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Isaiah 55:1-13

It was going to be one of those weddings. It is not unusual these days to have multiple sets of parents and step-parents at a wedding. People who haven't spoken in decades are suddenly forced by the bonds of blood and marriage to at least tolerate one another for a little while. As they gathered, glances were exchanged, and stage-whispered gasps were followed by barely audible comments. I prayed silently, "Lord, help us!"

My prayer was answered quickly. The bride and groom asked if they could speak. I nodded and the bride spoke first, "Could everyone take a seat? I know this is hard for some of you, and we appreciate your willingness to come. We have invited you here because each of you is important to us. We love all of you and appreciate your willingness to lay aside your differences and help us celebrate our wedding." Everything went smoothly because of a grace-filled invitation.

Isaiah, in chapter 55, extends God's graceful invitation to His wandering and unfaithful children. For all who accept the invitation, even today, it is life transforming.

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