

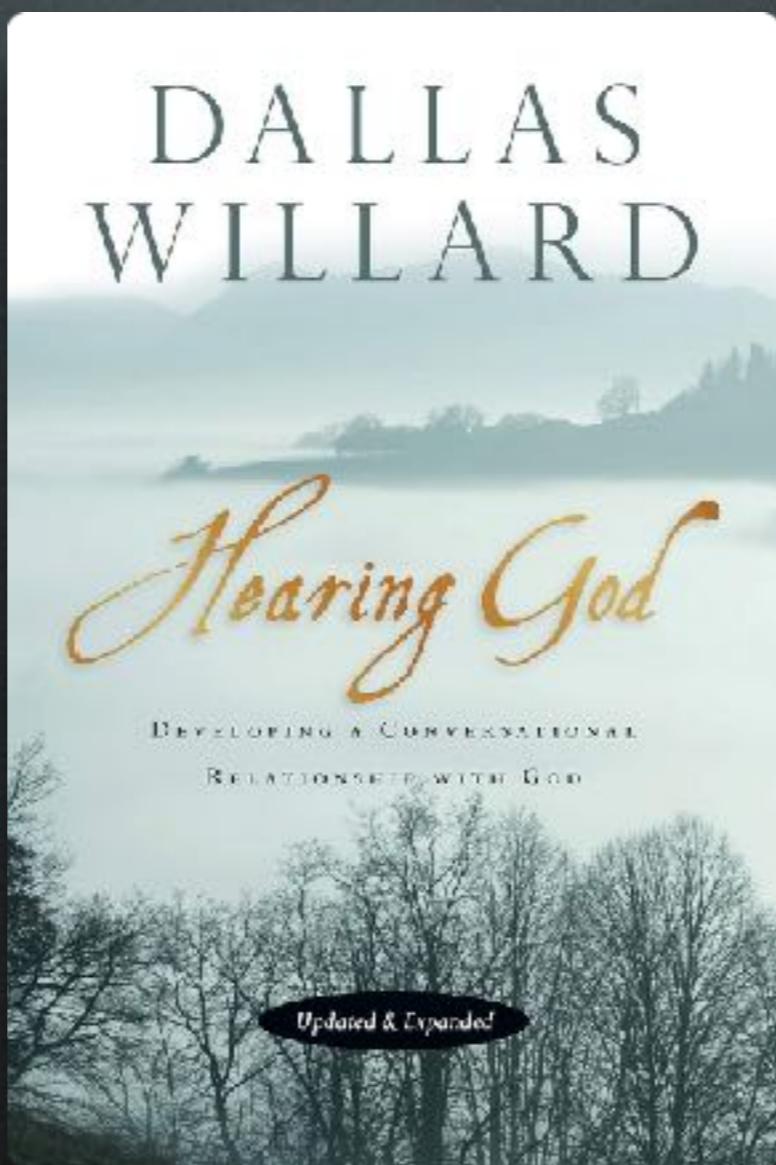
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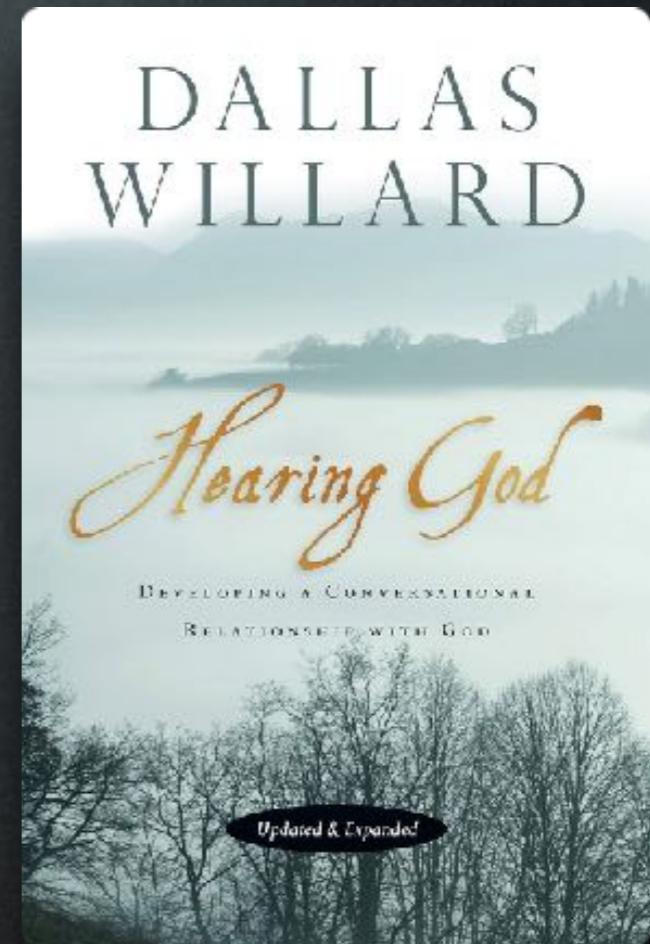
Session 8 - “Redemption through The Word of God”

Chapter 7



Session 7 Summary

God reigns in His Kingdom through His speaking. That speaking is reserved to Himself, but it may in some small measure be communicated through those who work in union with Him (186)...in fellowship with the living Word, the Lord Himself. (187)



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Discerning God’s voice is essentially just one dimension of a certain kind of life, the eternal kind of life, a life lived in conversational relationship with God. (189)

It is by the kind of life that is in us and makes us examples of God’s indwelling... (190)

“Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” John 17:3

What is the process by which we can be fully transformed into children of light?

1. How are we to understand the ongoing process of our present life being conformed to the likeness of the Son (Romans 8:29)?
2. What is the role of the Word of God in this process?

So that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.”

Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. Philippians 2:15-16

“Additional Birth” by the Word of God (192-194)

A new, born again “kind” of eternal life

The Teacher Who Did Not Know (194-195)

Born of the Spirit - a different kind of life - John 3:2

Birth Through the Spirit & the Word (195-196)

Sewing the Word - Mark 4:14

The Word of God Planted in our Hearts (196-197)

Power to save our souls - James 1:21

Washed in the Word of God (197-198)

A new kind of social unit - Eph. 2:21-22

The Amazing Extent of the Dirt (198-200)

False thoughts & habits washed from the mind - Col.3:2

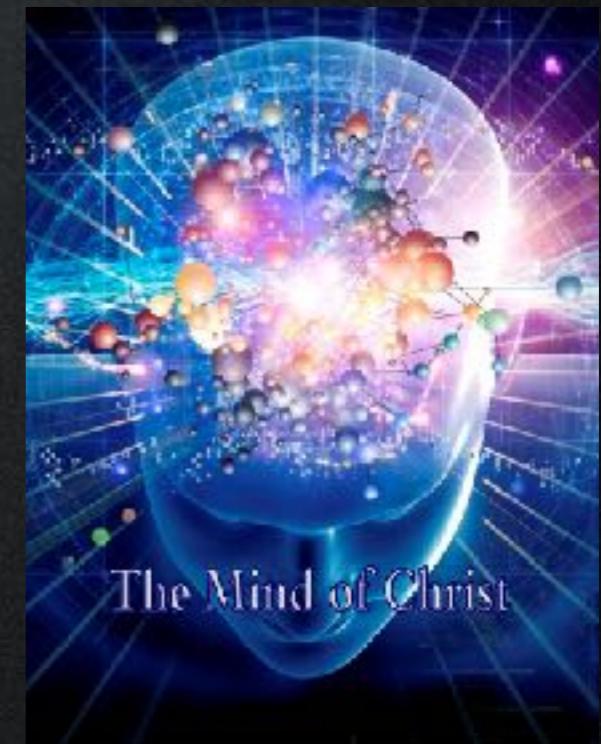
Hearing God becomes a reliably clear and practical matter for the mind that is transformed by this washing of the word. (198)

The literal truth is that Christ through His word removes the old routines, in their place He puts His thoughts. (200)

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2

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We have the mind of Christ. I Corinthians 2:16



Union with Christ

In the progress of God's redemptive work communication advances into communion and communion into union. When the progression is complete, we can truly say,

"It is no longer I who lives, but Christ who lives in me."

Galatians 2:20

"For to me, living is Christ." *Philippians 1:21*

Union beyond communion is when...

We have the mind of Christ *I Corinthians 2:16*

"They may be one as we are one" *John 17:22*



It was through His words he literally, not figuratively, imparted Himself while He lived and taught among the people of His day. (202)

Christ in you, the hope of glory. Colossians 1:27

Chapter 6

Through His words, Jesus imparted Himself and in some measure conferred on those who received His words the powers of God's sovereign rule. (159)

"If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

John 15:7



Christ's Faith as My Faith

The life that is in the branch is literally that which flows to it through the vine and is the very life of the vine to which it is attached.

“Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.”

John 15:1-4

(203)

Paul on Salvation

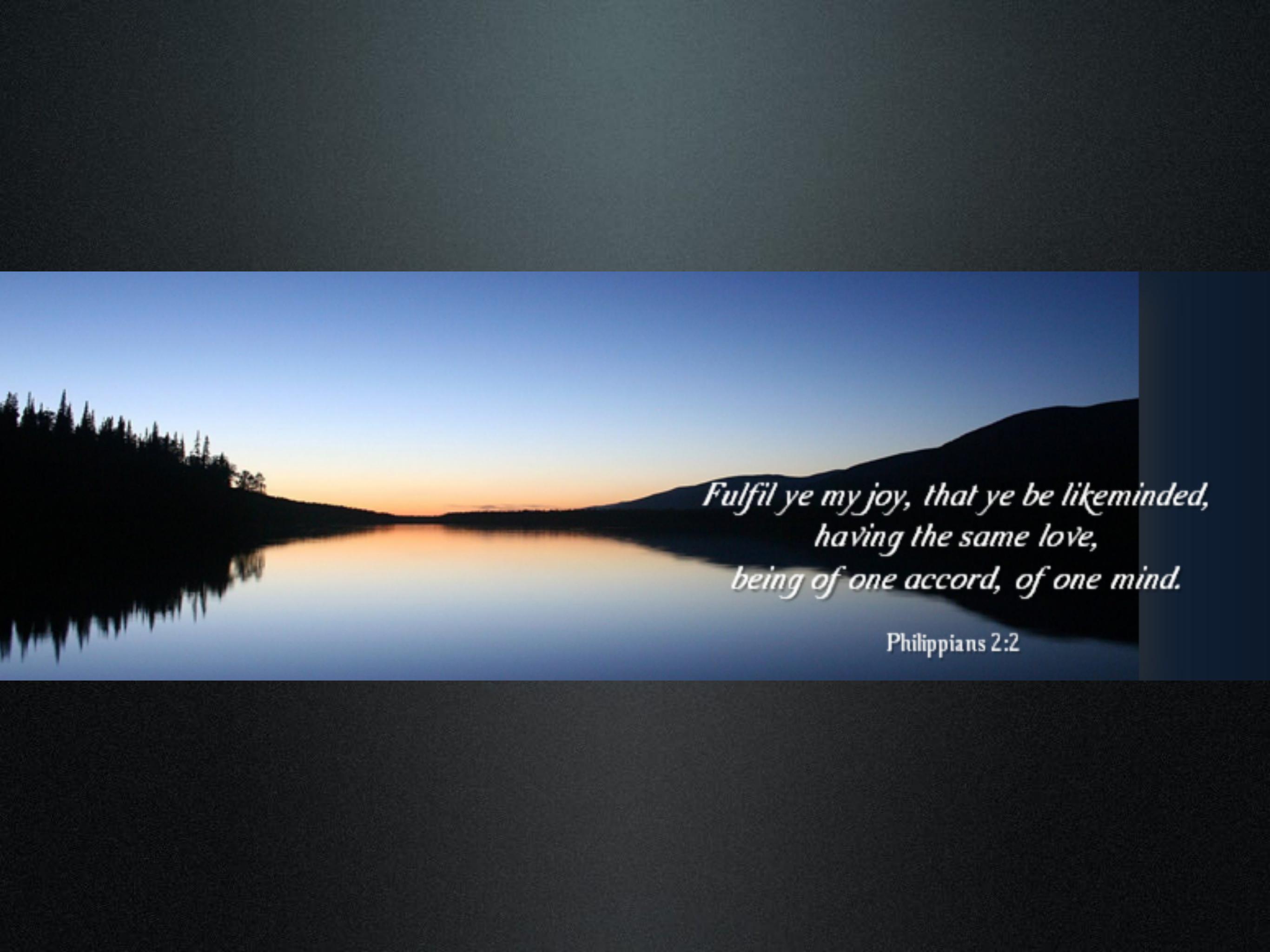
Romans 6:4 “Newness of Life” ~ ΚΑΙΝΟΤΕΣ ΖΩΗ

It is this identity between the additional life of the regenerate and the person & life of Christ Himself that turns believers into a “colony of heaven” (Moffatt on Philippians 3:20) and enables them to fulfill their call to be the light of the world, showing what it is really like to be alive. (205)

Now, Focusing on Our Aliveness to God

Wholly orienting ourselves to the new life. This is our part, and God will not do it for us. (205)

Romans 7 - Beyond the point of excusing or accusing. We settle in our will the question who we intend to be. (206)



*Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded,
having the same love,
being of one accord, of one mind.*

Philippians 2:2

What is the process by which we can be fully transformed into children of light?

Q#1 – How are we to understand the ongoing process of our present life being conformed to the likeness of the Son?

A – *Communication, Communion & Union in the Life of Christ*

Q#2 – What is the role of the Word of God in this process?

“This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success.” Joshua 1:8



Q#2 – What is the role of the Word of God in this process? Its ideal result – Union with Christ

The proper use of the written Word is most central to our cooperative efforts with God toward full conformity with Christ.

It may come through sermons, art, casual conversation, dramatic performances, literature, song, architecture & artistry of cathedrals. (209)

The person who wishes to grow in grace (II Peter 3:18) is by far best advised to make a close and constant companion of *the book* – the Bible. (210)



Written Word in the Progress of Redemption

- Pray the Scriptures
- Do not try to read a great deal at once
- Come to the passage for a holy meeting with God

Do not hurry. Do not dabble.

The General Train of Development

1. Information
2. Longing for it to be so
3. Affirmation that it must be so
4. Invocation to God to make it so
5. Appropriation by God's grace so that it is so

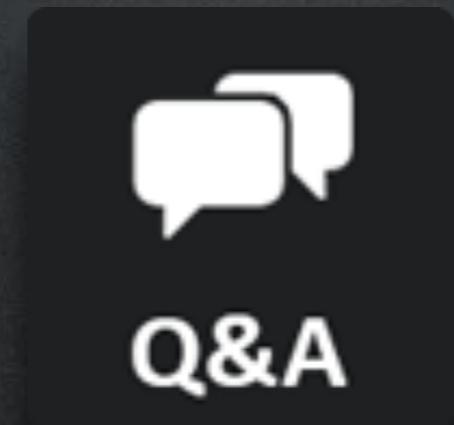
These great truths conveyed by Scripture were the very things that Jesus believed...the faith, hope & love in which He lived. As they become our beliefs, His mind becomes our mind.



Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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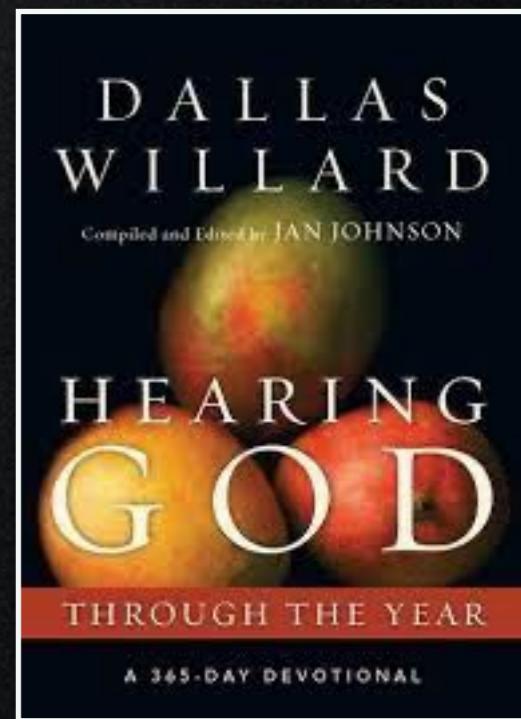
Meditation – Lectio Divina #5 (207-209)

Romans 5:10-11; 6:4, 8-11

Application

- 1.) What is the process of me becoming a child of the light - Philippians 2:15-16?
- 2.) How has this chapter described the role of the Word of God in the process?
- 3.) Do I have faith “in” Christ or the faith “of” Christ?
How might this change?
- 4.) What work will I do this week to pray scripture and memorize scripture?

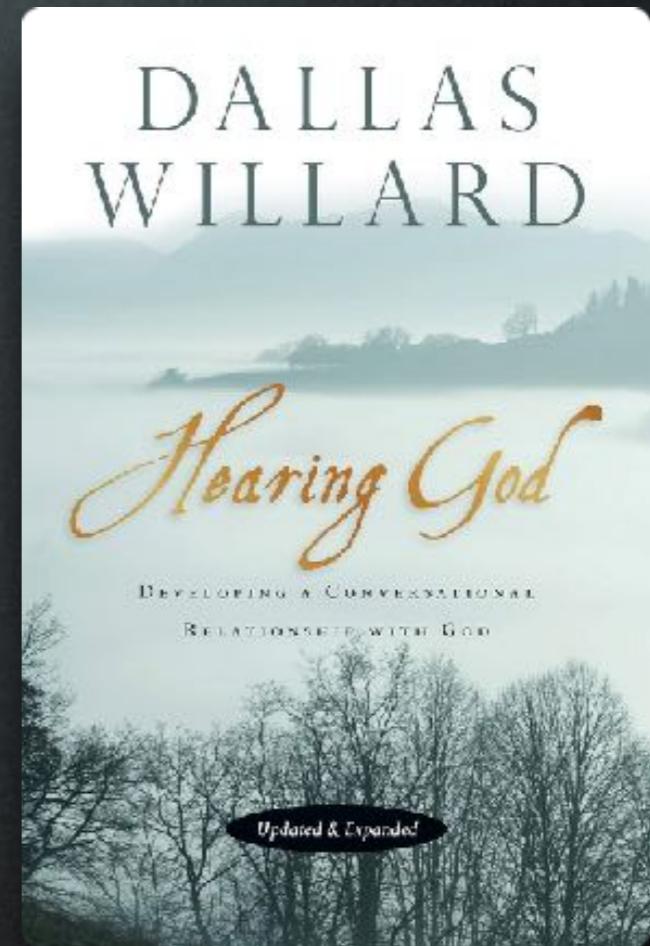
Converse daily with God —>

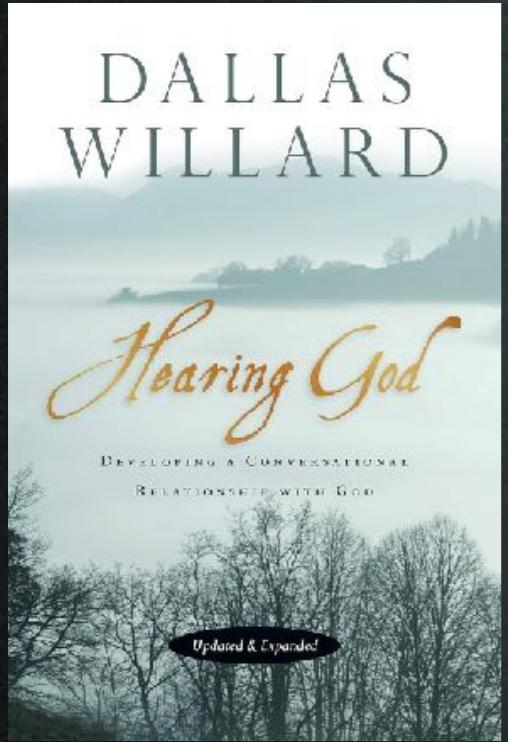


Session 8 Summary

An additional new kind of life is imparted in us by the word of Jesus Christ where His faith becomes our faith.

We set our will on this new life moving beyond communication and communion into union with Christ.

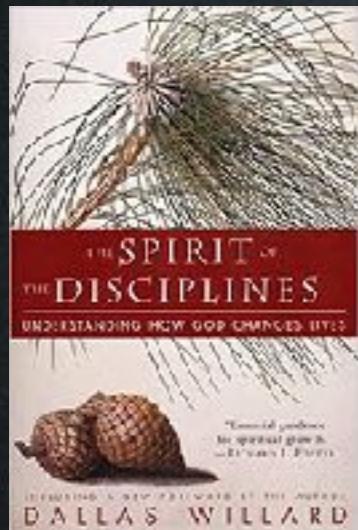




Next – Session 9

“Recognizing the Voice of God”
Chapter 8

*Recognizing by experience the quality, spirit
and content of God's voice*



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Dallas moves the idea of hearing God from the context of religion into the context of real life with a solid theological foundation. The life that God presents to us in the Bible includes the assumption that God will be speaking to us (Ps. 32, Is. 30), but many people can't identify God speaking to them or think that they don't deserve for Him to speak to them. Now you can learn how to develop a conversational relationship with Him.

May you sense God's sweet grace making you more alive in your next 10,000 minutes than ever before as you set your will to be a branch on the vine, bringing forth much fruit in a starving, bitter, tasteless world.

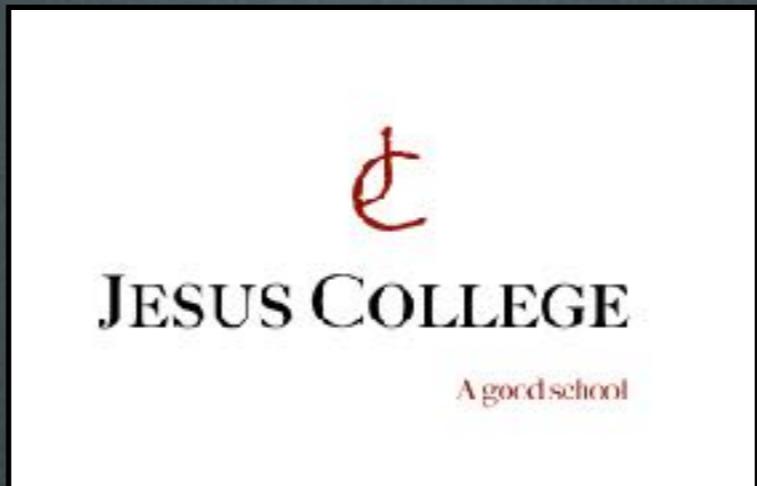
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