

Day 21 Devotion

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22:1-2

Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.

Matthew 19:13-14

Let Us Play As If by Jamil el-Shair

Come, let us play together
As if we love one another
As if we are playing with
The leaves of the Tree of Life
Building something new for you
For me, for the new creation!
Come let us play together
Healing, Being, Playing, and singing
"O, how I love, Jesus!
O, how I love, Jesus!"

Spring is coming. Let's play in the dirt like we did when we were children, picking up leaves and discovering all manner of things that can be done with them 'as if.' Ask a neighbor, Jesus' neighbor, to help build a garden 'as if.' Don't over think it. Enjoy being with a neighbor 'as if' like a child finding a new person before adults built boundaries. Come on! Whether it is moving stones, leaves, dirt or water, everyone can play in a garden 'as if.' The 'as if' is what the other and you the other decide to make it be. Let the healing power of the leaves, stones, dirt, seeds of your garden do and be mystery if you reach out and let someone play with you the other like a child going to Jesus to be blessed and build the new creation.

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O, my God, let me come to you and others like a child. Move me to take my nation and wade in the water like a child seeking you and another to play in the dirt, leaves, rocks and seeds. May the fruit be healing; may the fruit be love. May the fruit be the new kingdom. Amen