

To Know The Father

Father has laid it on my heart to share a deep work He has been doing in His sons in this day. One day, Jesus spoke to me: "Let Me show you our Father's heart." As I turned to Father, a deep understanding arose in me so that I knew that "Father is so completely love that His only concern is how best to express that love." But there is more to this, specifically His desire to express His love. Through another process, Father began to reveal to me that the problem with desiring to express His love so much is that it would be selfish for Him to express this Himself. I know that sounds a bit perplexing, but Father's love is so selfless that He has chosen to have a counterpart to be His expression. From the start, Jesus (the Word) was joined to the Father as His expressor. So Father lays down His right to express Himself, and then the Son lays down His own will in order to express Father's will. Father has chosen to be complete in the Son, having brought Him forth from out of Himself to express all that is in Father's own heart. The wonder of it is that Father desires to have this relationship with each of His mature children, so that they are His sons. Each of us laying down our own will in order to receive and intimately know the will of our Father, and then bringing that into expression through the operation of our Christ mind.

It was during these dealings and revelations that Father brought me to a very quiet place internally so that I could know His heart directly. He gave me a living illustration of what it means to be a mature son and know His heart/will. I was in a store shopping, when a mother and her son walked in. As they moved around the store, I heard the mother speaking to her son, but her speech was impeded. I didn't think I could understand what she was saying, but her son appeared to understand her and moved about the store with her apparently doing her bidding. It was then that I "tuned in" to the mother's garbled words, and began to just make out what she was saying. Her words were there all along, but I only began to understand them when I believed/ I could. Father was revealing something special to me there.

Over the past several years, Father has been particularly quiet. The only way for me to know His will has been to be quiet within and for my desires to be aligned with His. He has been so gentle in this work. I feel like I would miss His will if I allowed myself to become too "noisy" within or if I allowed my own desires to move me. Even though His leading has become so subtle, by faith I believe that I know His will and walk it out daily. This has grown into a oneness where I no longer know where I end and He begins. I rarely get clear instruction but rather just a quiet knowing, a sense within, that I'm doing His will. For so long His will seemed to be this separate thing that I tried to do. Now it has become a natural part of me and of my heart which flows out into thought and action. I am gradually knowing myself as one of Father's expressors.

I hope that these words and testimony will confirm Father's work in your heart. Please note that there is still great lack in my outer man. Father is not being expressed through me with 100% fidelity. The flesh is weak, but Jesus is bringing each of us to the place where the outer man is swallowed up in our inner man (Christ in us) until even our body of glory is made manifest. Ultimately, Father will be expressed in/as us in complete perfection.

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