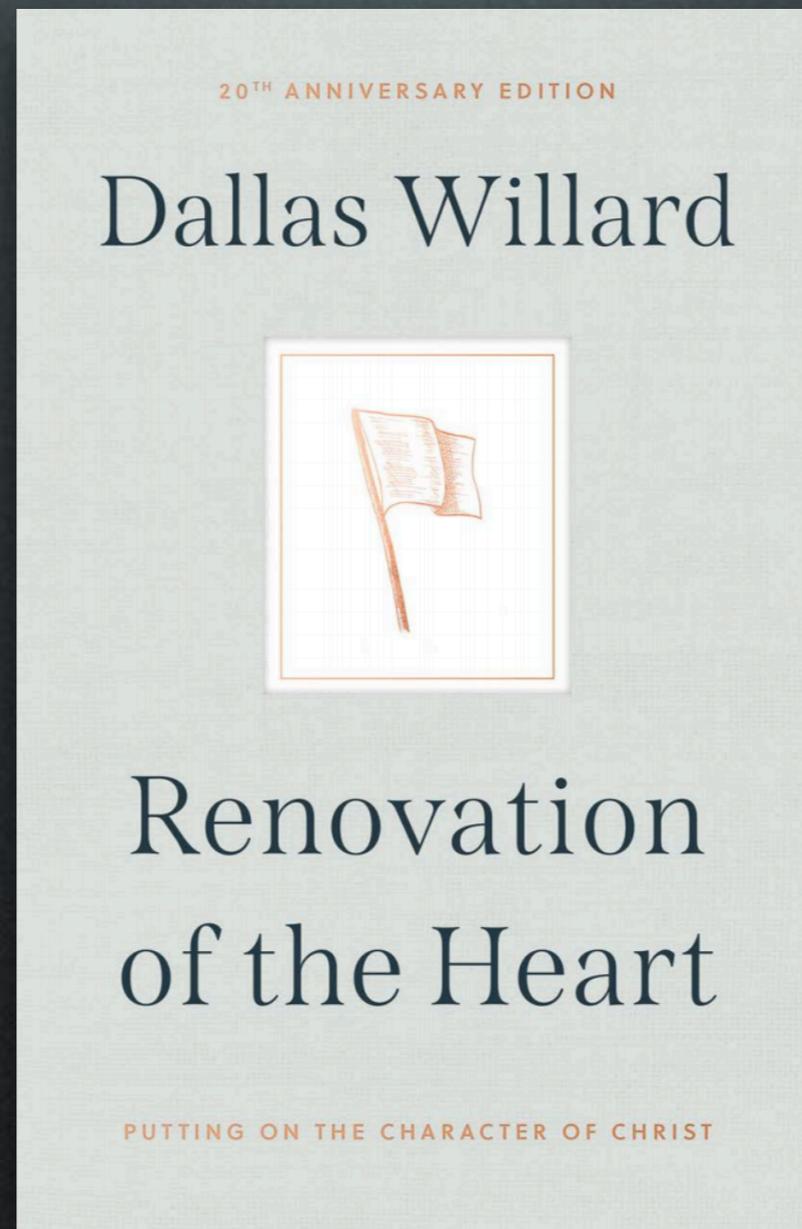


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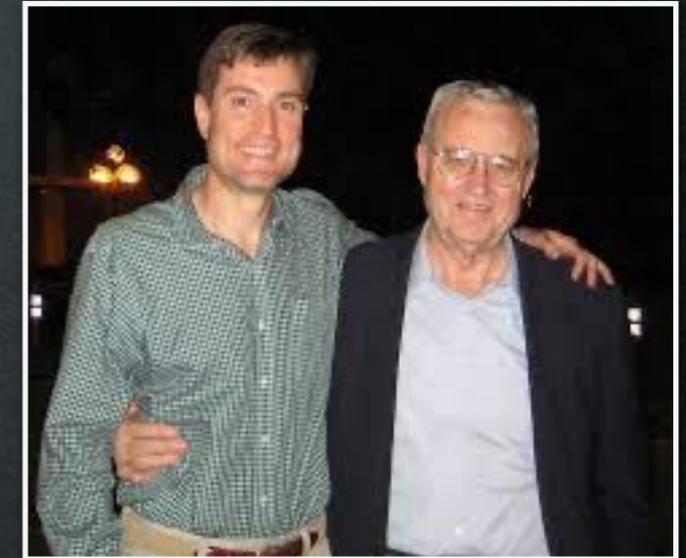


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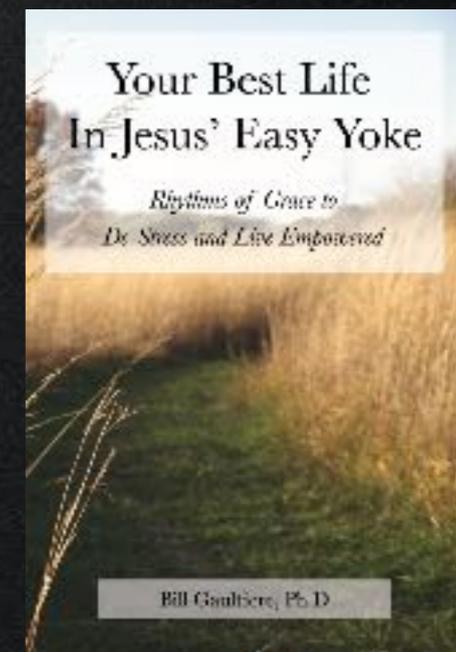
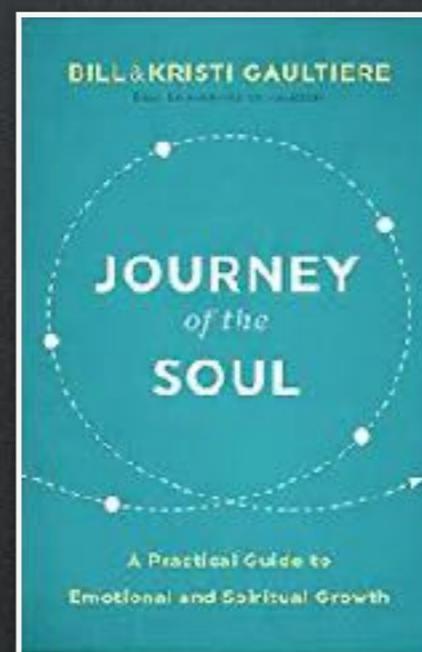
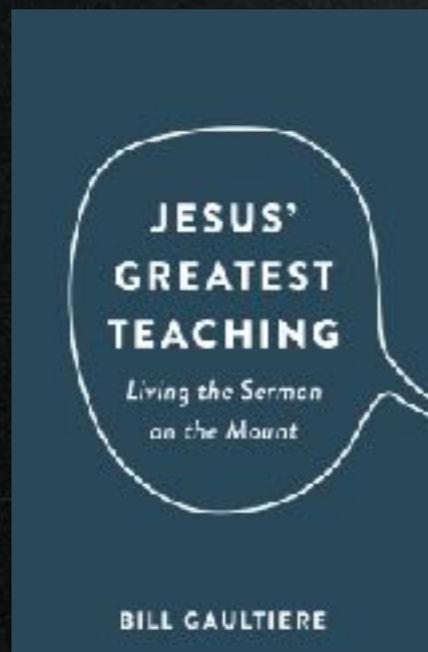
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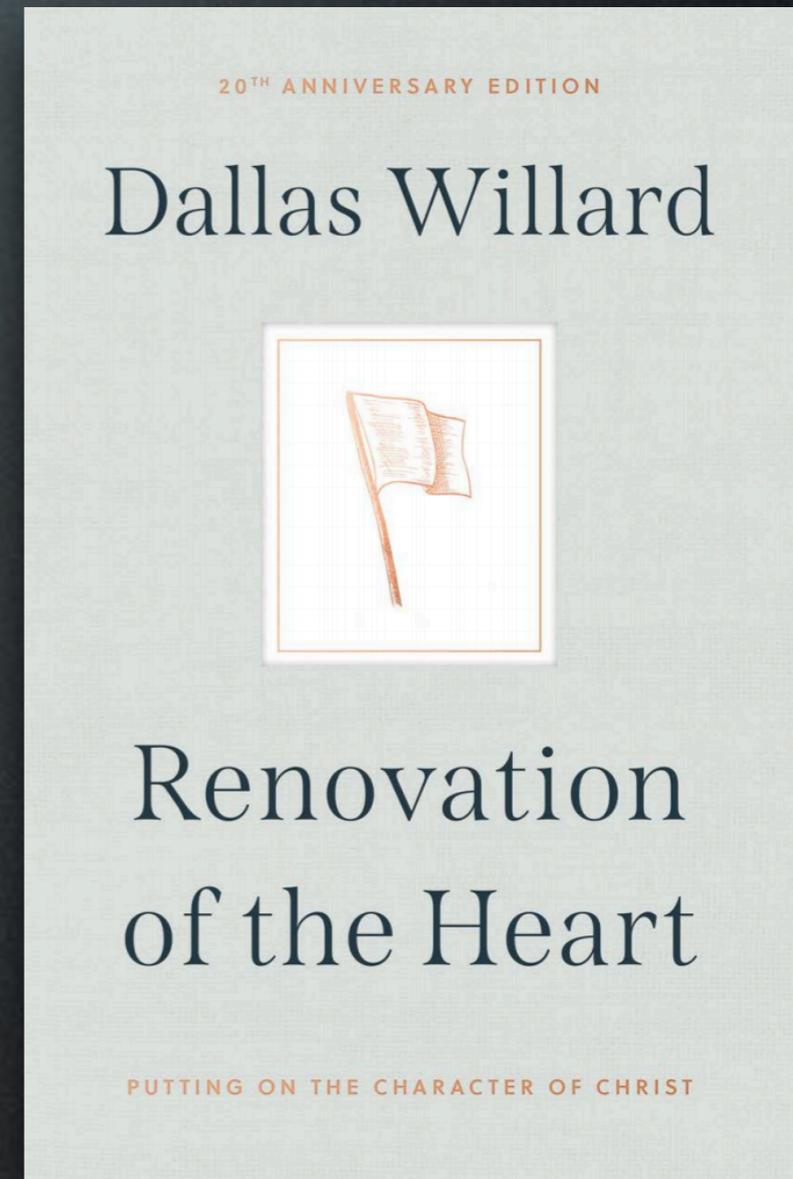


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Session 4 Review

Laying down the burden
of having my way truly
resurrects with Jesus a
life full of Love, Joy,
Giving & Forgiving that
pulls together every
dimension of my life.



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The effort to change our behavior without inner transformation is precisely what we see in the current shallowness of Western Christianity.



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Blocks to Transformation

- 1.) IMPOSSIBLE – Transformation into Christlikeness is impossible...without the rigorous process of inner transformation initiated and sustained by the graceful (grace-full) presence of God. (77/79)

- 2.) MISERABLE – First, as long as we are in the depraved flesh, we remain, secondly, “just as wicked as anyone else”. Rather, we are “recovering sinners” running the unfinished race. (77-79/79-81)

- 3.) MERITABLE – It is not our self-righteousness, but our worth that is tied to human nature. The initiative is always God’s, but we receive His gift of grace through well directed and unrelenting action consuming unmerited grace by leading a holy life.(80/82)

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Flashback to Chapter 1



A WAY OF GRACE AND REST

God has provided a methodical path of recovery.
Grace does not rule out method, or method grace.
Grace thrives on method and method on grace.

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“A good tree does not bear bad fruit.”

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If we are to be spiritually formed in Christ, we must understand and implement the general pattern and all effective efforts toward personal transformation must follow – appropriate vision, intention & means.

If this VIM pattern is not put in place properly and held there, Christ simply will not be formed in us.

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VIM: Vision of Kingdom Living

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

Matthew 4:17

The vision of the Kingdom is where we must start.

What is the Kingdom of God? * - “The range of God’s effective will - where what God wants done is done.”

Psalm 93:1-2, 103:17’ Daniel 4:3; 7:14; Luke 17:21, 21:32, 22:18
John 18:36-37; 22:18; II Peter 1:4; I John 3:1-2; Colossians 3:17
“partaking of the divine nature”

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* — *The Divine Conspiracy*, chapters 1-2

VIM: Intention to be a Kingdom Person

*“If anyone WOULD come after me,
LET them DENY...TAKE UP...FOLLOW.” Luke 9:23*

We actually decide to trust Jesus, rely on Him, to count on Him being the Anointed One — “the One”.

We intend to obey the precise example and teachings of Jesus. “Believing” is set to act as it is true.

The hardest thing — our unformulated skepticism about Jesus.

Not “wish”, “want”, “begun” or “profession”.

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Projects of personal transformation rarely if ever succeed by accident, drift, or imposition.

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The vision of life in God's Kingdom and its goodness provides an adequate basis for the steadfast intention to obey Christ.

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VIM: Means to Obey Christ

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny HIMSELF...take up his CROSS...follow ME.” Luke 9:23

A “thicket of lostness” stands in the way.

START — Identify the thoughts, feelings, habits of will, social relations, and bodily inclinations that prevent me from obeying Jesus.

I find the MEANS of changing my inner being until it is substantially like Jesus.

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Training “Off the Spot”

Seven suggestions from Dallas to retrain our thinking!

—> **STUDY** & meditate on Christ and Scripture about God, the world, my life.

—> **REFLECT** deeply of the standard human way vs. the way of Jesus.

—> **PRACTICE** explicit self-sacrificial actions in less “demanding” situations.

—> **ABANDON** “looking out for #1” (Ch. 4 - self-denial)

—> **OBSERVE** known saints who lived Jesus’ way.

—> **LOOK** closely at legal adversaries to see if I want to be a part of that.

—> **PRAY** God will change my inner being.

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The Problem of Spiritual Transformation

...is NOT that it is impossible or that effectual means to it are not available.

...IS that it is NOT intended.

They do not see it. They have not been given a vision of life in God's Kingdom.

The V-I-M of Christ's life and life in Christ is not the intentional substance and framework of their (our) life.

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Q&C

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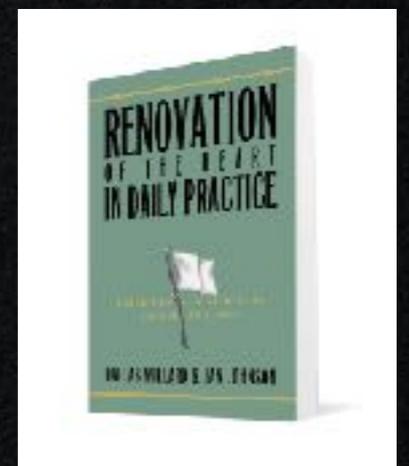
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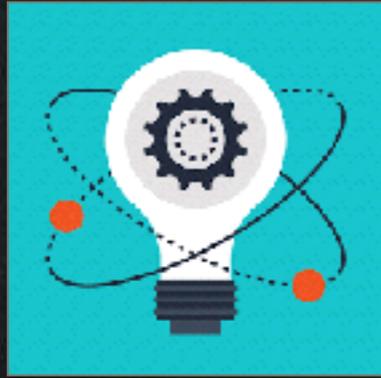


What if I met with some folks who loved me, and together they devised some simple disciplines to help me stop behaving a certain way?

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Today's Experiment

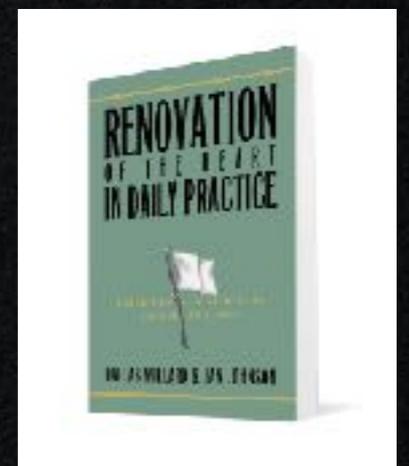
What blocks my spiritual growth intentions?

- I lack adequate vision of life in the Kingdom.
- I haven't examined what Jesus said and did.
- I don't trust Jesus, rely on Him, count on Him.
- I think knowing the right doctrine is enough.
- I doubt who Jesus was here on Earth.
- I have accepted living by drift is normal.
- I have accepted myself as who I am.

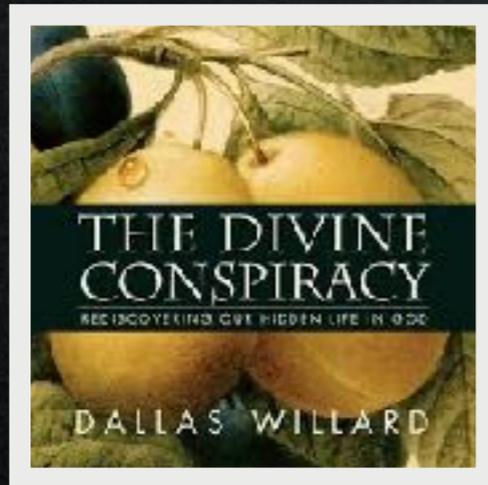
...I have not asked, "What is the way forward?"

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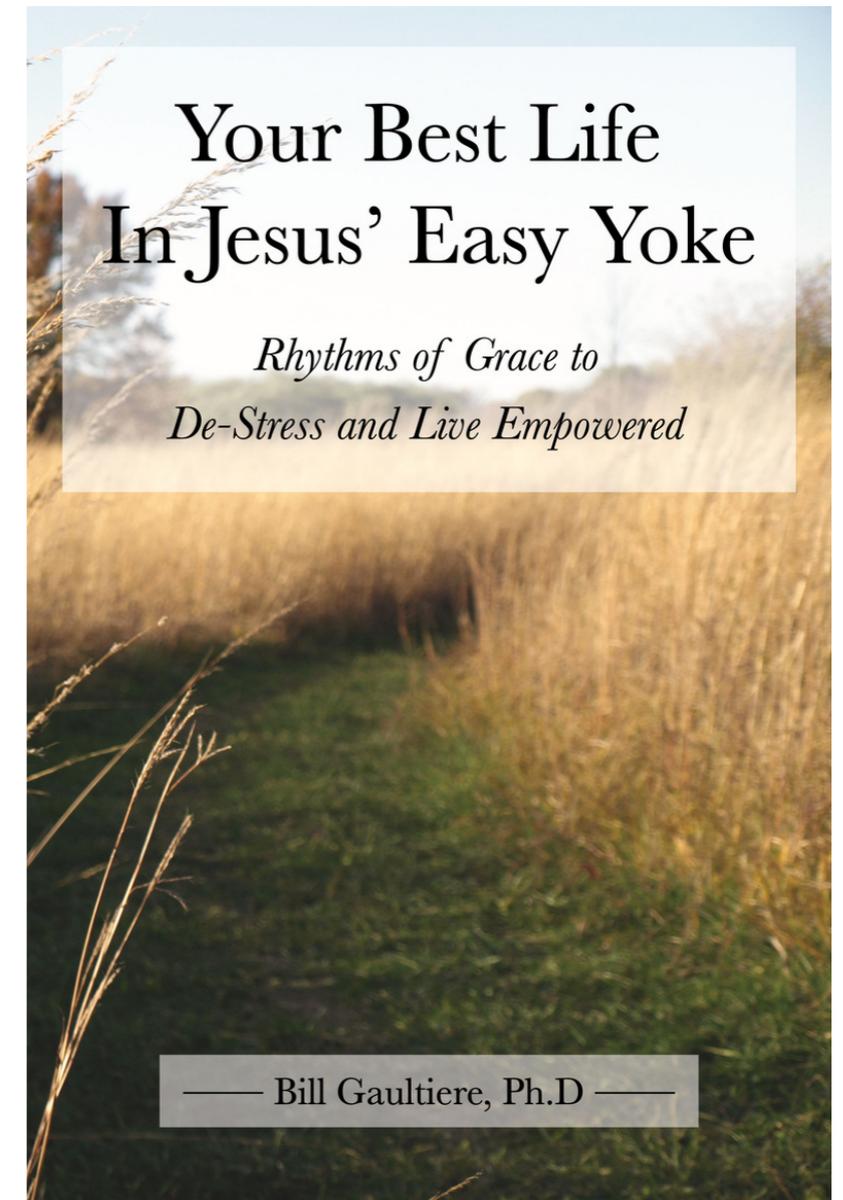
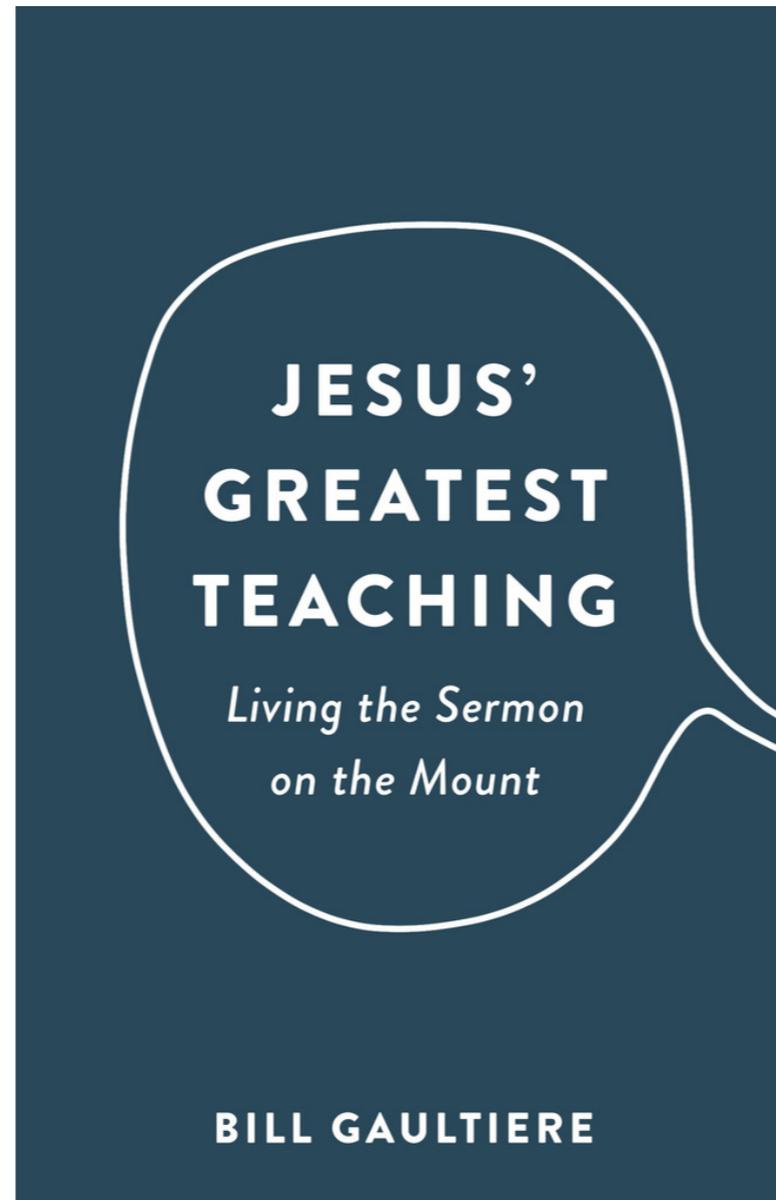
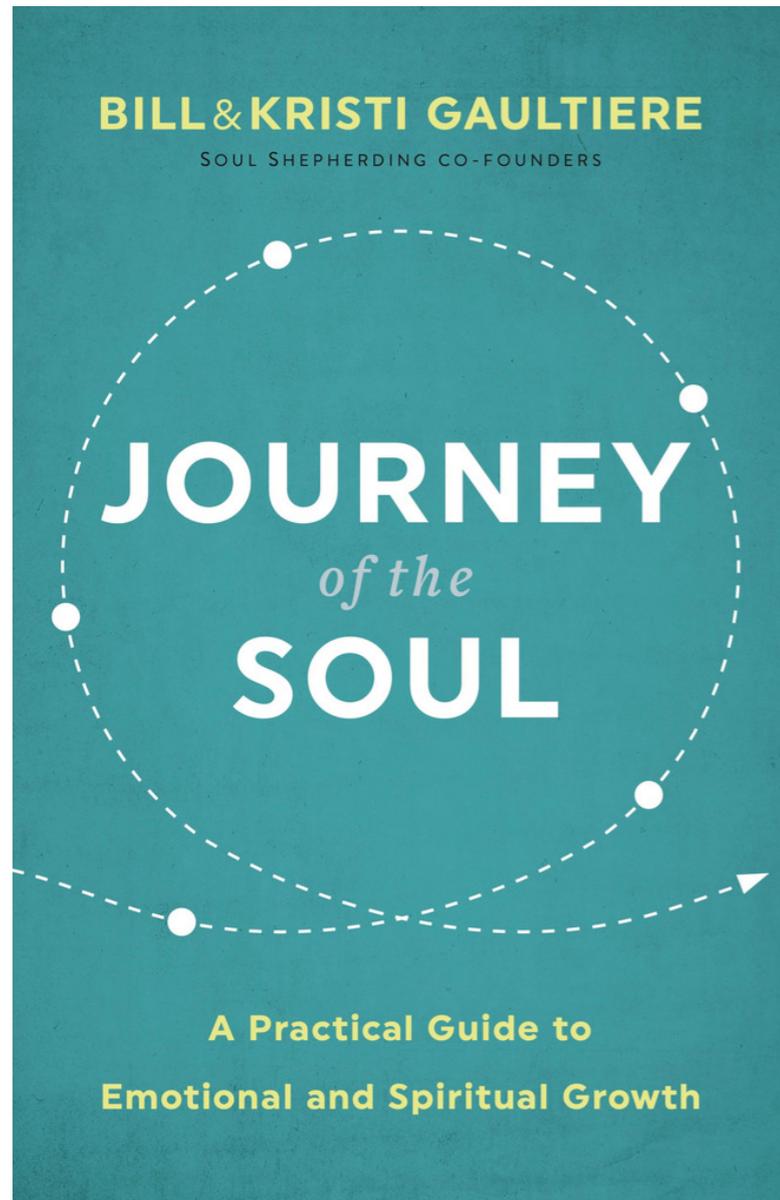


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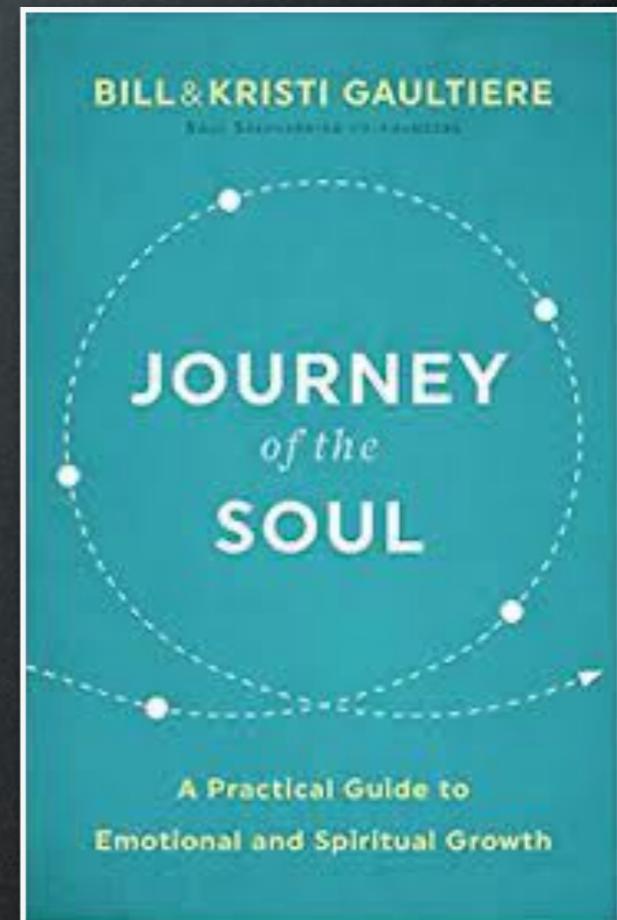
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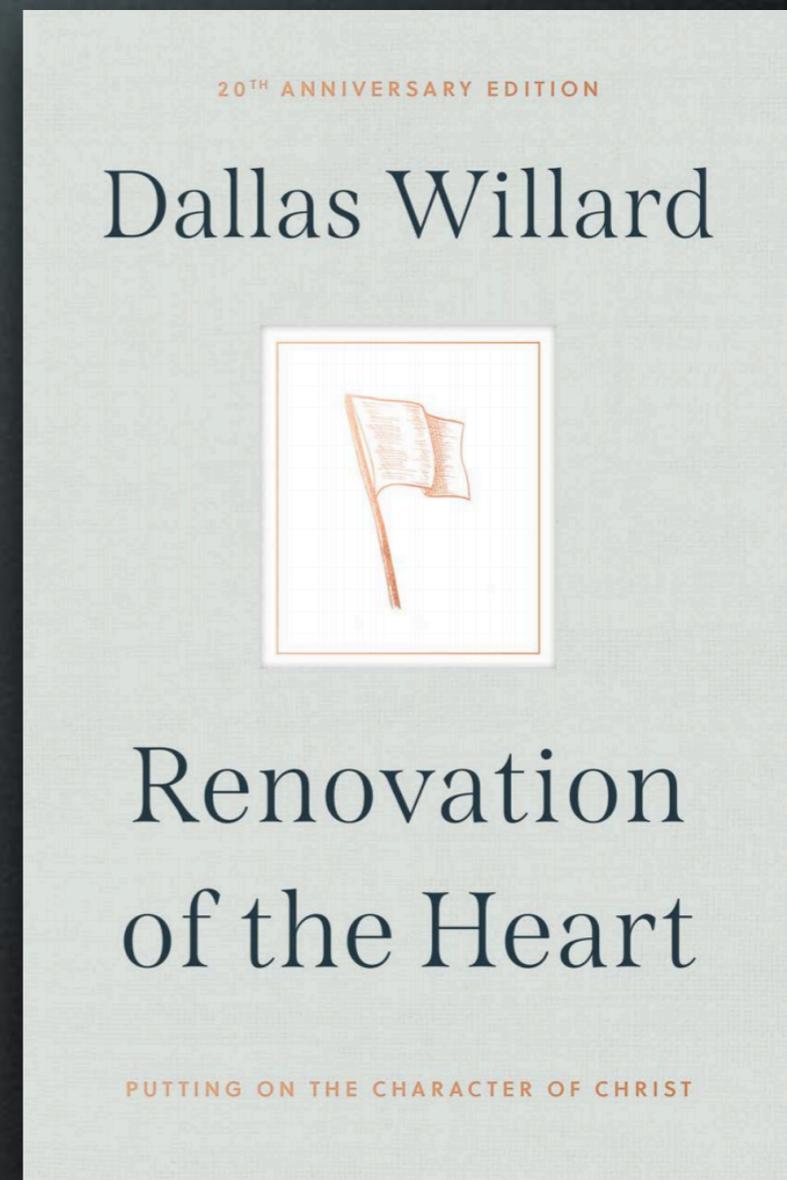
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Session 5 Summary

Spiritual formation into
Christlikeness occurs
through the constant
upholding of the grace of
God on the path of V-I-M:
Vision, Intention, Means

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Next Week — Session 6

“Transforming the Mind, part 1”
Chapter 6

Renovation of the Heart in Daily Practice
Chapters 21-26



Special Guest — Robert Cochrane
Founder, *Renovate Ministries*
Former Chairman of the Board
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In your next 10,000 minutes, enter the Divine nature in God's Kingdom by reflecting on your intention to be like Christ and discovering daily means to live it out.

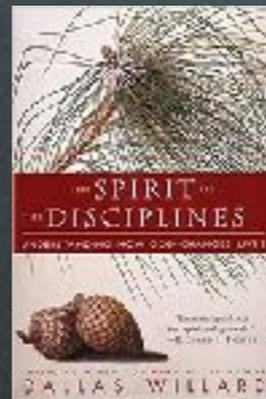
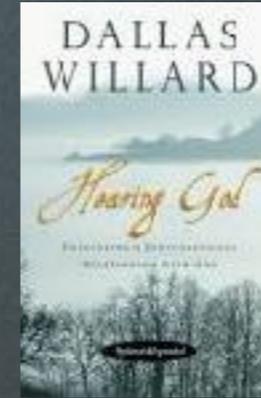
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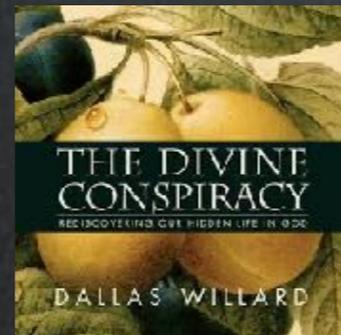
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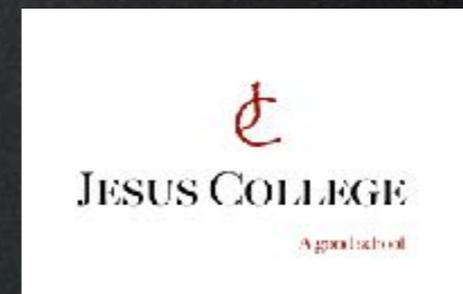
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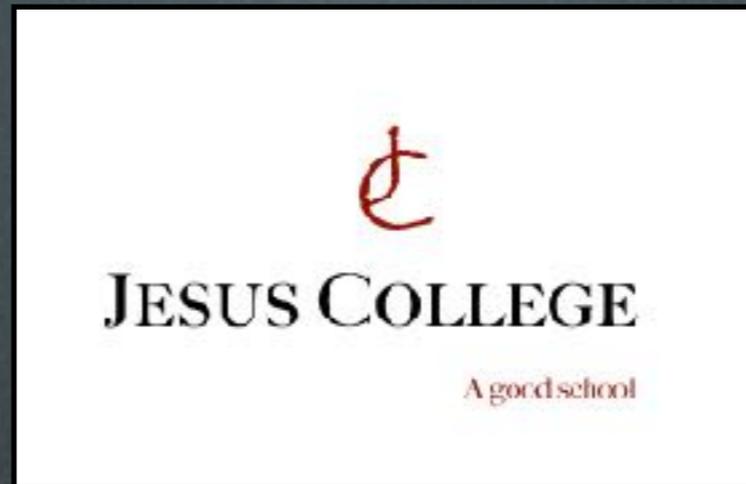
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