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Pull me close and after You we will run.

(Shir HaShirim 1:4)

If Klal Yisroel is in a state where we are willing to run after Hashem why must He pull us towards Him? If we are in a state where He must pull us towards Him then why would we run after Him?

The king, upon having a falling out with his wife, threw her out of his palace for a specific amount of time. When the allotted time passed she returned to him. This occurred once, and then again, however the third time this occurred, infuriated, the king sent her far away for an extended period of time. Eventually, missing her terribly, the king turned to his advisers saying, "This time my wife will not return on her own rather I together with the entire royal court must go out to search for her and bring her back." When the king finally found his wife she was wallowing in dirt. All were witness to the great honor she received as the mighty king begged her to return to him. Finally he grabbed her by the hand, lifted her up and led her back to the palace promising her that he will never part with her again. So to with Klal Yisroel. We ourselves returned to Hashem at the culmination of our first and second exiles. However in our current exile this will not occur rather Hashem himself will take us by the hand and lift us up, pacifying us as he returns us home forever. (Zohar Vayikra 6.)

It seems that Klal Yisroel's seeming lack of interest in Hashem is merely a defense mechanism used for fear of being rejected again by her true love. Therefore, once she is promised never to be sent away again, she readily agrees to come.

Pull me close – to assure me You won't break my heart again, then – **after You we will run.** For that is the true ultimate desire of every Jew!

