

Jim,

I'm sorry for the talk with you brothers and for any disturbance or unpleasantness I caused. It was far from my intention. I won't be doing that again.

As for **Katherine**, she initiated the conversation when she asked if she could help me. I then asked what was going on in there, giving her a chance to share, and she said "Christ". I told her that was the best answer and we spoke along positive lines, until she asked why I didn't come in. I tried very briefly to explain.

Concerning Alicia, our visit at QFC was heavenly, spiritual, and uplifting. It was a blessing to both of us. She said, I feel like I'm being visited by an angel. (Frankly, Jim, a lot of people feel that way where I live, where I work, and when I meet with other believers who receive me.) Alicia didn't know me but we immediately knew one another in spirit and exploded in our fellowship.

Accordingly, she wanted me to come to their home meeting since I apparently live near them, and I told her I would very much like to come. I was being hesitant though to commit. Since she was really wanting me to come, eventually I felt that I needed to explain to her that my coming to her meeting might be a problem to a leading one.

And, because our fellowship was full of anointing, I knew she would be asking Atsuo about me, and the negative speaking would begin. So I called her and left a message, sharing a few things on my heart so that she would receive my input also, not just that of Atsuo.

So, Jim, I am hoping you understand that there was no pattern of intent to speak negatively to these sisters, Katherine and Alicia. If this is the portrayal of me amongst elders, I hope that you correct this misunderstanding before them.

I ask you to extend my apology to Mark and John. I shouldn't have tried to talk to you brothers in that way. I appreciated the gentle spirit in each of you, which was in stark contrast to my previous experience with other brothers.

I am open to genuine and mutual fellowship with you and others in the church in Bellevue for the gaining of new ones and the building up of the Body of Christ. The only reason this statement would sound strange is because you do not know me.

Your brother in Christ,

Steve I.
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