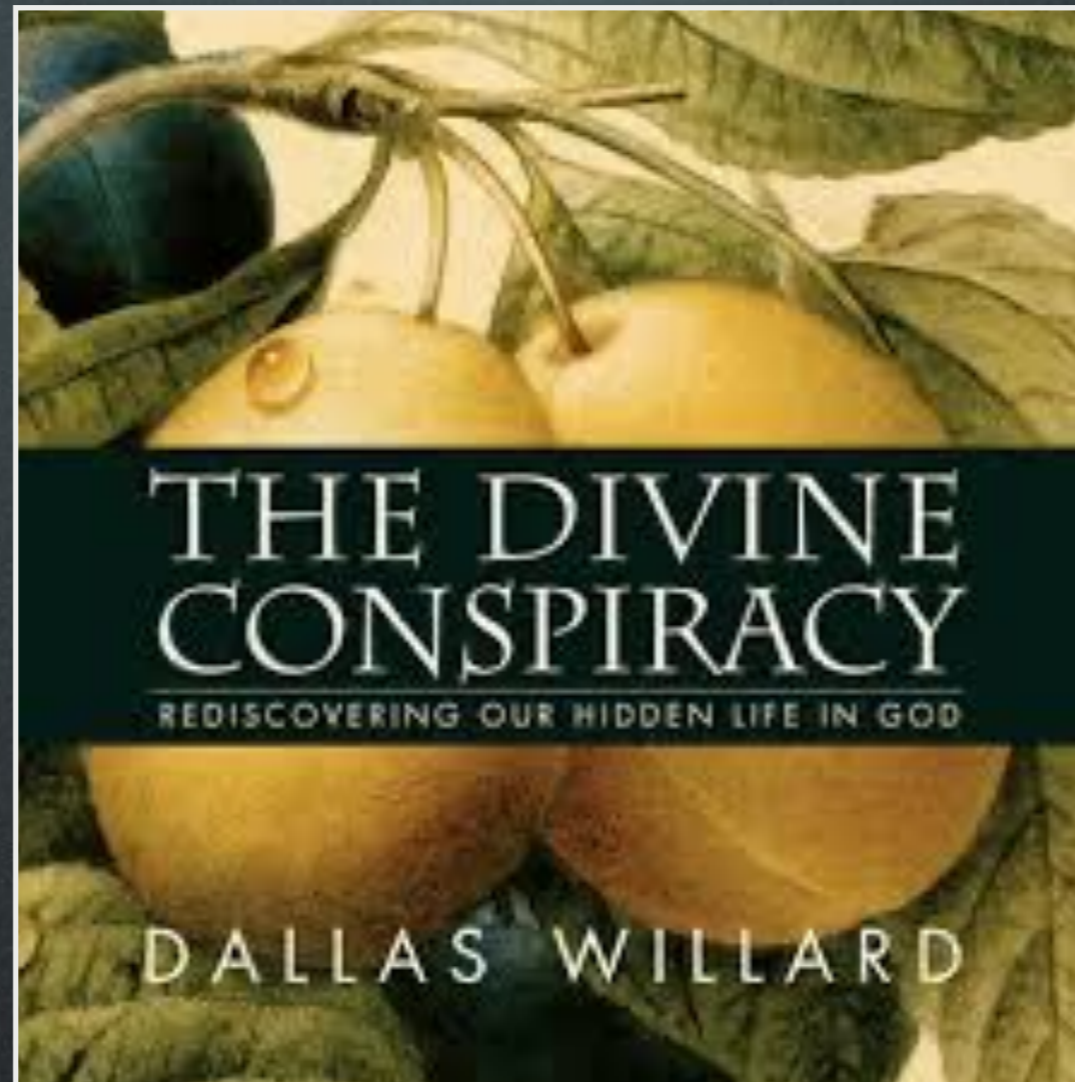


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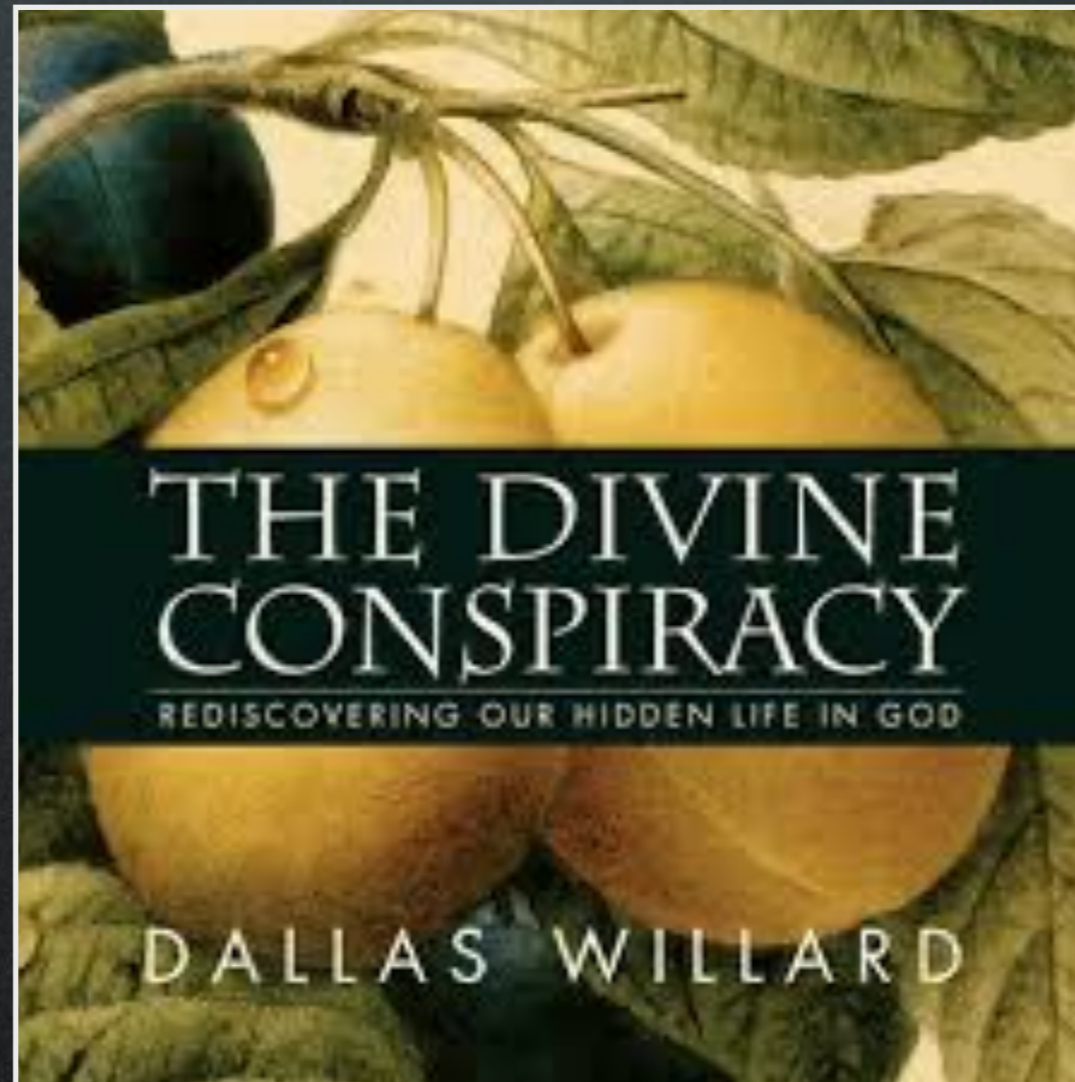
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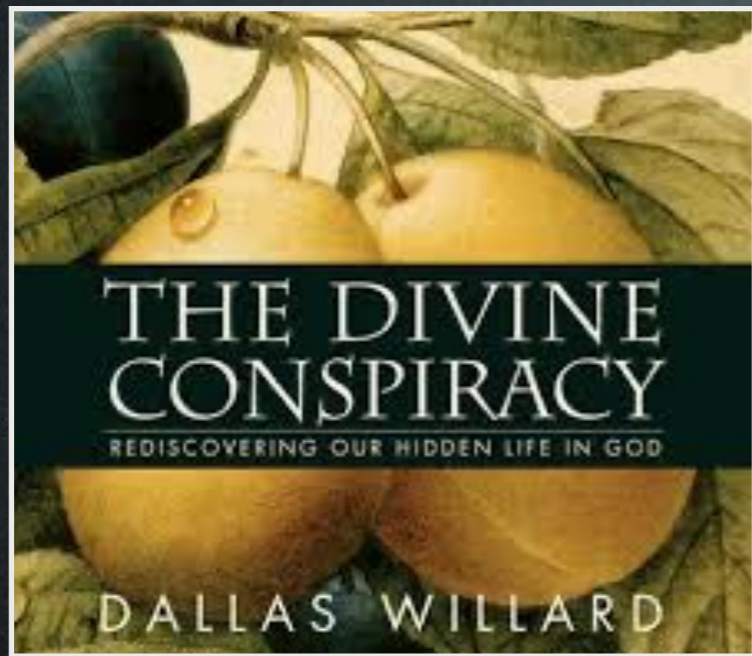
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## **Session 4 Summary**

### **“Trusting the Kingdom”**

Life in the Kingdom among us leads us away from performing for others or finding security in wealth. In seeking God’s Kingdom first, we experience a Father who takes care of us and others through us.

## **Session 1 Summary**

### **“Jesus on Eternal Life”**

In an upside down, lost world absent of moral knowledge, goodness & beauty, with a truncated gospel presented by most Christians, the master teacher Jesus opens a doorway to a God bathed world offering a life that is really life thru a daily apprenticeship in His Kingdom.

## **Session 2 Summary**

### **“The Beatitudes Unpuzzled”**

Jesus presents the Kingdom of God now fully available, affordable. and accessible to all including the least, the last, and the lost, those not only welcomed as Kingdom citizens, but empowered as Kingdom ambassadors of the divine life found in Jesus.

## **Session 3 Summary**

### **“Being Salt & Light Daily”**

Jesus, the Master and Maestro of true goodness, teaches and enables us through His Kingdom to be filled with the “agape” love of God in our every day, ordinary life.

# Session 5 Theme

*Living the Golden Rule*

Matthew 7:12



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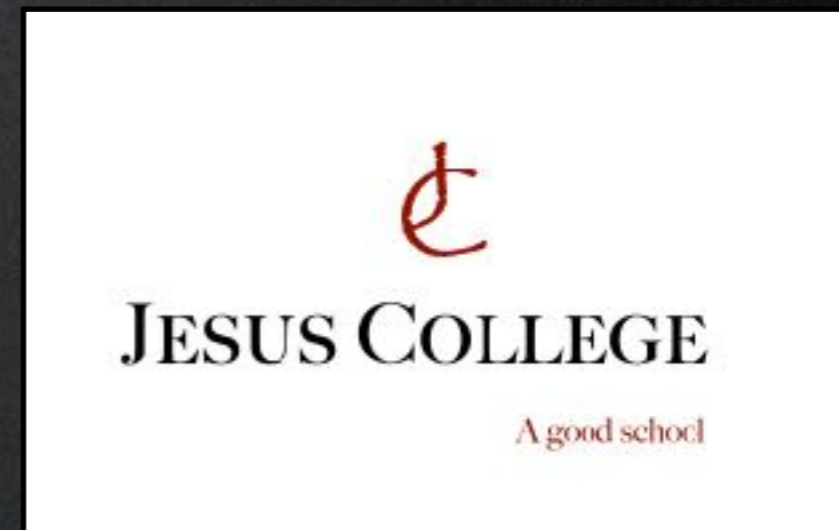
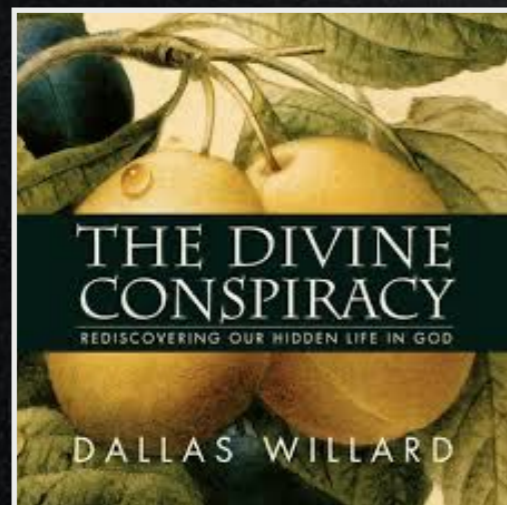
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## Session 5 — Three Key Ideas

#1 — No Condemnation

#2 — The Request A.S.K. *The Heart of the Community*

#3 — Cosmic & Grand Prayer



# “4M IQ” – Life’s Four Most Important Questions

Q1 - What is reality?

A - The Kingdom of God.

“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”

Q2 - Who is well off - living the good life?

A - Living in the direct availability of the Kingdom of God.

“Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.”

Q3 - Who is a good person?

A - One permeated with agape love.

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

Q4 - How do I become a good person?

A - Become an apprentice of Jesus.

“Everyone who hears my words and puts them into practice is like a wise man...”

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 7:12

## **THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY** *REVIEW*

Jesus looks outward to the cosmos and the sweep of human history before and after. He tells us we have no need to be anxious, for there is a divine life, the true home of the soul, that we can enter simply by placing our confidence in Him; becoming His friend, and conspiring with Him to subvert evil with good. He also shows us how we can be renewed in the depths of our soul, stepping 'beyond the goodness of the scribes & Pharisees' to become the kind of persons who are genuinely at home in God's world.

(215)



## **THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY**

*Alert! Pay close attention here.*

*(Doug Webster commentary)*

Pages 215 & 216 of *The Divine Conspiracy* are a clear and concise overview of Matthew 5 & 6 drawing the apprentice into Kingdom living with Jesus.

Every student devoted to simply and solely following Jesus as guided by our senior apprentice Dallas Willard will do well to make these 6 paragraphs a staple in one's studious, diligent journey through the Sermon on the Mount.

## **Key Idea #1 — No Condemnation**

*Matthew 7:1-12 Kingdom Agape toward others*

In the first 12 verses of Matthew 7, [Jesus] deals with the deadly way in which we try to “manage” or control those closest to us by blaming and condemning them and by forcing upon them our “wonderful solutions” for their problems. This too is a sure way of stepping outside the Torah, the Logos, the Kingdom Among Us and undertaking to manage our world on our own. Disaster awaits... (216)

In the power of the Kingdom, we must abandon the deeply rooted condemning and blaming. (217)



No Condemnation

“Judge Not”

Matthew 7:1-5



“Condemnation is a way of distancing people and putting them down. It really a form of disrespect, of contempt.

Condemnation is different from discernment.

We need discernment.”

Dallas Willard

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#12 @ 33:10

## Once Again, the Centrality of the Order

Matthew 7:1-12 Kingdom Agape toward others

“Therefore” in v. 12 refers to 1-11, “In His Kingdom life, we extend respect to others that we would naturally hope others would extend to us.”

Agape Love is...

- 1.) Not condemning or blaming others (Mt. 7:1-5)
- 2.) Not forcing “wonderful things” upon them (v. 6)
- 3.) Asking what we want from them & God.(v. 7-11)

(217)



“Copping an Agape Attitude”

## Who Can “Correct” Others

“Brothers & Sisters, if someone really is caught in a sin, the spiritual ones among you are the ones to restore him. Do it in a lowly and non-presumptuous spirit, considering yourselves, lest you too be put to the test. Feel the weight others are feeling, and thus you will fulfill Christ’s teaching.” Galatians 6:1

- 1) Sin confirmed
- 2) By the Mature
- 3) For Restoration
- 4) Without Contempt!





## **Condemnation with Anger & Contempt**

The decision to step aside from [condemnation], neither giving it nor receiving it, is a major turning point in one's life. Of course, more than half the battle with condemnation is won once we have given up anger and contempt. Condemnation is such an easy way of hurting people deeply. (221)

Condemnation...a stinging attack, a shocking assault...often grows into shame. (222)



# THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY

## *“In the Caldron of Anger & Contempt”*

### Flashback Chapter 5

**Anger** — “# @% \*!”

Jesus’ understanding of them [anger & contempt] and their role in life becomes the basis for His strategy for establishing Kingdom goodness. It is the elimination of anger and contempt that He presents as the first and fundamental step toward the rightness of the Kingdom heart.

(147)



“[CS Lewis] has been far more impressed by the bad manners of parents to children than by those of children to parent.”

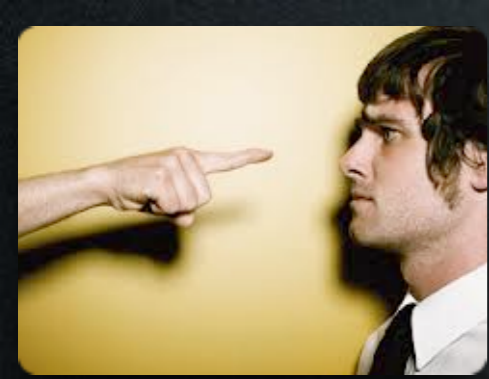
“[Parents are seen to treat children with] an incivility which, offered to any other young people, would simply have terminated the acquaintance.”

“Who does not prefer civility to barbarism?”



CS Lewis, *The Four Loves*, p. 42-43





## **The Power of Condemnation**

It also explains why the gospel of the Kingdom has such transforming power in human life. For that gospel opens the Kingdom to everyone, no matter the classification, and it enables us to become a different kind of person, beyond all condemnation, blame, and shame, and to know it.

(222)

“Beauty in the place of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of grief, garments of praise in a place of a spirit of despair.” Isaiah 61:3





“BEYOND THE PALE”



BANISHING THEM TO THE NATION OF CONDEMN

“Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.”

Matthew 7:6



## When Good Things Becomes Deadly (228-231)

*“Of Dogs & Hogs” - Matthew 7:6*

Our practice of ‘condemnation engineering’...usually goes hand in hand with another device mistakenly used to manage the lives of those we truly care about...the practice of pushing things of God upon them whether they want or are ready for them or not.

What we are actually doing with our proper condemnation and our wonderful solutions is taking others out of their own responsibility and out of God’s hands and trying to bring them under our control.



(230)

7 Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

9 Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 7:7-12



**Key Idea #2 — The Request - A.S.K.  
The Heart of the Community (231-239)**

“Ask, Seek, Knock” - Matthew 7:7-12

As long as I'm condemning my friends or relatives, or pushing my “pearls” on them, I'm their problem.

But, once I back away, maintaining a sensitive and non-manipulative presence, I am no longer their problem. As I listen, they do not have to protect themselves from me and they begin to open up. I am no longer trying to drive them, genuine communication, real sharing of hearts, becomes an attractive possibility. (231)

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**Flashback  
Chapter 5**

*We do not control outcomes and are not responsible for them, but only for our contribution to them. (157)*

## **The Art & Power of A.S.K.ing**

A request by its very nature unites.  
A demand immediately separates. (233)

Prayer is nothing but a proper way  
for persons to interact. (234)



*You are up against a fundamental  
force of the Universe.*

## **Key Idea #3 — Cosmic Prayer & The Grandest Prayer**

“Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.” Matthew 7:12

Prayer - *Asking God* - is the basic answer to the urgent need we all feel to influence others for good.

Our confidence in God is the only thing that makes it possible to treat others as they should be treated.

(235)

*Prayer opens up the Kingdom that creates a wonderful community of love and non-condemnation. That's how we can live together under God with the Kingdom of God. The Divine Conspiracy Lectures #12 end*



## On Not Getting What We Ask For

Two types of causation:

- 1) Under our control
- 2) Not under our control - Works thru request

Jesus did not just fix Peter. He prayed.

*“That your faith might not die.” (Luke 22:32)*

Perhaps no other scene in all of scripture forcefully portrays the community of prayerful love as this response to Peter. (240)



## 7 Teachings on Prayer in the Cosmic Setting

- 1) Prayer is basically request. (241)
- 2) Praying Life - Praise & Thanksgiving. (243)
- 3) God changes His response to desire and will. (244)
- 4) A Universe Responsive to Personality - Asking that they do something that one cannot do oneself. (246-249)
- 5) Prayer trains us to reign in His Kingdom. (250)
- 6) Prayer teaches us to wait for God to move. (252)
- 7) God's Dignity - The Most Moved Mover who lives with us and whom we approach from within the community of prayerful love. (253)





“Heroism, generally, is totally out of place in the spiritual life, until we grow to the point at which it would never be thought of as heroism anyway.”

Dallas Willard  
*The Divine Conspiracy*, page 241



## 5 Requests in the Lord's Prayer

### † Hallowed be Thy Name

Let your name be sanctified. (258)

### † Thy Kingdom Come

Asking for God's rule, to be in effect. (260)

### † Give Bread Daily

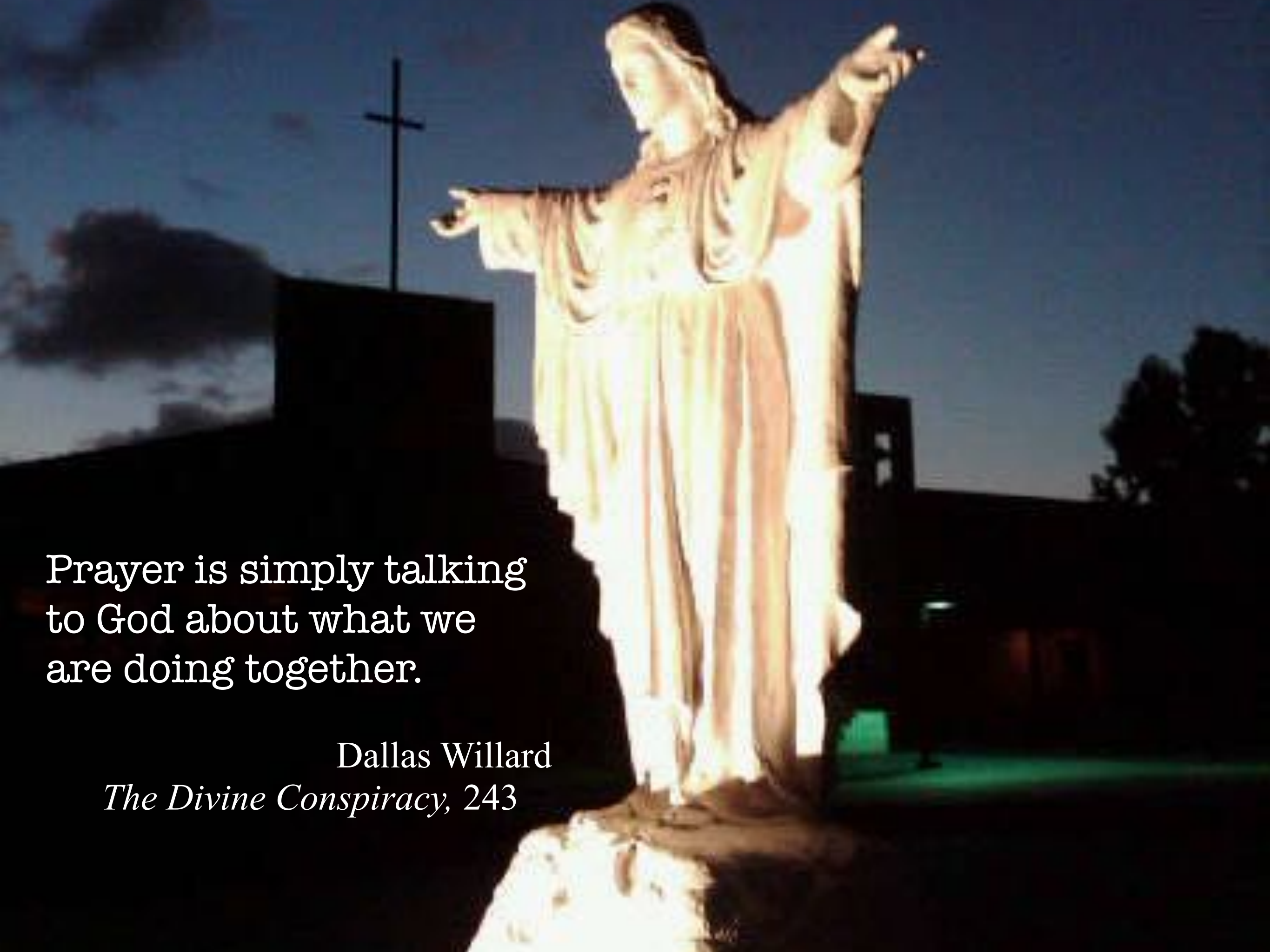
Today I have God and He has the provisions. (261)

### † Don't Punish Us for Wrong

Jesus teaches us to ask for pity. (264-265)

### † Don't Put us to the Test

A vote of 'no confidence' in our own abilities. (265)



Prayer is simply talking  
to God about what we  
are doing together.

Dallas Willard  
*The Divine Conspiracy, 243*

# Q&C

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Q&A



**Meditation** — *Romans 8:1 applied like Galatians 6:1*

## **Application**

- 1.) What is/was the presence of condemnation in my family? Marriage? Work?
- 2.) What are the top 3 obstacles to me “talking to God about what we are doing together”?
- 3.) Praying the Lord’s Prayer one morning, lunch and evening. Focus on a word or phrase.



## Related Teaching by Dallas

[LINK: #12 - Community of Non-Condemning](#)

Matthew 7:1-5 - 29:40-41:00

Matthew 7:6-12 - 41:00-57:30

Prayer - 57:30-1:16:00

The Lord's Prayer - 1:16:00-1:19:35 (end)

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## THE SHEPHERD'S PRAYER

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD, I SHALL NOT WANT.

*Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.*

HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES,  
HE LEADS ME BESIDE STILL WATERS,  
HE RESTORES MY SOUL,

HE LEADS ME IN PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS  
FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE.

*Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.*

EVEN THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW  
OF DEATH, I FEAR NO EVIL, FOR YOU ARE WITH ME:  
YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF, THEY COMFORT ME.

*Give us this day our daily bread*

YOU PREPARE A TABLE BEFORE ME  
IN THE PRESENCE OF MY ENEMIES

*And forgive us of our trespasses  
as we forgive our enemies who trespass against us*

YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL, MY CUP OVERFLOWS.

SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY WILL FOLLOW  
ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE

*And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil*



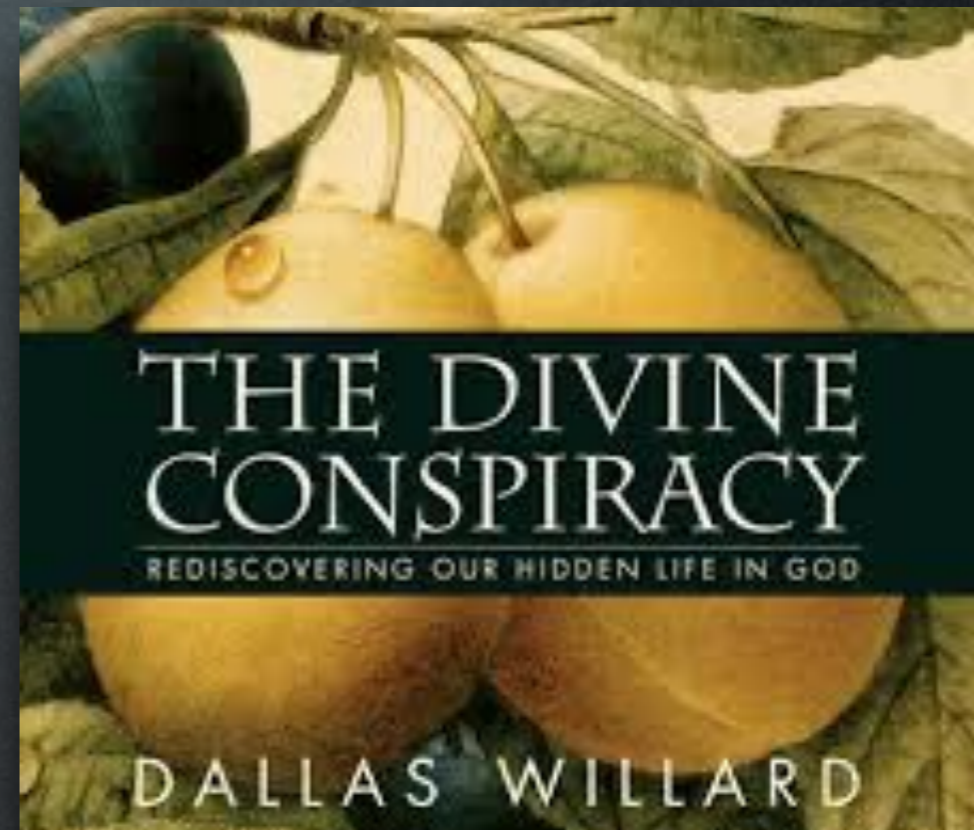
AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE  
OF THE LORD FOREVER

*For Yours is the kingdom & the power  
& the glory forever.*

AMEN

## Session 5 Summary

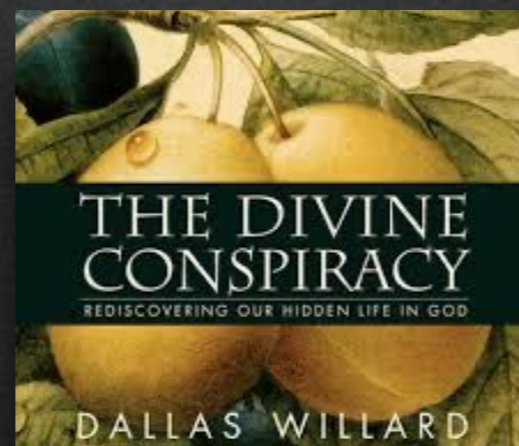
The powerful Kingdom attitude of Agape fills us with the grace to prayerfully treat others the way we want to be treated and to abandon condemnation and shame as a primary way to make others do what we want.



# Final Session 6

## “Apprentice Makers”

Chapter 8-10 Readings: **273**; 282-284; 291; 299;  
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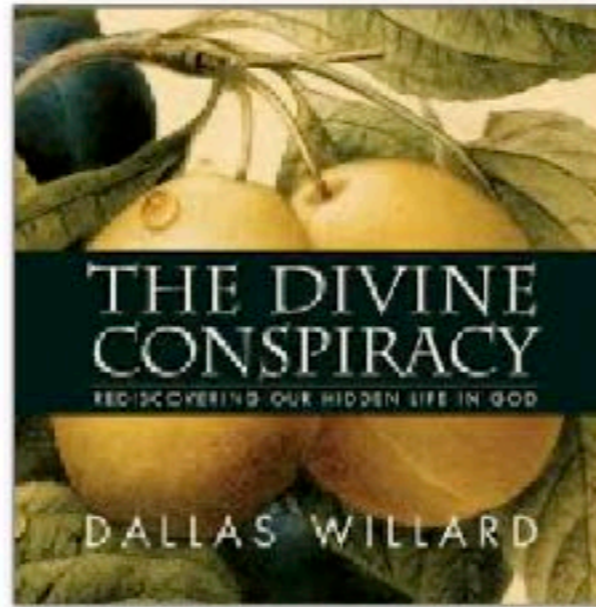
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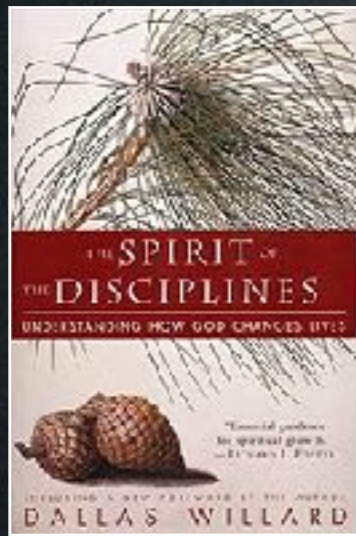
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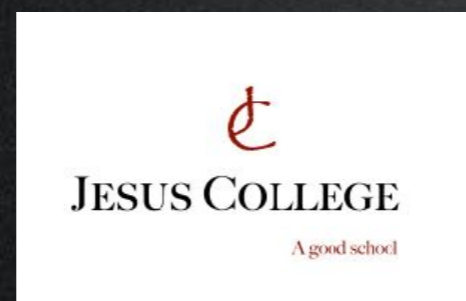
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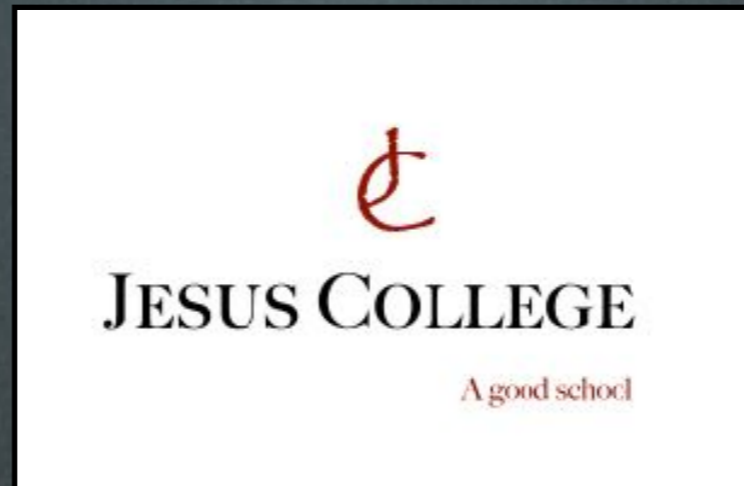




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