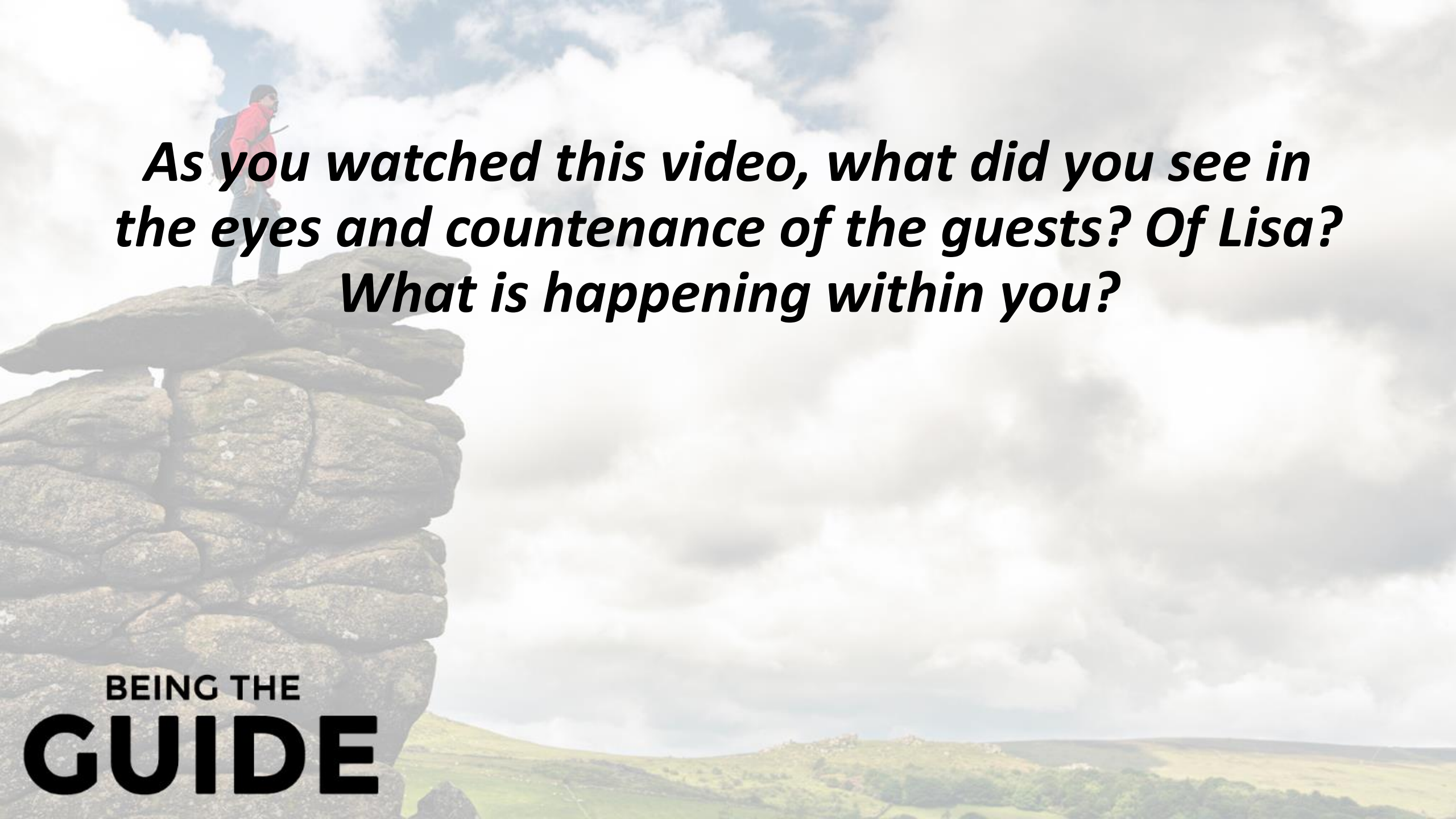




Being the Guide: The Beauty of Openhearted People

A hiker with a backpack is standing on a rocky outcrop, looking out over a valley. The sky is filled with large, white clouds. The overall scene is a landscape view from a high vantage point.

As you watched this video, what did you see in the eyes and countenance of the guests? Of Lisa? What is happening within you?

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Luke 15:1-2 (NET)

*¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming to hear him. ² But the Pharisees and the experts in the law were complaining, “This man welcomes sinners **AND** eats with them.”*

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Leviticus 19:9-10 (NET)

⁹ When you gather in the harvest of your land, you must not completely harvest the corner of your field, and you must not gather up the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰ You must not pick your vineyard bare, and you must not gather up the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You must leave them for the poor and the foreigner.

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Leviticus 19:33-34

³³ When a foreigner resides with you in your land, you must not oppress him. ³⁴ The foreigner who resides with you must be to you like a native citizen among you; so you must love him as yourself, because you were foreigners in the land of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.

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- *Care for the outsider the way you care for yourself.*

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A hiker with a backpack is walking on a rocky peak. The background is a cloudy sky and a green landscape.

“BUT MARTIN . . .”

- **“I feel like an outsider—struggling to belong.”**
- **“I love the idea, but I’m tired.”**
- **“I don’t know where to start.”**

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Think about It

- ***Go back and watch the video again. As you watch, what do you see in the eyes and countenance of the guests? Of Lisa? What is happening within you? What do you find beautiful? Difficult?***
- ***What are the heart and logistical challenges you face to offering belonging, connection, and openheartedness that you have been given by our Father to others?***

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Think about It

- ***Are you willing to take the next steps to address these challenges? Explain.***
- ***Whom can you invite to join you in this transformation process?***
- ***Whom can you show hospitality to over the next few weeks?***