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Dear Friend:

Last month I came across a verse that struck me. Isaiah 57:15 reads, “God says, “I live in a high and holy place, but I also live with people who are sad and humble. I give new life to those who are humble and to those whose hearts are broken.” (NCV).

This verse reminds me of God’s blessing on my life. Over the years I have had the opportunity to live and walk in the high places – be it corporate boardrooms, luxury hotels, or corridors of power. I would never confuse these with “holy” places, but they are “high places” in a worldly sense. My list of friends includes international, national and financial leaders.

Yet the real blessing is that God has also brought me to the low places. I have been in some of the poorest neighborhoods in the world. I’ve been to places where hopelessness is pervasive. I’ve talked with parents who fear for the future of their children. My list of friends includes those who suffered the childhood horrors of war and genocide, those who have only known poverty in their life, and those whose rights have been trampled by oppression.

It is a tremendous blessing to know all of these people (although my heart aches for those in need). It is a blessing to be comfortable in both the high places and the low places. And it is encouraging to know so many people who are working to “give new life to those who are humble and to those whose hearts are broken.”

This is highly relevant to what PathLight does. PathLight connects those in the high places with those in the low places. PathLight wants to equip and empower those who want to heal broken hearts. PathLight wants to lift up those who live in humble settings and equip them to walk in the high places.

The mission of PathLight is to serve children at risk by providing educational opportunities that integrate faith and learning. The reason that the integration of faith and learning is so important is because it can lift up the brokenhearted. It can end the intergenerational transmission of poverty. It can transform at-risk students into leaders that live in the high places, who then in turn transform their communities.

I’m struck by the simplicity and power of Isaiah 57:15. Since we are called to emulate God, then it is clear that those of us who live in high places are called to also live in the low places. The Kingdom needs that – we need that – to truly build the kind of redemptive community our spirit longs for.

May God bless you as we enter into the holiday season. May you find the opportunity to live in both the high and the low parts of this world, and sense God’s presence in both places.

In Christ,

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