## **Even So Come**

All of creation
All of the earth
Make straight a highway
A path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon
Call back the sinner
Wake up the saint
Let every nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon
Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be at Church ready for You
Every heart longing for our King

We sing "even so come" Lord Jesus, come Even so come Lord Jesus, come

There will be justice, all will be new Your name forever, faithful and true Jesus is coming soon Oh, like a bride waiting for her groom We'll be at Church ready for You Every heart longing for our King

So we wait
We wait for You
God, we wait
You're coming soon
You're coming soon

Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be at Church, ready for You
Every heart longing for our King, we
sing
Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be at Church, we'll be ready for
You
Every heart longing for our King, we
sing "even so come"

## **Never Been a Moment**

I've been sinner
I've been a saint
A little bit of both every single day
I've been lost
But somehow I've been found
There's been some pain
Been some regret
Been some moments I'll never forget
But when I look back
From where I'm standing now

There's never been a moment
I was not held inside your arms
And there's never been a day when you
were not who you say you are
Yours forever, it don't matter
What I'm walking through
'Cause no matter where I'm going
There's never been a moment that I was
not loved by you
Loved by you

You've been the rock You've been the peace Always showing your good heart to me My days are marked by grace I don't deserve, no You've been the price I could never pay You've been the light that has led the way No matter where oh I am, I am sure So where could I go that I could wander from your sight And where could I run and never leave behind Your all consuming Heart pursuing Grace extending Never ending love Your love



How do we discern?
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I boil discernment down to the question, "What is the next right step God is asking me to take?" Ignatian discernment wisdom invites us to answer this question not on sheer will alone, but to bring this to prayer and invite God to walk with us through a discernment process, which I name as:

- 1. *Pray*: We take the decision we are seeking to make to prayer and ask for God's guidance.
- 2. *Gather Data*: We gather all the information we possibly can on the choices we are picking between. This includes gathering the "nuts and bolts" and facts of a decision, but also includes gathering the emotional information in the form of consolation and desolation. As we gather information, we bring it to prayer and ask God to show us where we feel more of an increase of faith, hope and love, and where we feel less.
- 3. **Come to a decision**: Once we feel we can, we make a decision and internally commit to a choice. We wait and let God affirm this in prayer.
- 4. *Act*: When we know the next right step, we act on it.

Being a contemplative in action means being a person of prayer who lives out in the world. We always first start with getting to know the one who calls (through prayer) before we can understand our call (discernment).