Come, Let Us Reason Together

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Immanuel invites us to be completely honest with Him about everything. After all, intimacy is our goal. "Try to get the words in your heart." As we become more and more transparent with God, He brings us to unresolved traumas from where wounds, lies and sins continue to affect our lives. It's out of our relationship that we are forgiven, delivered, healed and set free.

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Reason With

- 1 Samuel 12:7 Now therefore, stand still, that I may <u>reason with</u> you before the LORD concerning all the righteous acts of the LORD which He did to you and your fathers.
- Job 9:14 How then can I answer Him, And choose my words to <u>reason</u> with Him?
- Job 13:3 But I would speak to the Almighty, And I desire to reason with God.
- Job 15:3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk, Or by speeches with which he can do no good?
- Job 23:7 There the upright could reason with Him, And I would be delivered forever from my Judge.

To Reason

- Job 9:14 How then can I answer Him, And choose my words to reason with Him?
- Job 13:3 But I would speak to the Almighty, And I desire to reason with God.

Luke 5:21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Reasoning

- Job 13:6 Now hear my <u>reasoning</u>, And heed the pleadings of my lips.
- Mark 2:6 And some of the scribes were sitting there and <u>reasoning</u> in their hearts.
- Mark 12:28 Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them <u>reasoning</u> together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, "Which is the first commandment of all?"
- Luke 5:22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, "Why are you <u>reasoning</u> in your hearts?"
- Acts 19:8 And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, <u>reasoning</u> and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God.
- Acts 19:9 But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, <u>reasoning</u> daily in the school of Tyrannus.

Reasonings

Job 32:11 Indeed I waited for your words, I listened to your <u>reasonings</u>, while you searched out what to say.

Debate

Proverbs 25:9 Debate your case with your neighbor, And do not disclose the secret to another;

Isaiah 58:4 Indeed you fast for strife and <u>debate</u>, And to strike with the fist of wickedness. You will not fast as *you do* this day, To make your voice heard on high.

Contend

- Exodus 17:2 Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, "Give us water, that we may drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the LORD?"
- Exodus 21:18 If men <u>contend</u> with each other, and one strikes the other with a stone or with *his* fist, and he does not die but is confined to *his* bed.

- Deuteronomy 2:9 Then the LORD said to me, 'Do not harass Moab, nor <u>contend</u> with them in battle, for I will not give you *any* of their land *as* a possession, because I have given Ar to the descendants of Lot *as* a possession.'
- Job 9:3 If one wished to contend with Him, He could not answer Him one time out of a thousand.
- Job 10:2 I will say to God, 'Do not condemn me; Show me why You contend with me.'
- Job 13:8 Will you show partiality for Him? Will you contend for God?
- Job 13:19 Who is he who will contend with me? If now I hold my tongue, I perish.
- Job 23:6 Would He contend with me in His great power? No! But He would take *note* of me.
- Job 33:13 Why do you contend with Him? For He does not give an accounting of any of His words.
- Proverbs 28:4 Those who forsake the law praise the wicked, But such as keep the law contend with them.
- Ecclesiastes 6:10 Whatever one is, he has been named already, For it is known that he *is* man; And he cannot contend with Him who is mightier than he.
- Isaiah 43:26 Put Me in remembrance; Let us contend together; State your case, that you may be acquitted.
- Isaiah 49:25 But thus says the LORD: "Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, And the prey of the terrible be delivered; For I will <u>contend</u> with him who contends with you, And I will save your children."
- Isaiah 50:8 He is near who justifies Me; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me.
- Isaiah 57:16 For I will not <u>contend</u> forever, Nor will I always be angry; For the spirit would fail before Me, And the souls *which* I have made.
- Jeremiah 12:5 If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, Then how can you <u>contend</u> with horses? And *if* in the land of peace, *In which* you trusted, *they wearied you*, Then how will you do in the floodplain of the Jordan?
- Jeremiah 18:19 Give heed to me, O LORD, And listen to the voice of those who contend with me!
- Hosea 4:4 Now let no man <u>contend</u>, or rebuke another; For your people *are* like those who <u>contend</u> with the priest.
- Micah 6:2 Hear, O you mountains, the LORD'S complaint, And you strong foundations of the earth; For the LORD has a complaint against His people, And He will <u>contend</u> with Israel.
- Jude 1:3 Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to <u>contend</u> earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

Plead (God)

- Isaiah 3:13 The LORD stands up to plead, And stands to judge the people.
- Isaiah 51:22 Thus says your Lord, The LORD and your God, *Who* pleads the cause of His people: "See, I have taken out of your hand The cup of trembling, The dregs of the cup of My fury; You shall no longer drink it.
- Micah 7:9 I will bear the indignation of the LORD, Because I have sinned against Him, Until He <u>pleads</u> my case And executes justice for me. He will bring me forth to the light; I will see His righteousness.

Plead Your Case

- Psalms 74:22 Arise, O God, <u>plead Your</u> own cause; Remember how the foolish man reproaches You daily.
- Jeremiah 30:13 *There is* no one to <u>plead your</u> cause, That you may be bound up; You have no healing medicines.
- Jeremiah 51:36 Therefore thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will <u>plead your</u> case and take vengeance for you. I will dry up her sea and make her springs dry."
- Micah 6:1 Hear now what the LORD says: "Arise, <u>plead your</u> case before the mountains, And let the hills hear your voice."

Plead My Case

- 1 Samuel 24:15 Therefore let the LORD be judge, and judge between you and me, and see and <u>plead my</u> case, and deliver me out of your hand.
- Job 19:5 If indeed you exalt *yourselves* against me, And <u>plead</u> my disgrace against me.
- Psalms 35:1 A Psalm of David. <u>Plead my cause</u>, O LORD, with those who strive with me; Fight against those who fight against me.
- Psalms 43:1 Vindicate me, O God, And <u>plead my</u> cause against an ungodly nation; Oh, deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man!
- Psalms 119:154 Plead my cause and redeem me; Revive me according to Your word.
- Jeremiah 2:35 Yet you say, 'Because I am innocent, Surely His anger shall turn from me.' Behold, I will <u>plead</u> My case against you, Because you say, 'I have not sinned.'
- Ezekiel 20:35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will <u>plead My</u> case with you face to face.
- Ezekiel 20:36 Just as I pleaded My case with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will plead My case with you," says the Lord GOD.

Plead His

Proverbs 18:17 The first one to plead his cause seems right, Until his neighbor comes and examines him.

Jeremiah 25:31 A noise will come to the ends of the earth—For the LORD has a controversy with the nations; He will <u>plead His</u> case with all flesh. He will give those *who are* wicked to the sword,' says the LORD.

Plead Their

Proverbs 22:23 For the LORD will plead their cause, And plunder the soul of those who plunder them.

Proverbs 23:11 For their Redeemer is mighty; He will plead their cause against you.

Jeremiah 50:34 Their Redeemer is strong; The LORD of hosts is His name. He will thoroughly <u>plead</u> their case, That He may give rest to the land, And disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.

Plead For the Needy

Proverbs 31:9 Open your mouth, judge righteously, And <u>plead</u> the cause of the poor and needy.

Isaiah 1:17 Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, <u>Plead</u> for the widow.

Jeremiah 5:28 They have grown fat, they are sleek; Yes, they surpass the deeds of the wicked; They do not plead the cause, The cause of the fatherless; Yet they prosper, And the right of the needy they do not defend.

Plead With

Proverbs 6:3 So do this, my son, and deliver yourself; For you have come into the hand of your friend: Go and humble yourself; <u>Plead with your friend</u>.

Jeremiah 2:29 "Why will you plead with Me? You all have transgressed against Me," says the LORD.

Jeremiah 12:1 Righteous *are* You, O LORD, when I <u>plead with</u> You; Yet let me talk with You about *Your* judgments. Why does the way of the wicked prosper? *Why* are those happy who deal so treacherously?

Mark 5:17 Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region.

- 1 Corinthians 1:10 Now I <u>plead with</u> you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you, but *that* you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.
- 2 Corinthians 6:1 We then, as workers together with Him also <u>plead</u> with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.
- 2 John 1:5 And now I <u>plead with</u> you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another.

Plead For

- Judges 6:31 But Joash said to all who stood against him, "Would you <u>plead for Baal? Would you save him?</u> Let the one who would <u>plead for him be put to death by morning!</u> If he *is* a god, let him <u>plead for himself</u>, because his altar has been torn down!"
- Job 16:21 Oh, that one might plead for a man with God, As a man pleads for his neighbor!
- Isaiah 1:17 Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, <u>Plead for</u> the widow.
- Isaiah 59:4 No one calls for justice, Nor does *any* <u>plead for</u> truth. They trust in empty words and speak lies; They conceive evil and bring forth iniquity.

Plead Against

Judges 6:32 Therefore on that day he called him Jerubbaal, saying, "Let Baal <u>plead</u> against him, because he has torn down his altar."

Pleading

- Esther 7:7 Then the king arose in his wrath from the banquet of wine *and went* into the palace garden; but Haman stood before Queen Esther, <u>pleading</u> for his life, for he saw that evil was determined against him by the king.
- Matthew 8:5 Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him.
- Luke 7:3 So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, <u>pleading</u> with Him to come and heal his servant.
- Acts 19:31 Then some of the officials of Asia, who were his friends, sent to him <u>pleading</u> that he would not venture into the theater.

- 2 Corinthians 5:20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were <u>pleading</u> through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.
- 2 Corinthians 10:1 Now I, Paul, myself am <u>pleading</u> with you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—who in presence *am* lowly among you, but being absent am bold toward you.

Pleads

Job 16:21 Oh, that one might plead for a man with God, As a man *pleads* for his neighbor!

- Isaiah 51:22 Thus says your Lord, The LORD and your God, *Who* <u>pleads</u> the cause of His people: "See, I have taken out of your hand The cup of trembling, The dregs of the cup of My fury; You shall no longer drink it.
- Micah 7:9 I will bear the indignation of the LORD, Because I have sinned against Him, Until He <u>pleads</u> my case And executes justice for me. He will bring me forth to the light; I will see His righteousness.
- Romans 11:2 God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he <u>pleads</u> with God against Israel, saying...

Biblical Example of Pleading

Esther: He also gave him a copy of the written decree for their destruction, which was given at Shushan, that he might show it to Esther and explain it to her, and that he might command her to go in to the king to make supplication to him and <u>plead</u> before him for her people. Esther 4:8

Job: Then Job answered and said: "Even today my complaint is bitter; My hand is listless because of my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find Him, *That* I might come to His seat! I would present *my* case before Him, And fill my mouth with arguments. I would know the words *which* He would answer me, And understand what He would say to me. Would He contend with me in His great power? No! But He would take *note* of me. There the upright could reason with Him, And I would be delivered forever from my Judge." Job 23:1-7

Case

- Genesis 30:6 Then Rachel said, "God has judged my <u>case</u>; and He has also heard my voice and given me a son." Therefore she called his name Dan.
- Genesis 43:18 Now the men were afraid because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, "*It is* because of the money, which was returned in our sacks the first time, that we are brought in, so that he may make a <u>case</u> against us and fall upon us, to take us as slaves with our donkeys."
- Exodus 18:26 So they judged the people at all times; the hard cases they brought to Moses, but they judged every small <u>case</u> themselves.

- Numbers 27:5 So Moses brought their <u>case</u> before the LORD.
- Deuteronomy 1:17 'You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small as well as the great; you shall not be afraid in any man's presence, for the judgment *is* God's. The <u>case</u> that is too hard for you, bring to me, and I will hear it.'
- Deuteronomy 19:4 And this *is* the <u>case</u> of the manslayer who flees there, that he may live: Whoever kills his neighbor unintentionally, not having hated him in time past—
- Deuteronomy 24:13 You shall in any <u>case</u> return the pledge to him again when the sun goes down, that he may sleep in his own garment and bless you; and it shall be righteousness to you before the LORD your God.
- Joshua 20:4 And when he flees to one of those cities, and stands at the entrance of the gate of the city, and declares his <u>case</u> in the hearing of the elders of that city, they shall take him into the city as one of them, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them.
- 1 Samuel 24:15 Therefore let the LORD be judge, and judge between you and me, and see and plead my case, and deliver me out of your hand.
- 2 Samuel 15:3 Then Absalom would say to him, "Look, your <u>case</u> is good and right; but *there is* no deputy of the king to hear you."
- 2 Chronicles 19:10 Whatever <u>case</u> comes to you from your brethren who dwell in their cities, whether of bloodshed or offenses against law or commandment, against statutes or ordinances, you shall warn them, lest they trespass against the LORD and wrath come upon you and your brethren. Do this, and you will not be guilty.
- Job 13:18 See now, I have prepared my case, I know that I shall be vindicated.
- Job 23:4 I would present my case before Him, And fill my mouth with arguments.
- Job 29:16 I was a father to the poor, And I searched out the case that I did not know.
- Proverbs 25:9 Debate your case with your neighbor, And do not disclose the secret to another.
- Isaiah 41:21 "Present your case," says the LORD. "Bring forth your strong reasons," says the King of Jacob.
- Isaiah 43:26 Put Me in remembrance; Let us contend together; State your *case*, that you may be acquitted.
- Isaiah 45:21 Tell and bring forth *your case*; Yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? *Who* has told it from that time? *Have* not I, the LORD? And *there is* no other God besides Me, A just God and a Savior; *There is* none besides Me.
- Jeremiah 2:35 Yet you say, 'Because I am innocent, Surely His anger shall turn from me.' Behold, I will plead My case against you, Because you say, 'I have not sinned.'
- Jeremiah 25:31 A noise will come to the ends of the earth—For the LORD has a controversy with the nations; He will plead His <u>case</u> with all flesh. He will give those *who are* wicked to the sword,' says the LORD.

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- Jeremiah 51:36 Therefore thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will plead your <u>case</u> and take vengeance for you. I will dry up her sea and make her springs dry."
- Lamentations 3:58 O Lord, You have pleaded the case for my soul; You have redeemed my life.
- Lamentations 3:59 O LORD, You have seen how I am wronged; Judge my case.
- Ezekiel 20:35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will plead My <u>case</u> with you face to face.
- Ezekiel 20:36 "Just as I pleaded My <u>case</u> with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will plead My <u>case</u> with you," says the Lord GOD.
- Daniel 3:17 If that *is the case*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver *us* from your hand, O king.
- Micah 6:1 Hear now what the LORD says: "Arise, plead your <u>case</u> before the mountains, And let the hills hear your voice."
- Micah 7:9 I will bear the indignation of the LORD, Because I have sinned against Him, Until He pleads my case And executes justice for me. He will bring me forth to the light; I will see His righteousness.
- Matthew 19:10 His disciples said to Him, "If such is the <u>case</u> of the man with *his* wife, it is better not to marry."
- Acts 19:38 Therefore, if Demetrius and his fellow craftsmen have a <u>case</u> against anyone, the courts are open and there are proconsuls. Let them bring charges against one another.
- Acts 24:22 But when Felix heard these things, having more accurate knowledge of *the* Way, he adjourned the proceedings and said, "When Lysias the commander comes down, I will make a decision on your <u>case</u>."
- Acts 25:14 When they had been there many days, Festus laid Paul's <u>case</u> before the king, saying: "There is a certain man left a prisoner by Felix."

My Cause

- Job 5:8 But as for me, I would seek God, And to God I would commit my cause—
- Psalms 9:4 For You have maintained my right and my cause; You sat on the throne judging in righteousness.
- Psalms 35:1 A Psalm of David. Plead my cause, O LORD, with those who strive with me; Fight against those who fight against me.
- Psalms 35:23 Stir up Yourself, and awake to my vindication, To my cause, my God and my Lord.

Psalms 43:1 Vindicate me, O God, And plead my cause against an ungodly nation; Oh, deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man!

Psalms 119:154 Plead my cause and redeem me; Revive me according to Your word.

Jeremiah 11:20 But, O LORD of hosts, You who judge righteously, Testing the mind and the heart, Let me see Your vengeance on them, For to You I have revealed my cause.

Jeremiah 20:12 But, O LORD of hosts, You who test the righteous, *And* see the mind and heart, Let me see Your vengeance on them; For I have pleaded my cause before You.

His Cause

Proverbs 18:17 The first one to plead his cause seems right, Until his neighbor comes and examines him.

Lamentations 3:36 Or subvert a man in his cause—The Lord does not approve.

Their Cause

- 1 Kings 8:45 Then hear in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.
- 1 Kings 8:49 Then hear in heaven Your dwelling place their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause,
- 2 Chronicles 6:35 Then hear from heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.
- 2 Chronicles 6:39 Then hear from heaven Your dwelling place their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive Your people who have sinned against You.

Proverbs 22:23 For the LORD will plead their cause, And plunder the soul of those who plunder them.

Proverbs 23:11 For their Redeemer is mighty; He will plead their cause against you.

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