

## The Journey Worth Taking

Stay yourselves, and marvel at Yahweh's *Table*.  
Stand before God in awe and wonder,  
for She will turn our tears into laughter.

We are God's servant,  
standing with those deemed irrelevant.  
For 100 years, your love has covered all nations,  
using people both queer and unnumbered.

In the spaces we inhabit, there is love to spare.  
And though the journey is long, it is worth it.

Let us rejoice in the seeds our ancestors planted,  
which we nurtured and Yahweh made flourish.

100 years of evolving and changing,  
through countless tables and rainbows of faces,  
familiar and unfamiliar names—the gift of friendships.

Within our constructed environments:  
we climb undefeatable mountains and overcome,  
eat food of nature and spirit,  
and endure chaos and calm.  
In Love, we are redeemed,  
and our love redeems others.

Mark but this—we rejoice, and we lament:  
the changes that seem so unnatural,  
work that seems to be undone,  
and fears that have turned vitriolic.

Yet here we are, in awe and wonder—  
for You remove our disgrace,  
placing us where we are seen and heard.  
And we become the vessels  
by which others are seen and heard.

Yes the message of *The Table*  
will be forever told.

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