileyo esobala ngakho ngasengifuna ukwazi ukuthi

ngangikwenza njani lokho. Ngiyakholwa ukuthi iNkosi yangitshengisa ukuthi inengi lethu liyasikhutha lesi simiso esiqakathekileyo esokuvuna eMbusweni, ngakho ngizachitha isikhathi kusahluko esilandelayo ngikhuluma ngaleyo ndaba. Kodwa ngingakenzi njalo kumele ngabelane lawe ukuthi umnyaka wami waphetha njani.

Ngemva kokuba sengamukele imbhubho eposo, nansi indaba eyenzakala kimi—le ngenye indaba emangalisa kakhulukazi eyenzakala iphathelane lokubona isabelo esiphindwe kabili siziletha mgceke, kusobala, kungekho mibuzo ethandabuzayo, lesi yisibonelo sesabelo esiphindwe kabili. Indaba leyi iphathelane lezimota, ngokucaca umhlobo we-*Cadillac Escalade* emhlophe engayinikwayo njengoba ngitshilo kuzahluko ezedlulileyo.

Njengoba ngitshilo mandulo egwalweni, mina lo uDrenda asisibo bantu bezimota. Sivame ukuzitshayela zizezime ukusebenza kumbe sezingasabukeki.

Ngizaphinda njalo kule indaba, kumele ngifakaze ukuthi mina loDrenda sasesinikele imota ezinengi mandulo kodwa singazange sibeke isicelo esicacileyo sokukholwa kwethu siqamba lokho okwakumele sikuvune ngalokho kunikela. Kodwa nxa usakhumbula indaba yethu, sizesitshaye i-*Escalade* eqhatshiweyo ngesikhathi somhlangano sabuye sathi, “Siyayithanda leyi; sibona ukuthi kumele sithole eyethu enje,” sasingakhangelelanga ukuthi kungaba lomuntu ongasitshayela ucingo ethi ufuna ukusithengela yona. Kodwa, eqinisweni, yikho okwayenzakalayo. Njalo futhi, ngeqiniso, sasingatshelanga muntu ukuthi sifuna imota enje. Ngakho ngikutshelile mandulo, umhlobo omhlophe, umhlobo omfitshane, yiwo owavelayo, njalo wawumangalisa. Ngiyawuthanda.

Kodwa kusesekhona okumangalisayo kule indaba okwayenzakala ehlobo eledlulileyo. Sasesitshaye i-*Escalade* leyi

okomnyaka lengxenye ngesikhathi ihlobo lanyakenye lifika, kwathi ngelinye ilanga ngananzelela isibane esikhomba uhlupho ku-*engine*. “Akulandaba lapha,” ngazicabangela, kodwa ngangifuna iyehlolwa, ngakho ngadinga ingcitshi yayithatha. Yona yathi kwakungasilo hlupho olukhulu.

**NGIDINGA INKOSI
LOMBUSO WAYO,
KODWA KUWO UMBUSO
NGITHOLA OKWEDLULA
OKWANELEYO, ISABELO
ESIPHINDWE KABILI!**

I-*sensor* yayicithekelwa ngamafutha emota amancane ku-*exhaust*, kodwa kwakungasoze kudale uhlupho. I-*engine* yayisaqinile inqe ngangifuna ukutshayela. Ngababuza ukuthi kungani yayicithekelwa ngamafutha. I-*escalade* yami yayile-*exhaust* eyanziwe

emkambo, ngakho babethi kwakuyiyo eyayibangela uhlupho. Phindenjalo, bathi i-*engine* yakhona ngokwayo yayiqinile njalo yayisazakuba lesikhathi eside idonsa.

Ngolunye usuku, sisenza ingxoxo nje lendoda eyayinginike imota yeyo, ngakhuluma ngohlupho lwe-*sensor* engangilubonile. Yena wathi, “Yebo, sengakubona lokho kusenzakala kumaGMC.” “Eqinisweni,” watsho, “kuvamile kwezindala.” Waqhubeka ethi lokhu kwakungeke kuphazamise imota ngandlela bani lokuthi kwakumele nganelise ukutshayela imota le okweminyaka engu10 noma ephetsheya kungela hlupho.

Wayesazi ukuthi mina loDrenda silendlu esasisanda kuyithenga eFlorida. Ngahlala lapho ngimangele lapho esithi, “Ngizakutshela okuthile. Tshayela leyi uqonde eFlorida uyeyisebenzisela khona, mina ngizakuthengela eyinye eyokutshayela lapha eOhio.” Yebo, khathesi sengilama *Escalade*, amhlophe okobuhlalu, umhlobo omfitshane omuhle ngayo yonke indlela ngaphandle kwesibane

se-sensor esicebela *i-engine* esibonakala kanye luleya eyakuqala. Zonke sinhle ngayo yonke indlela! Ngiyaphindanjalo, kwebayisehlakalo sokuthi, “Ukubonile yini lokhuya?” Mina loDrenda siyaz-incweba ukuthi sibone ubuqotho bale indaba nxa sitshayela imota leziyana. Asihlawulelanga ngitsho leyodwa phakathi kwazo. Kodwa kulesisi isehlakalo sabakwazi ukuthi yisabelo esiphindwe kabili.

Angikutsheli indaba lezi ngoba ngizitshaya isifuba, kodwa mngane, ngingobusisiweyo! Ngikholisa isabelo esiphindwe kabili, njengoba lawe ususazi, siyikuba lokwedlula okwaneleyo. Ngilesiphala esigcwele imibhobho, eyedlula ezanelayo. Ngilawo ama-*Escalade* amabili afanayo engingawahlawulelanga. Ngilethemba lawe uyavumelana lami ukuthi ngokwedlula okwaneleyo! Akusikho kuthi ngikukhuthaza ukudinga izinto ezenyama ezibambekayo, hatshi akusikho. Ngithatha izinto lula nje, angithandazi zinto kumbe ukuxotshana lazo. Ngidinga iNkosi loMbuso Wayo, kodwa kuwo uMbuso ngithola okwedlula okwaneleyo, isabelo esiphindwe kabili!

Ima, angikaqedi ukufakaza ngobuhle beNkosi lesabelo esiphindwe kabili masinya kangaka.

Umkami wayefisa indlu yasegunjini lolwandle okweminyaka eyedlula engamatshumi amabili. Cha, kahle ngikutsho kuhle lokho. Useyifune okwephakade! Yena uyaluthanda ulwandle! Kungenani, ubebheke izindlu eziseceleni kolwandle okweminyaka. Emuva kwakuthi nxa kulentengo enhle kwenye indlu ayifunayo, imali yethu ibikade ibanjiwe emisebenzini yenkonzo ngakho besilinda. Yebo, lonyaka ngangikhuleka ekamelweni laphansi ngigibele ibhayisikili lami elingahambiyo. Ngokuphazima kweso, iNkosi yabeka isiqiniseko kimi, “Tshela uDrenda ukuthi aye eFlorida, kuleliya dolobho ayefisa ukuba lendlu khona, ngimtshale ukuba ayithenge indlu yakhe yasegunjini lolwandle kuyonale iviki. “Habe, kuyonale

iviki? Kwakulenkuthazo yokutshetsha enhliziyweni yami lapho ngisizwa lokho. Ngakho ngatshela uDrenda lokho iNkosi eyayikutshilo kimi, ngakho ngatshela omunye umngane wami owayehlala kulelo dolobho ukuthi asize ngokutshayela uDrenda okwensuku ezimbalwa edinga indlu. Umngane wakuthakazelela kakhulu ukukwenza lokho.

Ngakho uDrenda wangena emagagasini wenza uluhlu lwezindlu ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ayefisa ukuzibona. Esefike khona, UDrenda wehlisa inani lakhe kusuka kumatshumi amabili lanhlanu laya kwezinhlanu ezazibukeka lale ayeyithandile. Ngaleso sikhathi, lami ngandizela khona ngahlanganela laye wangitshengisa izindlu lezi ezinhlanu lale ayeyithandile. Sehlisa inani ukusuka kwezinhlanu kusiya kwezimbili—le ayeyithandile lenye enhle kodwa ingafiki kule ayeyithandile. Kumele ngivume ukuthi ngathi ngiyibona le ayeyithandile, ngazi ukuthi nguye uDrenda, sacina sesibeke isinqumo sokuyithenga. Umnikazi wavuma esasifisa ukukuhlawula ngakho sasesiphetha isinqumo lesi sendlu yethu entsha. Ngemva kwamaviki ambalwa, sesisekhaya e-Ohio siziphumulela, uDrenda wamemeza ethi, “Le yindlu yami! “Ngiyazi,” mina ngatsho. “Le yindlu yakho. UNkulunkulu wangitshela ukuthi kumele ngikuthengele indlu yaselwanlde ngenkathi ngikuthumela elwandle kuleyaviki.”

“Hatshi,” yena watsho, “Wena awuzwisisi; le yindlu yami.” Waqhubeka esechasisa ukuthi wayekhangela izindlu okweminyaka ethile kulesosigaba, kwelinye ilanga wayebone umfanekiso wendlu leyi esasesiyithenga kumbiko wokuthengisa. Wathi eseyibonile, wayithanda. Wathanda yonke into ngayo, ukubunjwa kwayo ngendlela yesi-*Spanish Mediterranean*, ukwendlalwa kwamakamelo ayo, indawo lapho ekhona, konke nje. Ukhumbula ebeka umunwe wakhe kulo mfanekiso esithi, “Nkosi, ngifuna indlu leyi!” Kodwa

wayesazi ukuthi indlu le yayibiza ikanti thina sasesifake imali kweminye imisebenzi, ngakho waqhubeka ebuka ezinye izindlu ezazikunani esasingalanelisa. Kodwa ayikho enye ayithandayo, ngakho asizange sizame ukudinga isivumelwano sokuthenga kwenye yazo. Asibanga lokuthula mayelana lendlu eyodwa ethile.

Kumele wazi ukuthi sasitshale imbewu yendlu yaselwandle kuleli dolobho kuminyaka emibili eyayisiyedlulile. Ngaleso sikhathi safakaza ukuthi silendlu yegunjini kulelidolobho, sesilayo, sayamukela ngosuku sitshala imbewu. Ngiyayikhumbula indawo xathu esasimi kuyo sibambene ngezandla sivumelana ngendlu kaDrenda eyasegunjini lolwandle. Kodwa njengamanje sesikusinqumo sokuthenga, uDrenda wakhumbula umfanekiso ayewubonile kuminyaka emibili eyayedlule wananzelela ukuthi yiyo kanye indlu leya, indlu yakhe!

Sathi sesidingisisa imbali yendlu, safumana ukuthi umniniyo wayeke wazama ukuthengisa kuminyaka edlulileyo, kodwa ayizange ithengwe ngakho wayikhipha emkambo. Kulapho uDrenda ayebone umfanekiso wayo kuluhlu lokuthengiselana izindlu. Kodwa umniniyo wayesekhetha ukuyibuyisela emkambo njalo, lokhu kuchasisa ukuba kungani ngaba lesiqiniseko esiphuthumayo sokuthuma uDrenda elwandle lomlayezo othi, “Kumele uthenge indlu kuyonale iviki.” Yena uzakutshela ukuthi akusiyo ndlela engichitha ngayo imali leyo. Ukunanzelela isikhathi kuqakathekile. Okwamanje, imali yethu yayingabanjwanga ngezinye inhlelo ngakho yayikhona ukuthi uthenge indlu. Ngiyakholwa ukuthi banengi abantu ababebheke indlu leyi yiso isizatho sokuphuthuma. Ngokumangalisayo, intengo yayingakhuphukanga kuleya minyaka emibili eyayedlule, yena eqala ukuyibona. Ngiyakholwa uNkulunkulu wayemgcinele yona!

Kodwa nanti ihlandla lesabelo esiphindwe kabili kule indaba. Kwathi lapho isinqumo sokuthengiselana sisahlelwa, samukela ucingo luvela kunina kaDrenda. Babelendlu eCanada okweminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lambili eyedlulileyo. Sasike safika khona kambalwa ngokwedlula kweminyaka njalo sasiyithanda indlu leyi lalapho ekhona. Indlu le isesihlengini emanzini. Eqinisweni, ulwandle lukubanga lama *feet* angamatshumi amathathu usuka emuva kwendlu leyi. Abazali baka Drenda basebeguga ngakho bakhetha ukuthi abasafuni indleko lokukhathalela umuzi okhatshana lasekhaya kangaka. Beza kithi basibuza ukuthi kambe sasingathakazelela ukuyithenga indlu leyo mina ngathi hatshi. Kwakuluhambo lwamahola angu usuka e-Ohio, noma indawo ngangiyithanda, ngangingaboni kuyinto engangingayenza kanengi ngenxa yesikhathi sokuhamba. Ngakho babeka indlu kuluhlu

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ISABELO ESIPHINDWE
KABILI SICINA NGOKUBA
LOKUBILI KOKUTHILE
KUPHELA. EQINISWENI,
ISABELO ESIPHINDWE
KABILI KALULA
YIKUBA LOKWEDLULA
OKWANELEYO.**

lokuthengisa, kodwa ngemva kokuhlala emkambo okweminyaka emibili akula muntu owatshengisa ukuyikhwabitha. Ngakho sathi sisamelele isivumelwano sethu sokuthenga indlu basitshayela ucingo bechasisa ukuthi basebezame ukuyithengisa indlu behluleka ngakho sebekhethe ukwephula intengo ngengxenye nxa sasingayithenga siyigcine emulini. Ngathi senginakana, abantwabami babekhule besiya

khona njalo yindawo enhle. Ngakho mina loDrenda sakhuleka ngakho sabanika impendulo yokuthi sizayithatha. Sasiphethe imali

eyaneleyo ukuthi siyithenge. Ngaphandle kwalokho, sasithengele inhlanganiso yami indizamtshina ngomnyaka owedlulileyo, okwakusivumela ukuthi siyefika kuyo ngamahola amahlanu hatshi angamatshumi amathathu lane adingekayo nxa utshayela imota. Lokho kwenza ukuya khona kwaba lula.

Sathi sesiphetha izivumelwano zezindlu zombili, ngangihleli ehofisini yami ngelinye ilanga okwangifikela khona masinyane, “Ima kancane, lesi yisabelo esiphindwe kabili! Umkami wayephupha ngendlu yaselwandle okweminyaka. Khathesi phakathi kwenyanga ezimbili, wayesethole umuzi ezansi kweleUnited states, efudumala ebusika kodwa itshisa kakhulu ukuba luncedo ngehlobo. Kodwa ikhaya laseCanada lilomkhathi omuhle kakhulu ehlobo kodwa kuyagodola kakhulu ebusika. Sananzelela ukuthi sasesilamakhaya aselwandle ukwenzela izigaba zombili. Yisimanga. Ngempela saphumisela sathi, “Ukubonile lokhuyana na?” lapho izinqumo zombili zisenzakala. Ngiyakholwa lawe usungavuma ukuthi lokhu kuloqhatshi lwesabelo esiphindwe kabili! Kuyamangalisa!

Sengisebenzise izibonelo ezehlukeneyo zokuthi uNkulunkulu waletha njani okubili kolutho lunye kimi loDrenda, engikholwa ukuthi uNkulunkulu wakusebenzisa ukuthi sibone isabelo esiphindwe kabili sisebenza. Kodwa ngifuna ukuba leqiniso lokuthi ungacabangi ukuthi isabelo esiphindwe kabili sicina ngokuba lokubili kokuthile kuphela. Eqinisweni, isabelo esiphindwe kabili kalula yikuba lokwedlula okwaneleyo. UNkulunku wayesebenzisa izibonelo ezehlukeneyo zokuthola okubili kokuthile ukuze akhange ingqondo yami kusabelo esiphindwe kabili. Ngakho kungenani ukuthi kuyini, ukubalakho kulethwa ngobunengi yisabelo esiphindwe kabili. Ngilethemba lokuthi uyabambisisa ngesabelo esiphindwe kabili lokuphumula kweSabatha. Impilo iyamangalisa

embusweni! Lapho ngiloba lesi sahluko ngihleli emzini wethu kweleCanada, ngibuka ulwandle ngefasitela. Kulamalanda lamadada adlalela egunjini laphaya okulibanga elingama *yard* angu 25 usuka endlini. Kulokuthula, ayikho impazamo, yahlawulelwa, njalo iyisibusiso. Mina ngisemsebenzini, ngisabela abantu indaba ezinhle ngoMbuso kaBaba, ngiyindodana endlini Yakhe, inzalo eMbusweni Wakhe omkhulu, njalo ngiyazikholisela isabelo esiphindwe kabili!

Mina loDrenda sesingaloba indaba ezinengi zokuthi uMbuso kaNkulunkulu lemithetho esebenza kuwo sokuguqule njani impilo zethu, ndawonye lezinkulungwane zabantu abasilobela ama-*email* besetha indaba zabo. Njengoba ngike ngabela, ungazibalela zonke lezizinto eBhayibilini, kodwa kuyamangalisa ukubona iBhayibhili lisendlaleka lesenzeka emehlweni ethu.

Omunye umqondo oseceleni engifisa ukuwengezelela lapha. Yikulinga ingozi ukwabelana labantu ngokuthi uNkulunkulu usibusise njani mina loDrenda lohambo esesiluhambile. Kanengi abantu bakuthatha kubi. Esikhathini bangacabanga ukuthi siyaziqhenya njalo sizigqaja. Kumbe bacabange ukuthi sithethe iminikelo lokwetshumi kwabo sazisebenzisela. Ngicela uzwisise ukuthi mina loDrenda asithathi mali evela kumsakazo wethu kumabonakude, njalo asithathi mali evela ekuthengisweni kwezinsiza zethu. Yebo, sithola iholo kuleli bandla esilholayo. Kodwa silamabhizimusi ethu esihleli silawo, uNkulunkulu uyawabusisa. Bengifisa wazi inhliziyo zethu lapho sisabelana indaba eziphathelane lathi mathupa. Ngizwe kufanele ukuthi ngikutshale lokho esazibonela khona, lalokho uNkulunkulu asifundisa khona ngalezo zehlakalo. Impumela engizayabelana lawe akusizo mpumela zikaGary loDrenda Keesee; asikwanelisi lokho thina! Cha, esesikubonile lalokho esikukholisayo kuyimpumela kaBaba

loMbuso Wakhe empilweni zethu. Siyabelana lezizindaba ngoba sifuna lawe ukwamukele ukuzwisisa! Thina, sasuka ekubeni yize, isizatho sokuloba kwami ugwalo lolu nguwe! Ngifuna wazi ukuthi kusebenza njani njalo uzwisise ukuze wamukele konke uNkulunkulu akubekele khona lawe.

Zwisisa ukuthi ngizonda ubuyanga ngomvutho. Iminyaka eyisificamunwemunye yokuphila ngokudangala okungapheliyo lokwesaba yikuphila esihogweni usesemhlabeni, ngempela! Ngithemba uzakhumbula ukuthi ukuphumula kweSabatha ngokwakho njalo ngokwami! Kusahluko esilandelayo, ngizakwenza uzwisise ukuthi ungena njani kikho ukuphula kweSabatha.

Umqondo oseceleni ngalesi sahluko. Ngithe ngiqeda ukuloba umutsho ophezulu, umabhalane wami uze ehofisini yami ethi kulebhokisi elithunyezwe mina eselifikile. Ngimangele lapho ngilivula, bekuyimbhobho emibili eminhle. Habe, yinkuthazo enkulu kangani! Bekungani uNkulunkulu ubeka “u-Ameni” kulokho engiqeda ukukutsho.

Ngemva kokuba ugwalo lolu soluyedindiswa ngayamukela inqola egcwele izingwalo, ngakujabulela ukufundisa izimiso lezi okwakuqala kumhlangano wethu we-Atlanta othiwa nguMhlangano Wenguquko. Ngangijabulela ukuba logwalo lolu lami lufinyelela abantu. Ngathi sengilungela ukuya ekamelweni lomcimbi ukuthi ngiyekhuluma, umabhalane wami wangitshayela ucingo ethi kulocingo oluvela kuleyandoda eyayinginike imibhobho kuqala, ethi ithi ifuna ukukhuluma lami khonokho nje masinyane. Ngakho ngamtshayela ucingo masinyane. Wathi wayejabula kakhulu ukuthi wayesevela ehofisini ye UPS esengithumele eminye imbhobho emibili! Phandle kwalokho, wayethumele uDrenda umbhobho, ngoba wayesazi ukuthi akazingeli, wayemthumele

i\$1,500 ngamalunga angamakhulu amadola ephepha. Ngayethuka. Ngezwa kunguNkulunkulu eqinisa lokho engangikwenza njalo ngenye indlela, engikhuthaza ukuqhubekela phambili. Abantu kumele babekwazi lokhu —uNkulunkulu ufuna ubekwazi lokhu! Kungenani ngathi ngifika endlini, ngajabuliswa yikuvula ibhokisi. Mina loDrenda sayamukela imibhobho yohlobo lwe-*Browning over and under*, ifanana xathu imihle kakhulu. Yomibili yayim-itsha. Phezu kwalokho ngangile *Browning semi-automatic 20 gauge* eligolide, besokuthi futhi, uDrenda ele\$1,500. Yiso isabelo esiphindwe kabili!

Ungabe uzibuza ukuthi kungani ngilembhobho yonke le. Yebo, ngiyavuma sengilembhobho eminengi emihle, hatshi elentengo ephansi, lami ngizibuza umbuzo ofanayo. UNkulunkulu wayengazisa ukuthi Yena wayethumela imbhobho ebizayo emihle eminengi kangaka ukuthi ngibone ubunengi bengcebo Yakhe, ukuthi ukwabela Kwakhe kuyedlula lokho mina engangikuca-bangela njalo kuyedlula ukuphila. Ngiyakuthola! Ngiyakubona!

ISAHLUKO 10

IMFIHLO YESABELO ESIPHINDWE KABILI

Khathesi sengikhulume ngokuthi ukuphumula kweSabatha kuyini lokuthi kuyenzeka nxa kulesabelo esiphindwe kabili. Umbuzo okumele ube usengqondweni yakho yikuthi, “Isabelo esiphindwe kabili ngisifinyelela njani?” Yebo ke, ngiyathaba ukuthi usubuzile! Ukuze uthole impendulo yombuzo lo, kasibuyele endabeni kaJesu enikeza amadoda angu 5,000 izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili.

Ngalesi isikhathi kwasekusemini kakhulu, ngakho abafundi bakhe beza kuye. “Le yindawo esesikhaleni,” batsho, “njalo sekusemini kakhulu. Tshela abantu bahambe ukuze baziyele emadolobheni lasemizini bayezithengela abangakudla.”

Kodwa waphendula wathi, “Bapheni lina ukudla.”

*Bathi kuye, “Lokho kungathatha umholo wendoda owen-
yanga eziyisificaminwembili! Uthi sihambe siyochitha imali
engako sithenge isinkwa sibaphe badle?”*

*“Lilezinkwa ezingaki na?” Wababuza. “Ake liyokhangela.”
Sebezibonile bathi, “Zinhlanu—lenhlanzi ezimbili.”*

UJesu wasebalaya ukuthi bahlalise bonke abantu phansi etshanini ngamaxuku. Yikho bahlala phansi ngamaxuku alikhulu. Abanye ngamatshumi amahlanu. Ethatha izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili wakhangela ezulwini, wabonga, wasehlephuna izinkwa. Waseziqhubela abafundi bakhe ukuba bazabele abantu. Waphinda wabehlukanisela inhlanzi zombili. Bonke badla basutha, abafundi basebebutha imvuthu zezinkwa lenhlanzi bagcwalisa izitsha ezilitshumi lambili. Abadlayo babengamadoda azinkulungwane ezinhlanu.

— UMakho 6:35-44

Sikhulumile ngaphambilini ngendaba le, kodwa kulemicijo emikhulu lapha mayelana lesabelo esiphindwe kabili. Endabeni

**KULENDLELA
ENGCONO EYOKUPHILA
KULOKULANGATHELELA
UKUSUTHISEKA
KUPHELA. NGEKE WAKHE
OKUNENGI NGENGQONDO
YOKUSUTHISEKA.
UMBONO UYABE ULOKHU
UVIMBELEKILE KUZINGA
LOKUSUTHISEKA
ELIKHANGELA ILANGA
LANAMUHLE KUPHELA.**

le, uJesu waphindaphinda isinkwa lenhlanzi ngendlela engaphezu kwemvelo, bonke abantu badla basutha. Ngicabangela ukuthi kwakulabantu abangu 20,000 lapho, singagoqela omama labantwana; lokuthi ukunikeza abantu abanengi ngalolo hlobo ukudla ngezinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili badle basuthe yinto engenziwa nguNkulunkulu sibili. Ngenxa yalokho, sesingawujabulela uMbuso lendlela owasebenza ngayo. Kodwa ukunika abantu ukudla akusiwo umfanekiso opheleleyo owalokho

okwayenzakalayo, njalo ungacina khonapho, uzakhutha isabelo esiphindwe kabili. Kasicubungule ngokujula kancane.

Bonke badla basutha, abafundi basebebutha imvuthu zezinkwa lenhlanzi bagcwalisa izitsha ezilitshumi lambili. Abadlayo babengamadoda azinkulungwane ezinhlanu.

Amazwi la asitshelani? Ukuthi ngemva kokusutha komuntu wonke, kwasala izitsha ezilitshumi lambili ezabuthwayo zigcwele isinkwa lenhlanzi. Ingcazelo yesabelo esiphindwe kabili yikuba lokungaphezu kokwanelayo. Okwanelayo kuyasuthisa, kodwa izitsha ezilitshumi lambili nxa zisele emuva abantu sebesuthi yiso isabelo esiphindwe kabili, esedlula okwanelayo. Umehluko lo kawuhlalisise ngaphakathi kuwe okwesikhatshana. Ngifuna uthole umfanekiso okhanyayo owokwehlukana kokusuthiseka lesabelo esiphindwe kabili engqondweni yakho. Kangilaso isikhathi esinengi lapha esokujula ngokuthi uJesu waletha njani amandla ombuso kuleso simo ukuze afeze ingxenye yakuqala eyendaba le—ukusuthisa abantu abangu 5,000. Kodwa ungathola ingcazelo egcweleyo kugwalo lwakuqala kulolu uhlelo, oluthiwa *Inguquko Yezimali Zakho: Amandla Okuthembeka*.

Kodwa ke, ngifuna ukujonga kusabelo esiphindwe kabili, ukuphuphuma, lokuthi kwayenzakala njani kule indaba. Yebo, yindaba emangalisayo—ukusuthiseka kwabantu abangu 20,000, habe! Kunengi okutholakala eMbusweni kulokusuthiseka nje, noma ukusuthiseka kudingeka ungakayi ekuphuphumeni. Ukusuthiseka kumnandi, kodwa kusasa ke? Engizama ukukutsho yikuthi nxa inhloso yakho kuyikusuthiseka, kuzayenzakalani ungalamba futhi? AmaKhristu amanengi asuthisekile kodwa alahlekelwa yisabelo

esiphindwe kabili. Yisabelo esiphindwe kabili esiletha ukuphumula kukaNkulunkulu okweSabatha. Ukusuthiseka ngokwesikhatshana nje. Akulungisi inkinga yokwabelwa. Ukubakwazi ukuthi uzalamba futhi noma nje khathesi usasuthi kuvula amasango okwesaba, okucina kukwenza ugijime usebenza ngengqondo yokuziphilisa. Hatshi, kulendlela engcono eyokuphila kulokulangathelela ukusuthiseka kuphela. Ngeke wakhe okunengi ngengqondo yokusuthiseka. Umbono uyabe ulokhu uvimbelekele kuzinga lokusuthiseka elikhangela ilanga lanamuhla kuphela. Ukuba lenhloso yokusuthiseka yikuba lenhloso yokuziphilisa kusiqalekiso somhlaba esokusebenza gadalala ngezithukuthuku.

Ukusuthiseka yikudla kwanamuhla; isabelo esiphindwe kabili siyakha ikusasa!

Kahle ngikuphe isibonelo sokuthi isiko kanye lebandla lanamuhla licabanga njani. Buza noma ngubani ukuthi izimali zabo zimi njani uzwe ubunengi bempendulo ozazithola, ezinengi zakhona ziyabe zingemnandi. Kodwa ungathola impendulo enhle, umuntu okuphendula athi, “Siqhuba kuhle kakhulu,” mbuze uthi, “Usulesikhathi esingakanani uhlwawulele indlu yakho?” Yena angakukhangela athi, “Cha, indlu yami kangikaqedi ukuyihlawulela. Ngitsho nje ukuthi imithelo yethu siyayihlawulelala njalo silemali ebhanga.” “Kuhle!” ubususitsho wena, “Liqhuba kahle kakhulu. Akungitshale, lilemali eyedlula \$10,000 ebhanga?” Eqinisweni, akula ongabuza umbuzo lo, ngiyacabanga, kodwa uma ungawubuza umuntu akuphendule, yena angathi, “Hatshi, kule \$800.” Ngempela, abantu bacabanga ukuthi izimali zabo zisesimeni esihle ngoba balemota enhle, indlu enhle, lemali enlutshwana ebhanga.

Baphila impilo yokusuthiseka. Kodwa kulokunye! Kungabanjani ukuba lendlu ehlawulelweyo lemali engange \$100,000 ebhanga, kumbe \$500,000 ebhanga? Yiwo ongaba ngumfanekiso wokwedlula okwaneleyo kubantu abanengi. Ukusuthiseka kuhle njalo kuyadingeka, kodwa ukuba lezitsha eziseleyo ezilitshumi lambili zigcwele isinkwa lenhlanzi yikuba lokwedlula okwaneleyo, njalo lokhu kuletha ukuthula!

Ngahlala phansi lomthengi ngelinye ilanga ngikhuluma laye ngezimali zakhe. Ngathi ngikhangela izikwelede zakhe, ngananzelela ukuthi wayele \$40,000 yesikwelede samakhadi ebhanga. Ngathi ngikhangela ingcebo yakhe, ngananzelela ukuthi wayelemali esiphahleni sakhe sebhanga engaba yi \$40,000. “Joe,” ngatsho mina, “akuhluphi lokhu. Wena ulayo imali eyanela ukuhlawulela amakhadi akho ebhanga womathathu uqede. Imali yesikwelede sakho izala nge 18%, njalo isiphala sakho sebhanga sizala nge 1%. Thatha imali leyo ubhadale isikwelede samakhadi ebhanga.” Kodwa uyazi ukuthini? UJoe wathi wayengafuni ukukwenza lokho. Ngahlala lapho ngididekile, ngambuza isizatho sakhe. Yena wathi ukuba lemali esiphahleni sakhe sebhanga kwakumenza azizwe ephephile njalo elenotho. Ngamkhangela. “Utshoni nxa usithi kukwenza uzizwe unothile? Yikuzikhohlisa lokho. Noma ulayo i\$40,000 esiphahleni sakho sebhanga, kawulayo i\$40,000 ngoba ulesikwelede kunhlanganiso zamakhadi ebhanga ese \$40,000. Umnakano wakho ungamanga, njalo uhlawula imali enengi kakhulu ukuze ukholwe inkohliso engaka.”

Sakhuluma okwehola, yena wayesehluleka ukuzwisisa ukuthi kungani kumele acabangisise ngokuthatha imali enengi esiphahleni sakhe sebhanga ayifake esikweledeni, ayelokhe engikhumbuza ngokuthi wayisebenzela kanzima. Ngadinwa ngemva kwehola

ngaya ngekhaya. Wayesenkohlisweni; ukugcina imali leyo esiphaleni kwakungeke kumvikele. O, ngiyazi kwakumnandi lapho incwadi ingena itshengisa ukuthi ule \$40,000 ebhanga. Kodwa ukuze athole umfanekiso weqiniso owesimo sakhe, kwakumele avule lenhlawulo zamakhadi ebhanga.

Ukusuthiseka kuhle, futhi kungakwenza uzizwe uhlalisekile. Kumele ukhangele kwelakusasa ubone ukuthi lokho osanda kukudla akusoze kukunikeze lokho okudingayo kumahola amalutshwane alandelayo. Uzabe usulambile futhi. Nxa ungadinga ukusutha okuphangisayo, ukusuthiseka kwenzuzo, uzakhutha into eyiyo yodwa engaguqula impilo yakho—isabelo esiphindwe kabili.

Sonke sathi sikhula kusiqalekiso sezimali emhlabeni wokusebenza gadalala ngezithukuthuku, sasiphupha ngento eyodwa, ukuma! Lokhu ngikhulume ngakho kusahluko esidlulileyo. Sasingaphuphi ngomsebenzi omnengi kumbe elinye ithuba lokusebenza ngoba, eqinisweni, sasesikhathele ngempilo lokuhlala silindele ngabomvu isikhathi sokuthatha ikhefu. Uyabona, izigqili kaziphuphi ngokuphiwa omunye umsebenzi. Izigqili ziphupha ngento eyodwa—ubusuku bangoLwesihlanu, hatshi ukusa kwangoMvulo. Ngenxa yani? Ngoba izigqili ziphupha ngento eyodwa kuphela—ukuma. Lalela, umqondo wokwandelwa lokuthi “ukuma sokungiphuzela” kawusoze ukuse ndawo. Noma ingilosi ingangena ekamelweni lakho lokulala ikunikeze icebo elivela kuNkulunkulu, ingqondo yakho iyakubambezela. Loba lokhu phansi.

KUMELE UBONE PHETSHEYA KOKUSUTHISEKA UBAMBE ISABELO ESIPHINDWE KABILI!

Umutsho lo yisihluthulelo sesabelo esiphindwe kabili. Ngiyazi ukuthi akuzwakali kahle khathesi, kodwa kuzazwisiseka. Ukuze ngikubonise engikutshoyo, ngifuna sikhangele futhi indaba yokuni-kezwa ukudla kwabantu abangu 5,000 kuncwadi kaJohane, hatshi kweka Makho. Ngombono kaJohane kule indaba, sithola indaba efanayo kodwa ilokunye esingakutholiyo kuMakho.

UJesu wasezithatha izinkwa, wakhuleka, wasezabela labo abasebehlezi phansi, wabapha njengokufuna kwabo. Wenza njalo langenhlanzi. Kwathi bonke sebesuthi, wasesithi kubafundi bakhe, “Buthani imvuthu eziseleyo. Kakungalahlwa lutho.”

— UJohane 6:11-12

Kule indaba, sibona ukuthi nguJesu owabatshela ukuthi bahambe bayebutha okwakusele, imvuthu, kungalahlwa lutho. Ngifuna ukuthole lokhu. Yena waze wabatshela ukuthi benze lokhu ngoba babengalibonanga ithuba. Zifake wena enyaweni zabo. Usugcwalisiwe susuthi, okufunayo nje yikuzilalela. Ngenxa yokuqeqetshwa kwakho kusiqaqekiso somhlaba lengqondo yakho egcwele ubugqili, nxa ungasutha, sokumele ume. Uyabona, ingqondo yesigqili isebenza nxa kumele isebenze, nxa kungamelanga, nxa isisuthi, iyama. UJesu wacina ebatshela ukuthi babuthe lokho okwakuphambili kwamehlo abo. Imvuthu zaziphambili kwabo phansi, kodwa bona babengakuboni ukuthi bazibuthe.

Kodwa futhi, angithi engqondweni zabo, imvuthu zazingelandaba angithi ngezenyoni?

UJesu wayezama ukubafundisa okuthile, okuthile okuqakath-ekileyo. UJesu ukhuluma amazwi ngemva kokubathuma ukuba babuthe imvuthu, ukuthi kakungalahlwa lutho! Kutshoni lokho? Wonke umuntu usesuthi, njalo akekho olokhe efuna esinye isinkwa lenhlanzi, okwakhathesi. Kodwa nansi inkinga—akukho ukuphumula kweSabatha nxa ungabuthanisanga okunengi ukwedlula lokho okudingayo. Abantu bako-Isirayeli babebutha imana ngosuku lwesithupha, babetshelwe ukuthi babuthe okunengi ukwedlula lokho ababekudinga. Ukubutha okunengi ukwedlula lokho ababekudinga lelo langa kwakusiba yisabelo sabo sosuku lwesikhombisa, usuku lokuphumula. UJesu wayefundisa abafundi Bakhe ukuthi bakhangele phetsheya kokusuthiseka babone ukwabela koMbuso okugcweleyo. Njalo futhi, ngeke wakhe ngokusuthiseka kuphela, kodwa uyenelisa ukwakha ngesabelo esiphindwe kabili. Ukusuthiseka sokudle isinkwa sanamuhla kodwa izitsha ezilitshumi lambili eziseleyo zikunikeza okwakusasa.

Nansi isimiso esiyisihluthulelo engifuna usibone.

Noma abafundi babengaziboni imvuthu baze batshengiswa nguJesu, uNkulunkulu **wayevele esebanikezile ukuphumula kweSabatha**, isabelo esiphindwe kabili. Bona babengaboni kuphela. UMbuso wawusubaphile ukudla, waphindaphinda isinkwa lenhlanzi, wanika abantu bonke laba ukudla—kodwa uMbuso uhlala uletha isabelo esiphindwe kabili. UNkulunkulu akasoze alethe okusuthisayo kuphela; **Yena uhlezi eletha okwedlula okwanelayo**. Indaba nje kungaba yikuthi wena awukuboni!

Phanini, lani lizaphiwa. Kuzathiwa qithi kini kugcwaliswe phamu, kwagqitshwa, kwakhuhluzwa kwaze kwaphuphuma. Ngoba ngesilinganiso elisibenzisayo, lani lizalanganiselwa ngaso.

— ULukha 6:38

Phanini lani lizaphiwa, kuzathiwa qithi kini kugcwaliswe phamu, kwagqitshwa, kwakhuhluzwa. Kodwa indima le kayipheleli lapha. Elikuphiwa kugqitshiwe kwakhuhluzwa yisabelo senu salelo langa. Kodwa indima iqhubeka isithi, “kwaze kwaphuphuma!” Ukuphuphuma yiso isabelo esiphindwe kabili. UNkulunkulu uhlezi eletha isabelo esiphindwe kabili, hatshi okwanelayo kuphela!!!! Kodwa nxa wena ubungakwazi lokho, nxa isiphala sakho sesiphuphuma, usungayekela sichithekele phansi ngoba ubukade ujonge kusabelo esisuthisayo esiphambili kwakho ungalungiselelanga ukubamba okuphuphumayo. Ngokwenza lokho, uyehluleka ukubamba lokukholisa isabelo esiphindwe kabili. Kodwa nxa usunanzelela ukuthi uMbuso usebenza njani, usazi njalo ukhangelele isabelo esigcweleyo, uzahlala ulungiselele ukwenza lokubamba konke okulethwa nguNkulunkulu.

Kahle ngikuphe esinye isibonelo.

USimoni waphendula wathi, “Nkosi, sisebenze gadalala ubusuku bonke, kodwa kasibambanga lutho. Kodwa njengoba usitsho njalo ngizabehlisa omambule.” Kwathi sebenze njalo babamba inhlanzi ezaba zinengi kwaze kwaqalisa ukudabuka omambule. Basebebiza abakhula babo kwesinye isikepe ukuthi bazobelekelela. Beza abakhula babo kwesinye isikepe ukuthi bazobelekelela. Beza bazigcwalisa zombili izikepe zathi phamu zaze zaqalisa ukutshona. Kwathi uSimoni Phethro ekubona

lokhu, wazilahla phansi phambi kukaJesu wathi, “Suka kimi, Nkosi; ngingumuntu oyisoni!” Ngoba yena labakhula bakhe babemangele ngenhlanzi ababezibambile, kwamangalisa njalo uJakhobe loJohane amadodana kaZebhediya, ababe phathisana loSimoni.

— ULukha 5:5-10

Lesi yisiqephu sendaba esike sayifunda ngaphambilini. UPhethro waba lezikepe ezaphosa zatshona ngenhlanzi ngenxa yoMbuso. Lokhu kwakuphikisana lalokho ayekuzwisisa mayelana lokuthiya inhlanzi ngakho kwamangalisa. Kodwa kwakuyakwenzakalani kusikhathi esilandela uma uJesu wayengathi, “Phethro, hamba emanzini atshonayo, uzakuyabamba inhlanzi ezinengi ukwedlula ozifunayo”? Ucabanga ukuthi uPhethro wayezathatha izikepe ezimbili? Kangiboni kanjalo. Yena wayezathatha izikepe ezinengi ngoba wayesenelisa ukuboleka kubomkhula bakhe. Kungani? Ngoba wayeyabe eselokukhangelela okwehlukeneyo lolwazi olwehlukeneyo mayelana lokuthi uMbuso usebenza njani.

Injongo yengxoxo le ngeyokwenza ukuthi wena uzwisise ukuthi awuyiboni yonke inzuzo ethunyelwa nguNkulunkulu. Yebo ke, esikhathini esinengi inzuzo le kayisoze ibe ngamadola abambekayo. Kodwa sokungaba licebo, ukuhlanganiswa labantu abathile, lokukhokhelwa nguMoya oNgcwele. Nxa singalungiselelanga ngenzwisiso eqondileyo eyesabelo esiphindwe kabili, sizadlula eceleni kwakho lokhu ngenxa yesiqeqetsho sesiqalekiso somhlaba.

Kundaba yokuphindaphinda kwesinkwa, uJesu uzama ukufundisa abafundi Bakhe indlela uMbuso osebenza ngayo, okumele bakukhangelele, lokumele bakulangazelele. Ngenxa

yomnakano wabo wobugqili bona kababoni okungenziwa yisinkwa sonke esigcwele phansi. Kwakumele abafundise ukukhangela: “Ubonani? Khangela! Awukuboni konke uNkulunkulu akulungisele khona.”

Ngifuna ukukukhumbuza ngo-Eksodusi 16 kancane ngoba kulento eyodwa engifuna ukuyidobha.

Nsuku zonke ekuseni umuntu emunye wabutha isilinganiso ayesifuna, njalo ilanga lathi selitshisa, kwancibilika. Ngelanga lesithupha babutha isilinganiso esiphindwe kabili—ama omeri amabili umuntu emunye—njalo abakhokheli babantu beza ukuzobika kuMosi. Wathi kubo, “Lokhu yikho okwalaywa nguThixo: ‘Kusasa lilanga lokuphumula, iSabatha elingcwele kuThixo. Ngakho bhekhani konke elifuna ukukubhekha, libilise konke elifuna ukukubilisa. Gcinani konke okuseleyo kuze kube sekuseni.’”

Ngakho bakugcina kwaze kwaba sekuseni njengokulaya kukaMosi njalo kakuzange kube lephunga kumbe impethu. “Kudleni namuhla,” UMosi watsho, “ngoba namuhla liSabatha likaThixo. Kalisoze lithole lutho phandle namuhla. Okwensuku eziyisithupha lizakubutha, kodwa ngelanga lesikhombisa eleSabatha akusoze kube lalutho.”

Lanxa kunjalo, abanye abantu ngelanga lesikhombisa bahamba ukuba bayobutha kodwa bafica kungelalutho. UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, “Kuzaze kube nini lisala ukulandela imithetho lemilayo yami na? Kufakeni ezingqondweni zenu ukuthi uThixo ulinikile iSabatha; yikho ngelanga lesithupha elinika isinkwa esenela insuku ezimbili. Wonke umuntu kumele ahlale lapho ayabe ekhona ngelanga lesikhombisa;

akulamuntu okumele aphume phandle.” Yikho-ke abantu baphumula ngelanga lesikhombisa.

— UEksodusi 16:21-30 (imana)

Njengoba silokhe sisitsho, isabelo esiphindwe kabili yiso esenza ukuthi ukuphumula kweSabatha kwenzakale. Kodwa okumangazayo yikuthi, noma uNkulunkulu wayeselethile isabelo esiphindwe kabili ngosuku lwesithupha, inengi labo laphuma ukuyadinga lafika laswela ngeSabatha. Kayisikho ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayengathembakalanga ukuba abanikeze. Bona kabazange babone ngoba babengazwisisi isabelo esiphindwe kabili ababesinikwe ngosuku lwesithupha. Babebuthe okwanela usuku olulodwa, njengenjayelo. Khathesi, ngenxa yendlala yosuku lwesikhombisa, kabazange bathole lutho. Mhlawumbe engqondweni zabo uNkulunkulu wayengabacabanganga. Kodwa uNkulunkulu wayengehlulekanga; bona babeyehluleke ukubamba isimiso sesabelo esiphindwe kabili. Ngabe babekwazi, babeyahlela ngeyinye indlela.

Bangaki abantu namuhla abalokhu bebhoda bezama ukuthola abakudingayo, bengananzeleli ukuthi uNkulunkulu usekuthumele kubo kudala? Ngicabanga ukuthi kuyahlabusa kule indima ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyabathukuthelela ngenxa yokuthi kababuthelelanga okwanelayo!!!! Ngiyamangala ukuthi lokho kwakuyakuba yintshumayelo enjani enkonzweni zethu.

Lowo onika umhlanyeli inhlanyelo lesinkwa sokudla uzanika njalo aqhelise isiphala senu senhlanyelo, andise lesivuno sokulunga kwenu. Lizanothiswa ngezindlela zonke ukuze liphane ngezikhathi zonke.

— 2 KwabaseKhorinte 9:10-11

UPhawuli uyacaca lapha nxa echasisa ngokuthi uMbuso kaNkulunkulu uyanothisa ngezindlela zonke ukuze liphane ngezikhathi zonke. Mngane, lokho kudinga ukuthi ube lesabelo esiphindwe kabili. Ngeke uphane izikhathi zonke ungelakho okwedlula okuphindiweyo.

Kusahluko esike sasifunda, ngabelane lawe mayelana lokuthi ibhizimusi lami lathuthuka njani lisuka ekusebenzeni ngezigidi zamadola amathathu kusiya kwamane ngomnyaka lomunye wabathengisi bethu laze layasebenza ngezigidi ezilitshumi lanye ngomnyaka lomthengisi ofanayo. Isengezo sonke lesi sayenzakala ngomnyaka owodwa. Ngikutshelile futhi lokuthi sayenzakala njani, ukuthi uNkulunkulu wanginikeza iphupho lobo busuku wangitshela ukuba ngenze njani. Kodwa khathesi ngifuna ukukutshela ukuthi Yena wayetheni kimi ukuze uzwisise. Ephutsheni lami, Yena wanginikeza amabala amathathu. Kunjalo, amabala amathathu. Amabala lawo womathathu aguqula iholo lami ngenkulungwane ezingamakhulu amadola lowo mnyaka kungela kusebenza nzima ngisabalalisa ibhizimusi ukwedlula lokho engangivele ngikwenza. Akukho engakuguqulayo kundlela zokusebenza kwenhlanganiso yami ngaphandle kokuziguqula mina. Amabala lawo womathathu angitshela ukuthi ngiguqule indlela engangisenza ngayo ulutho oluthile, njalo inguquko leyo yaphinda ibhizimusi kunye lemali yethu kane. “Ayini amabala lawo amathathu?” usungabuza. Ngalula nje athi—Bamba Ithuba Lelo!

Yebo, bamba ithuba lelo. “Yikho lokho kuphela? Amazwi lawo womathathu ayenza konke lokhu?” Yebo, akwenza. Ungazwisisa ukuthi uNkulunkulu UHLEZI ethumela isabelo esiphindwe kabili lesabelo Sakhe, uzazwisisa lokho ayengitshela khona.

Inhlanganiso yami, njengezinye zonke inhlanganiso ezithengisayo, yenza imali ngokusiza abantu. Inhlanganiso uma

iphumelela ukusiza abantu, iyaphumelela ukwenza imali. Noma lokhu kuliqiniso, kuliqiniso futhi ukuthi inhlanganiso ezinengi ezithengisayo ziyehluleka ukugcwalisa izidingo zabathengi bazo mhlawumbe ngenxa yokwehluleka ukubalondoloza lokubayamukela kumbe ukwehluleka ukudinga abathengi abatsha.

Kweyethu indaba, sasimatasa kakhulu, noma lokho kwakun-
gayisiyo nto embi, kwesinye isikhathi sasisehluleka ukuphendula
abathengi bethu masinyane ngendlela engangifuna ukubona bephen-
dulwa ngayo. Mina mathupha, ngisebenza labathengi abatshala

**INKOSI YAYISITSELA
UKUTHI OKUPHUPHUMAYO,
UKUPHUMULA
KWESABATHA,
KWAKUKHONA, YENA
WAYESEKULETHILE. MINA
NGANGINGAKUBONI!**

imali njalo ngiyakuthakazelela
lokho. Kodwa ngenxa yohlelo
lwelanga lami, uma kungangena
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shali wemali omutsha besen-
giphiwa mina umsebenzi wokuba
ngixhumane lalowo muntu,
kwesinye isikhathi ngyalibala kuze
kwedlule amahola angamatshumi
amabili lane ngingaxhumananga

laye. Ngiyabe ngijonge ukwenza kahle, kodwa ngicina ngehlulekile
ukukwenza.

Njengoba usazi, nxa abantu bebuza imibuzo, impendulo
zenhlanganiso yizo ezizakwenza ukuthi abantu babuye kubhizimusi.
Kwesinye isikhathi ukuphuza ukuxhumana lomuntu osengaba
ngumthengi ukuze uxoxe laye mayelana lezidingo zakhe zokutshala
imali kungaba yikuphuza okudlulisileyo. Bona bayabe sebedinge
omunye olesikhathi sokubaphendula masinyane. Zinengi izinto
ezingawonakala, kodwa okuqakathekileyo yikubakhona lezim-
pendulo nxa abantu befuna ukubuza.

Ngakho iNkosi yathi inginikeza amabala lawana amathathu, ngangisazi ukuthi ayesitshoni. Kwakuzamele ngikhangele izinto ngendlela eyehlukeneyo nxa ngangiyakuba phezu labanye, abaphuma phambili abalitshumi abayamukela umklomelo we \$100,000. Kwakumele ngibambe ithuba lelo! Ngakho ngaguqula indlela yokwenza. Ngafaka umthetho wokuthi nxa kungafona umuntu edinga usizo lokutshala imali yakhe, ngangizamthinta ngemva kwemizuzu embalwa, nxa kuvuma, ngangiyahle ngiyekuye. Abathengi bami baselizweni lonke ngakho isinqumo lesi sasiyagcineka nzima. Kodwa ngazinikela ukusigcwalisa. Ngathinta umphathi wenhlanganiso yami ngamtshela lokho okwakukhulunywe nguNkulunkulu ngamtshela lokuthi atshele bonke abangimelayo ukuthi labo baziphathe ngendlela efanayo eyokubamba lonke ithuba elalivela. Umnyaka wathi usuphelile, sayedlula izigidi ezilitshumi lanye ezazidingeka ukuba singene kwabaphuma phambili abalitshumi kulowo mthengisi. Phezu kwalokho, sasesithole omunye umsebenzi wezigidi kwabanye abathengisi bethu.

Nanti ithuba eliveza okukhulu. Akukho okukhulu esakwenzayo ngaphandle kokuphendula abathengi masinyane nxa befuna ukuxoxisana lathi. Uyabona, iNkosi yayisitshela ukuthi okuphumayo, ukuphumula kweSabatha, kwakukhona, Yena wayesekulethile. Mina ngangingakuboni!

Ngakho akula mthetho wesabelo esiphindwe kabili esoMbuso otshengisa ukuthi isabelo esiphindwe kabili usithola njani. Isabelo esiphindwe kabili sihlezi sikhona. UNkulunkulu uhlezi esabela kuzinga lesabelo esiphindwe kabili.

UNKULUNKULU AKATHUMEZI IZABELO ZANAMUHLA KUPHELA. YENA UTHUMELA KUGOQELA ISABELO ESIPHINDWE KABILI!

Njalo, inkinga yethu yikuthi asisiboni isabelo esiphindwe kabili.

Kodwa inkinga enkulu yikuthi kasikwazi lokuthi sisidinga njani!!!!

Ngiyakuthanda okwatshiwo nguJesu, “Kakungalahlwa lutho!” UNkulunkulu wakuthumela konke njalo ufuna wena ubelakho. Wayethukuthele ukuthi abantu baphuma bayadinga imana ngosuku lwesikhombisa Yena wayekade eyithumele. Wakhumbuza uMosi ukuthi Yena wayeyithumezile ngosuku lwesithupha ngakho babengayibamba bakholise ukuphumula kweSabatha. Ngamafitshane, Yena wayebatshela ukuthi, “ISabatha kayisilo lami, kodwa ngelenu. Yingakho ngalithumela isabelo esiphindwe kabili.” Uphosa umuzwe uJesu esitsho into efanayo. “Bakithi, buthani imvuthu lezo, lithathe konke. UNkulunkulu uthumezele lina ukuze libuthe likholise isabelo esiphindwe kabili beselithola ukuphumula.”

Kundaba kaJesu eyokunika abantu abangu 5,000 ukudla ngezinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili, abafundi kabazange bazibone imvuthu. Babengazidingi. Kodwa uJesu wabatshela ukuthi babuthe ngakho isivuno kabasazange basikhuthe. Namuhla uMoya oNgcwele kumele asisize ukubona phetsheya kokusuthiseka sibambe isabelo esiphindwe kabili. Yena uzasitshengisa izinto esingaziboniyo singamcela. Isihluthulelo engithemba ukuthi ususifundile yikuthi isabelo esiphindwe kabili sowasiphiwa; kumele nje usibambe.

Ngoba isabelo esiphindwe kabili yiyo YODWA indlela ongabalekela ngayo isiqalekiso somhlaba esokusebenza gadalala ngezithukuthuku, uSathane uyasizonda. O, yena sengazama ukuyenga amaKhristu ngokuthi kuphela nxa besenelisa ukuhlawulela imithelo yabo, besebenza imisebenzi emibili, konke kukahle. Kodwa umKhristu olemali yokuxhasa uMbuso kaNkulunkulu njalo ephila ekhululekile kwezezimali engesabi—lo ke nguyeyumuntu afuna ukumvimba. USathane ujonge ukukugcina ungela mali impilo yakho yonke njalo uyisigqili sempilo yokuziphilakisa lapho ongeke uguqule lutho. Imali yikufinyelela okuletha inguquko! USathane angajabula uma ekuvimba kusibusiso sikaNkulunkulu ngempela. Yingakho lokho engifuna ukukutshela khona khathezi kuqakathekile.

Isabelo esiphindwe kabili sifihlakele!

Kahle, asikesiphumuze abafundi. Kulesizathoesabenzabangaboni ukuphuphuma. Yebo, ngempela, njengoba besilokhu sisitsho, bona babengadingi, kodwa kwakulesinye futhi isizatho. Akujayelekanga vele ukubutha amafufu! Ngitsho ukuthi, engqondweni zabo, isinkwa lenhlanzi okwakuphansi kwakungamafufu.

Kungani imali elilitshe eyayidingwa nguPhethro ukuba ayehlawulela imithelo yakhe yayifihlwe phakathi komlomo wenhlanzi? Ngubani owayengacabanga ukudinga lapho? Ngubani owayengacabanga ukuthi izikepe ezimbili ezabagoli abaqeqetshiweyo ababezame ukuthiya ubusuku bonke behluleka, zazi-abamba inhlanzi ezinengi kangaka ngenxa yelizwi lomfundisi? Ngubani owayengacabanga ukuthi owesifazane oku 2 Amakhosi 4 owayengela mali, engelalutho endlini yakhe ngaphandle kwamafutha

amancane, esekhalala ngoba engelamali, wayezacina eselamafutha amanengi ayezamenza ukuthi ahlawulele izikwelede zakhe zonke aphile engela sikwelede? Akekho owayengakucabangela. Ngubani owayengacabangela ukuthi uGary Keesee, owayelandela owokucina esikolweni, wayezakuba ngunozigidi namhlanje ekhuluma phambili kwenkulungwane zabantu bomhlaba wonke nsuku zonke? Akula! Kuzo zonke lezi izindaba, uNkulunkulu wasebenzisa okwakunga-khangelelwanga ukuze atshintshe izinto.

Nxa ukuphuphuma, nxa isabelo esiphindwe kabili sasisegcekeni, sihlezi nje sibonakala, uSathane laye wayeyasibona azame ukungena

**USATHANE UJONGE
UKUKUGCINA UNGELA MALI
IMPILO YAKHO YONKE
NJALO UYISIGQILI SEMPILO
YOKUZIPHILKISA LAPHO
ONGEKE UGUQULE LUTHO.**

asitshontshe. Yingakho
uNkulunkulu engavezi amagugu
Akhe egcekeni. Afihlekile.
USathane uyakuzonda ukuthi
wena usuthiseke ukholise
ukwabelwa, kodwa akuzonda
kakhulu yikuthi wena ube
lokuphuphuma lokuphumula
kweSabatha.

Kahle ngikutshengise okunye okumele ukuzwisise mayelana lokuthi uNkulunkulu usebenza njani emhlabeni.

Hatshi, sikhuluma ngokuhlakanipha kukaNkulunkulu okufihlakeleyo, ukuhlakanipha obekukade uNkulunkulu akumisela inkazimulo yethu isikhathi singakaqalisi. Kakho kubabusi balesisikhathi owakuzwisisayo, ngoba aluba kwakube njalo, babengasoze bayibethele iNkosi yenkazimulo.

—1 KwabaseKhorinte 2:7-8

Indima le iyasitshengisa ukuthi ngabe uSathane wayekwazi ngecebo likaNkulunkulu, wayezaguqula laye amaqhinga akhe! Yingakho uNkulunkulu kumele enze esensitha. USathane usukunyiswa yilokho akubona egcekeni. Ukwabelwa kwakho okunengi akumelanga kube segcekeni ngaphandle kuze kufike ithuba lokuthi ukubambe kumbe uvune ngenxa yesizatho lesi. Ngilesitsho engisithandayo esengisikhulume okweminyaka. Amagugu kaNkulunkulu afihlekile, afihlwe ngenxa yakho, kodwa afihlwe kusenzelwa wena.

Afihlwe ngenxa yakho kusenzelwa wena!

Abantu abanengi bangitshela ukuthi bafisa ngabe uNkulunkulu akalindi kuze kubephakathi kwamabili ukuba alethe impendulo Yakhe. Kodwa mngane wami, uNkulunkulu akatshaywa luvalo. Yena uyazi ukuthi kumele uhlawulele imithelo, njalo kuyinzuzo yakho ukuthi uNkulunkulu angavezi isandla Sakhe masinyane ukuze uSathane angangeneli.

Ngizakupha inotho yobumnyama, lenotho egcinwe ezindaweni ezifihlakeleyo, ukuze wazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Isirayeli, okubiza ngebizo.

— U-Isaya 45:3

Lenotho egcinwe ezindaweni ezifihlakeleyo? Lokhu kungcono kulombhalo webhayisikopo yaseHollywood. Kahle ngikunikeze isibonelo sokuthi uNkulunkulu wangisiza njani ukuba ngibambe isabelo esiphindwe kabili kumpilo yebhizimusi lami.

Sokuyiminyaka, ngangihleli phansi ngikhangele uluhlu lwezimali eziphumayo lezingenayo ngomnyaka olwenhlanganiso yami yezimali. Noma ngangisuthisekile—ngangingekho esikweledeni njalo ngilemali ebhanga—ngangisazi ukuthi kufanele kubekhona okunye. Ngangifuna ukunikeza imali eMbusweni kaNkulunkulu, kulokunengi okokwenza, njalo konke kwakudinga imali.

Ngathi ngisathandaza ngakho, iNkosi yaqala ukukhulumisana lami ngebala elithi *imvuthu*. Ekuqaliseni, ngangingazwisisi lokho Yena ayekustho, kodwa ngokuqhubeka ngithandaza ngimlalela, ngazokuthola. Imvuthu njengakundaba esike sayibala zazinga-nakwa. Zazingela ntengo elendaba—mhlawumbe ngenxa yokuthi ukuzibutha kwakuyathatha amandla amanengi zona zingelandaba kumbe intengo yazo yayibekwa yizindlela zakudala ezasezingasela ndaba. Kumbe njalo, umnakano ongaqondanga ovinjiweyo mayelana lokusetshenziswa kwazo wawuvimba inzwisiso yabo yokwengezwa kwentengo kusukela lapho ababekhona khathesi.

Usuzwe kanengi abantu besitsho lokhu, “Le yiyo indlela esihlezi sisenza ngayo.” Yebo, ngingakutshela ukuthi isabelo esiphindwe kabili kasisoze sibuye ngaleyo indlela.

Ngathi ngikhangelela okwakulotshiwe, uNkulunkulu wavula amehlo ami ukuba ngibone imvuthu engangizitshiya etafuleni okwakumele ngibe ngizibutha. Okunye okuqakathekileyo esikwenza labathengi yikugcwalisa uluhlu lwengcebo yabo ukuze sibone abalakho kanye lezikwelede abalazo. Sisuka lapho besesicubungula ukuthi ingaba khona na imali esingayisusa kokuthile iqonde ekucitsheni isikwelede. Ngempela, senza uluhlu lwesimo senhlawulo yendlu yabo lemali ezizalayo, kugoqela indlela ababisela ngayo imali ebolekiweyo kulolo luhlu. Ngaleso sikhathi, lathi sasicebisa abathengi bethu ukuthi bathole imali yokweboleka besebenzisa

izindlu zabo ukuze bacitshe izikwelede zamakhadi ebhanga ezazizala ngendlela emangalisayo, okwakusenza isiqubu sokuzala kwezimali zokubolekwa sisuka ku 21% siye ku 6% kulezo nsuku. Imali egcinwayo ngenxa yokwenza lokhu yayisiba yi \$500 kusiya ku \$600 ngenyanga. Nxa isimo singeza, sasithumela abathengi bethu emabhanga abo ukuze bayeboleka izimali.

Ngathi ngilokhe ngikhangelisisa uluhlu lolu, uMoya oNgcwele wangitshengisa indaba yenhlawulo yezindlu. “Kungani ungaphathi umsebenzi wenhlawulo yezindlu?” Ngathi ngicabangisisa ngakho, kwakungumqondo omuhle. Umthengi wayesethemba kakhulu; sasiloluhlu lwengcebo yakhe, njalo ekucineni, yithi esacina simtshela ngokuyathatha eyinye imali yokucitsha isikwelede.

Ukuze ngiphathe leli ibanga lebhizimusi kwakuyamele ngifunde ibhizimusi elitsha, ngingene ezifundweni zokuqeqetsha lezinika imvumo, lokunye okunengi. Ngangigelaso isikhathi sokwenza lokho. Kodwa lapho ngiqhubeka ngithandaza ngakho, iNkosi yangenza ngacabanga ngokuqhatsha omunye umuntu owayezaphatha inhlanganiso yami wenhlawulo yezindlu, ngakwenza lokho. Ukwenza umsebenzi wenhlawulo yezindlu lo ngomnyaka wakuqala kwasilethela eyinye i\$170,000 sokukhutshwe eyinye yonke eyokuhlawulela izinto. Imali le ngangingasoze ngibelayo ngabe ngangingamvumelanga uMoya oNgcwele ukuba angitshengise imvuthu engangizikhangele kodwa ngingaziboni.

Ngaqhubeka ngathola ezinye izinto ezinengi ezazizimvuthu engangiziboniswa nguMoya oNgcwele. Ezinye imvuthu engangingaziboni—ngenxa yeminakano engangivele sengilayo engangiyifunde njalo ngayizwa ikhulunywa ngabanye abantu bethi kwakungeke kusize ukwenza lokho—kwaba yimpumelelo enkulu kithi. Ngathi sengihlezi phansi ngikhangelela, ngananzelela

ukuthi lonke ulwazi engangiluzwile mayelana lalowomqondo webhizimusi wawungaqondanga, futhi, wawusebenza kuhle kakhulu kunhlanganiso yethu. Imvuthu lezo sezilethe ibhizimusi enengi kulebhizimusi engaqala ngalo, zaletha izigidi zamadola. Kwakuzimvuthu zezigidi zamadola!

Kahle ngikucacisele. Isabelo esiphindwe kabili sibanjwa ngesambulo! Isambulo yilutho olutshengiswa nguMoya oNgcwele obukade ungeke ulucabange wedwa. Ngakho uMoya oNgcwele uyaveza kumbe uyavula amehlo akho ukuba unanzelele obungeke ubekwazi uwedwa. Lokhu kuthiwa lulwazi lwesambulo.

Isambulo yisihluthulelo sesabelo esiphindwe kabili!

Abantu bahlala bengibuza, “UMoya oNgcwele ngimuzwa njani? Ngizwa njani ukuba ngibambe amacebo lawa afihliweyo kunye lamathuba?” Ngumbuzo omuhle lowo. Kangilaso isikhathi esinengi kulolu ugwalo ukuba ngijule ngokuzwa iLizwi lukaNkulunkulu. Ngakho ngizakulayela kolunye ugwalo engalulobayo oluthiwa, *The Baptism of the Holy Spirit*. Ungaluthenga e-Amazon kumbe ku *website* yethu. Kulolo gwalo, uzathola ulwazi olunengi mayelana lokuthi uMoya oNgcwele usebenza njani ukuveza imfihlo zikaNkulunkulu kithi, ukuze siphumelele lapha emhlabeni, uSathane ekhangele; futhi kungela nto angayenza. Kodwa usendleleni eqondileyo, kasikhangele ku **1 KwabaseKhorinte 14:2**.

Ngoba okhuluma ngendimi kakhulumi ebantwini kodwa kuNkulunkulu. Impela kakho obezwayo, bakhuluma imfihlakalo ngoMoya.

Indima 4 ithi,

Lowo okhuluma ngolimi oluthile uyazakha.

Ibala elithi ukuyakha litsho ukuletha ulwazi kumbe inzwisiso. Lokho ngiyakudinga lawe uyakudinga. Nxa iBhayibhili likhuluma ngokukhuluma ngezindimi, kumbe njengokuchasisa kukaPhawuli, ukukhuleka ngoMoya, ngifuna ukukukhuthaza—akulandaba ukuthi wezwani mayelana lalesi senzo sikaMoya oNgcwele, noma ukhona umuntu owakutshela ukuthi sona sadlula labaphositholi kumbe ukuthi ngesikasathane—ngicela ufunde iBhayibhili lakho! Ukukhuleka ngoMoya nguMoya oNgcwele ekhuleka ngawe emhlabeni ukuze alethe intando Yakhe usathane engakwazi okwenzakalayo. Ukukhuleka ngoMoya yisihluthulelo esikhulu esokuzwa kuvela ezulwini, njalo ngyakukhuthaza ukuba ufunde lokhu engikukhulumayo. Nxa ulemibuzo, thola ugwalo lwami ngoba ngiyazi luzakusiza ukuba uthole olunye ulwazi mayelala lokusebenza kukaMoya oNgcwele ngale indlela.

Ngifuna ukugqiba ugwalo lolu ngeMibhalo emibili efinqa isahluko lesi.

Ngakho ke kuye lowo oyenza okukhulu kakhulu kulalokho esikucelayo kumbe esikucabangayo, ngokwamandla akhe asebenza phakathi kwethu, udumo kalube kuye ebandleni lakuKhristu uJesu kuzizukulwane zonke, kuze kube nini lanini! Amen.

— Kwabase-Efesu 3:20-21

Kawungeke ucele ulutho ongazange ulucabange. Mina khathesi ngilendizamtshina ezimbili, encane engiyiphaphisela nje

ukuzikhohlisa leyebhizimusi engindiza ngayo ngisiya kunoma yiliphi ilizwe. Ngathi ngicabanga ngokuthenga indizamtshina yebhizimusi, ngayethuswa yintengo. Indizamtshina ziyabiza! Ngaqala ukuhlehlala emuva ngicabanga, “Kuyasebenzeka ingekho indizamtshina yebhizimusi. Ngoba phela, yona ibiza imali enengi kakhulu.” Kodwa ngangindiza amaviki onke ngendizamtshina ezithwala abantu, okokuthi ngenyanga eyodwa ngangindiza ngangindiza okwezikhathi ezingamatshumi amabili lantathu. Kwakungithwalisa nzima. Yebo, ngingatsho ukuthi ngangilaso isabelo. Ukundiza kwami konke kwakuhlawulelwe; lwalungekho uhlupho lokuhlawula. Kodwa ukuhamba kwami ngendizamtshina kwakudinisa. Kwesinye isikhathi babecitsha uhambo kumbe uhambo luphuze, kwakukubi. Lokhu kayisikho ukuphumula kweSabatha engangikufuna.

Ekucineni, ngavuma ukuthi ngangivimbela uNkulunkulu lapha. Yena nguNkulunkulu wesabelo esiphindwe kabili. Mina loDrenda sabalisa ukuthenga indizamtshina leyo umnyaka waze wedlula, ngaxolisa ukutsho lokhu. Ekucineni, uNkulunkulu wabamba ukunaka kwethu ngendizamtshina leyana wasitshela ukuthi Yena wayekade ezama ukuzitholela indizamtshina leyana okweminyaka emibili! Saphenduka sathatha isinqumo sethu. Sahlanyela inhlanyelo yethu saqamba indizamtshina yona kanye esasiyifuna; sathi sesikwenzile lokho, sayanelisa ukuyithola ngemva kwenyanga ezimbili. Phakathi kwaleso isikhathi, uNkulunkulu wanginikeza ulwazi lomusa wokwenza amabhizimusi, ngakho imali yabakhona ngesikhathi sengiyidinga.

Yebo, uNkulunkulu nguNkulunkulu wesabelo esiphindwe kabili. Kwaba lomehluko na? Yebo, umehluko empilweni yami sengihamba ngeyami indizamtshina kulokuhamba ngezithwala

bonke abantu wawufana lokuqathanisa ukuhamba ngelakho ibhayisikili lokutshayela imota uthatha uhambo lwamamayela angamatshumi amahlanu. Qiniso! Njalo uNkulunkulu wayezame ukunginikeza lokho kuminyaka emibili mina ngilokhu ngijonge ukusuthiseka ngingaboni isabelo esiphindwe kabili engasengisiphiwe nguNkulunkulu. Kwakudingeka ukuba ngisibone kuphela.

Usungabe uhamba ngemota edinga kakhulu ukulungisiswa okokuthi sonke isikhathi uyakhuleka ungakayivusi. Mana ukukhangela isiphala sebhanga esingela lutho lokuthatha izinqumo zokuziphilisa ukhangele lokho. Kodwa, yekela uNkulunkulu wesabelo esiphindwe kabili akutshengise imvuthu, izinto ezifihlakeleyo okumele ubezazi ukuze ukhululeke njalo ukholise ukuthula lokuphumula kweSabatha. Yena uzakunikeza icebo akutshengise ukuthi wenze njani uma nje umbuza. Njengokwakhulunywa nguJesu, “Kakungalahlwa lutho!” Isabelo esiphindwe kabili ususinikiwe!

Ngakho, kulokhu, kukhona ukuphumula kweSabatha kwabantu bakaNkulunkulu; ngoba loba ngubani ongena ekuphumuleni kukaNkulunkulu uyaphumula lakowakhe umsebenzi njengokwenziwa nguNkulunkulu kowakhe.

— KumaHebheru 4:9-10

Ngiyathemba ukuthi ugwalo lolu lube yisibusiso kuwe lakuhambo lwakho leNkosi uJesu Khristu. Njengoba ngitshilo kulolu ugwalo, lolu ngolwesibili kuluhlu oluthiwa “Inguquko Yezimali Zakho.” Zizakuba nhlanu, ngakho hlala ukhangelele olulandelayo ku *website*. Njalo, nakana ngokuba lilunga le *Team Revolution*, uhlelo lwethu olulabalondolozisi. Ungathola olunye ulwazi mayelana le *Team Revolution* kuma *website* ethu futhi.

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Usukhathele ngokukhathazeka na?

Usukhathele ngokuswela injabulo na?

Akula sidingo sokuthi uqhubeke uphila ngaleyo indlela.

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Ngokuzwisisa isimiso esiyisisekelo eSokuphumula kweSabatha, uyanelisa ukubona impumela empilweni yakho. Usungaphila endaweni lapho izidingo zakho ezabelwa khona; ukhululwe ekuxotsheni umoya; ukhululwe ukuba uthole njalo uphumelele kubizo lwakho ngomvutho, lapho oyaphumelela khona phezu kokuziphilisa; lapho ozatshengisa khona impumela yakho emhlabeni eyahlukene lalokho okwandise ukubonakala.

Ungami ndawonye. Ungaqhubeki ukuphila ukhathele.

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