



## Devotional Thoughts :: Following on to Know Jesus

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"If we seek Jesus more and more, and more and more, a personal relation with Himself, we come into Him and He into us, and the cleansing, and purging, and pruning goes on almost unknown to ourselves.

We do need to be definite in our consecration. But after that, don't keep looking at yourself. Look at Jesus.

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus,

I've lost sight of all beside;

So entranced my spirit's vision,

Looking at the Crucified.

All for Jesus, All for Jesus,

All for Jesus crucified.

You know the song. It can become a living reality. 2 Corinthians, 3rd Chapter, verse 18 (R.V.) says, "But we all with unveiled faces, reflecting as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory."

If we looked at Jesus more, and ourselves, and our friends, and our trials, and our failures, and conditions of life, and the world, and flesh, and devil, less, we would reflect His image more and more, and the hardness, and impurity, and temper, and selfishness would fade away, and there would be tenderness, and purity, and gentleness, and love just take their places "changing from glory to glory."

This is why He requires closet prayer. This is why we need to get still before Him and listen to His voice, get into His presence. If we listened to Him more, looked to Him in stillness more, and chattered to Him less, we would get the sense of His presence better.

Whenever you can, take a few minutes of just waiting on Jesus, not necessarily praying, but just waiting, looking into His face, desiring His presence. At first, you may not seem to receive much, but if you take every opportunity, presently your soul will hunger for Him, and the sweetness of Himself will come to you, and you will get like lovers "rather slip away with Him just for a minute or two than talk or read or rest or eat. And when you are tired, or rushed, or nervous, a few minutes with him in the stillness of His presence will rest you more than anything in the world. "If any man thirst, let him come to Me," Jesus said. You are thirsty for righteousness, for a work to be done in you. But you must have the righteousness of Christ. See Phil. 3:9.

Don't bother your head as to the details of being so clothed upon. After a square look at yourself and a real consecration, you are a vessel in God's hands and you can just enjoy Jesus. Take all the time you have, all the thought you have, all the energy you have to spare, and follow on to know Jesus, Jesus! He will supply all your need. In your hurrying life, you cannot split hairs. Let God have His way. Ask Him to make you hungry and thirsty for Jesus, and give Him the chance to answer by getting into His presence every opportunity you have, and He will give the victory along every line.

I have learned in prayer to do less talking than I used. We rush into God's presence too boldly and irreverently. If, when we go to prayer, we would just take time in the beginning to get quiet in soul, to be still before Him, to seek to get into a sense of His presence, to reverence Him, and then, when we do speak, first thank and praise Him when we did offer our petitions, we would not so often have the feeling of their falling back on our heads unanswered, but we would pray "through."

Often when I have a burden on me until it seems as if I can hardly stand it until I get before the Lord alone, and I expect t

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o just lay my difficulties before Him in detail and with earnest supplication, when I follow this method of prayer, by the time I have felt His presence and felt His touch, and praised Him, I have just a sweet time of worship, and when I get up, I think, "Why, I never told the Lord about that at all," and I just don't need to; the burden is gone, the problem is solved, and I know He has undertaken for me.

Not that we never need to supplicate, because we do, but not so often as we sometimes think. But we need far more waiting on God than we have."

- Martha Wing Robinson (excerpt from a letter written to her sister)

\* Edited to include lengthier quote