



WELCOME to “The Humans Side of Holiness”
by Dallas Willard
a 17-week Course sponsored by



Session 3 Review

The will surrendered to God connects us with the power of God to change all the dimensions of our lives to be able to do what Jesus commanded.



*"I give up. I don't have any resources. I trust you.
You are my Lord. I am not my lord. You are my Lord."*

SESSION 4 — LOVE AS A LIFE (1 OF 2)



Session Theme — “Love is a taking in a certain kind of life.”

Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Here Comes Agape — 1 Corinthians 13

Salvation is a life!

How do you feel when confronted with 1 Corinthians 13?

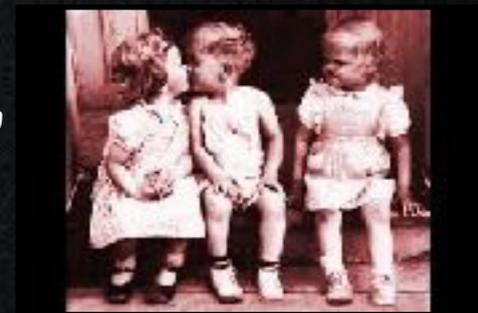


*“Agape is the lifeline to the life of God.
There isn’t anything that love can’t stand.”*

Agape = A power: the deep set of the whole person

Agape vs. Anger Compassion vs. Contempt

You take love into your life,
you subject your will to it. It’s who you are.





The Pitfall of Pornography and Enslaved Desire

“Why do I do this?

What does it mean about my desires and my will?”

Training - You reframe the mind, feelings, and will

*You have to become the kind of person
who would not find it interesting.*

You have to want to not want what you want.

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Renovation
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PUTTING ON THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST

Dallas Introduces “V-I-M” (Full presentation in Session 10)

“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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“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 V-I-M pattern is not put in place properly and held there, Christ simply will not be formed in us.”



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The Substance of Scripture and the Law

Training - Replace a lot of your thinking with scripture memorization.

This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. Joshua 1:8

One of the greatest disciplinary scriptures

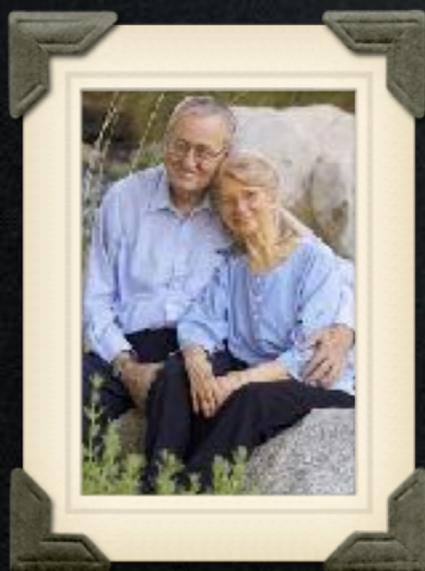
How do you “Seek first the Kingdom of God”?

Take the law of God into your mind and dwell on it.



Being "in love" under Love

Love subordinates desire to what is good.



Am I in love with my wife?

On and off for about 55 years.

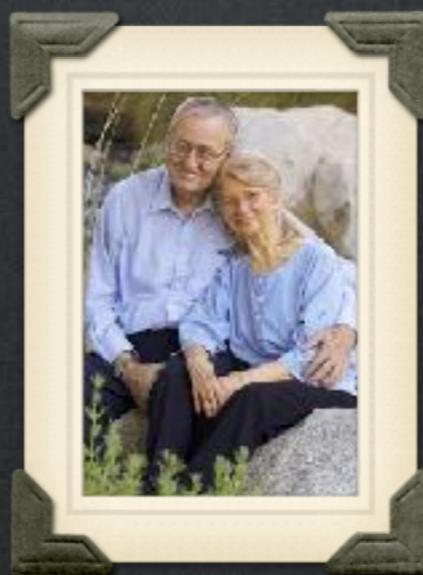
She loved me when I was not in love with her and she was not in love with me.

Am I in love with Jesus and the Father?

A Letter from Dallas to Jane Willard

Dearest Jane,

I know grace has kept me from hurting you even worse than I have, but also it has "permitted me" to be rather inhuman...I want to go on loving you for you are good as well as pretty and smart and decent and reliable and willing to "go along" with the rather unusual and (certainly) overextended character of my life. How blessed I am that you are mine. I never lose consciousness of this fully, even in our worst moments.



Becoming Dallas Willard

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If you are going to teach people to do everything Jesus
said... [the Great Commission!]

...we want to lead them into being loving people.

- Profession • Commitment • Belief • Knowledge
[more teaching in Session 11]

Love is a way of knowledge that provides a foundation for faith.

David had knowledge on a basis of his experience with
God. He wasn't trusting himself, he was trusting God.

Love is like that. You have to learn to trust it.
You make a place for God by love acting in faith.

LIFE

Salvation is a Life *

LIFE — Entering the Kingdom...Born from above

Self-initiating • Self-directing • Self-sustaining

Activities appropriate to your nature
When it is removed from its natural environment,
it begins to die - a process of corruption.



* - *The Spirit of the Disciplines* , Chapter 3

Back to the Two Landscapes

“The outward person is perishing.” II Corinthians 4:16-18

“Keep seeking the things above, where Christ is,
seated at the right hand of God.” Colossians 3:1

Flashback

“Now, that’s a particular landscape in which you live as a person who has entered the Kingdom of God and who is living from what is there and not what is in the visible world.” Session 2



Deciding to Respond to the Life of God in You

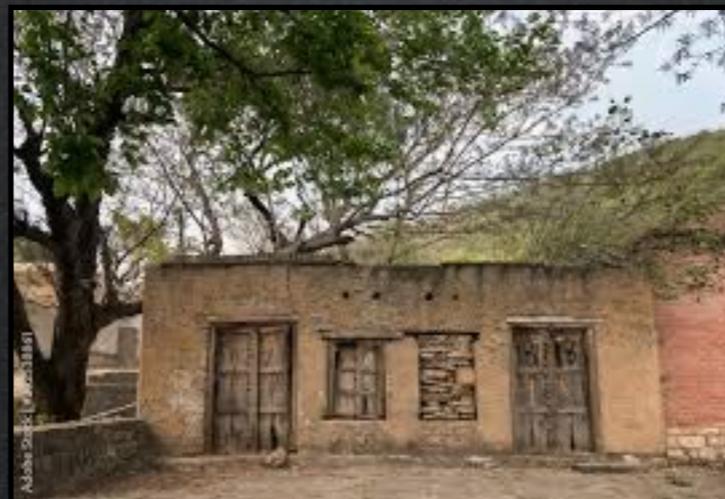
“Anyone who comes to God is going to come to God because God has touched them in some way. But then they have to respond; and God enables them to respond. But he does not make decisions for them. That’s one thing you can bet on. God will never make a decision for a human being or a person. You make the decision.

Decision is important and without it nothing happens. And you learn to give God the glory for whatever happens.”

The Development of Life as Love

“Life is also love. And so when it moves, it moves at the initiative of love, it moves in the direction of love; as it moves it is sustained by love. So, now I’m concerned to communicate that idea of a life. And partly because life is essentially the kind of thing that develops. And that’s where we have to spend much of our time now for the next hours.

To be born again is to enter the Kingdom, it’s not to live in it. You go through the door of the house, you don’t live in the door, you live in the house.”



“Living in the Kingdom of God is something that requires personal growth, modification of character, learning how to rely on God at the same time as to act without relying on yourself. It involves learning that God is sufficient.”

Psalm 23:1, “The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.”





Refueling in Flight

“I have set the Lord always before me. He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.” Psalm 16:8

How do you set the Lord before you?

You learn that through a process, that is gradual, reliable, it is a way of knowledge, as well as a way of faith. You learn that if you do that—since He is at your right hand means He is acting with you, and for you.

My point in all this — please don't lose this —
you are taking in life from above.

Teaching Others to Bless Those Who Curse Them

What is the person thinking who blesses those who are cursing them?

What kind of soul, what kind of mind, what kind of relationship to others?

If you don't understand that, you're saying,
*"Okay, whenever someone curses me I'll do it!
God will inject me with infused grace."*



Do you know sometimes He does that? But He will not regularly do that. If you're going to bless someone who is cursing you, like Jesus did on the Cross, you have to be full of blessing.

My emphasis is upon the system and how love moves into that system and brings with it a life and then out of that life the things which Jesus taught routinely and easily flow.

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Q & A with Dallas

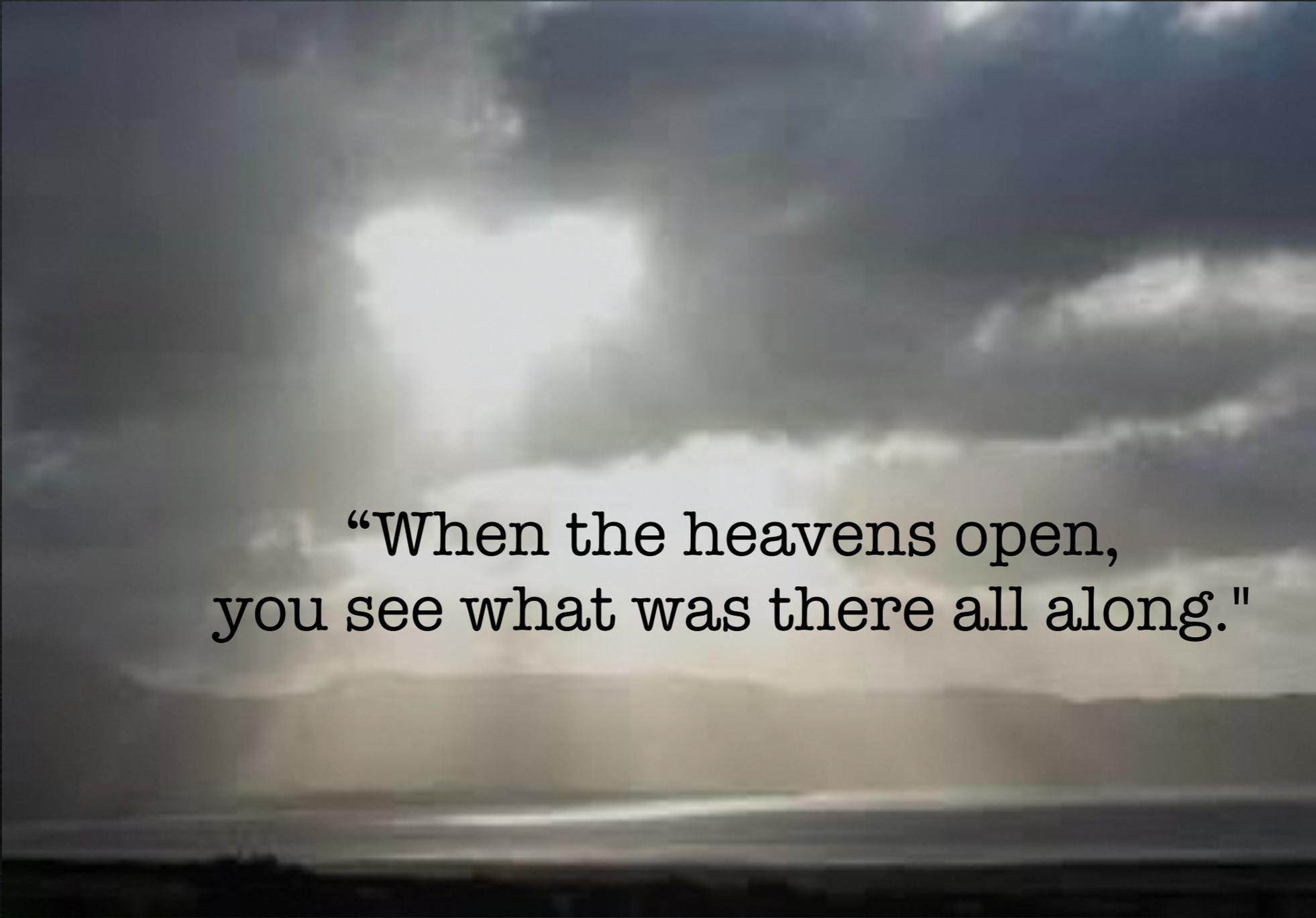
Q – If you can't love someone in a way that is pleasing to God, you can release that person to having God love them through you?

Dallas – You say, “There's something in me that needs to be changed.” You release the person to God.

Q – Aren't you actually loving that person?

Dallas – You are doing the best you can do to love them now. Don't just stop there. Go back and see why was it I wasn't able to do more and that gets you off of that particular issue, and the particular action. The answer is going to be “Well, I don't have an adequate vision of myself and the people around me under God.” When you bless someone you will their good under the invocation of God.

Now, you have to have a vision to do that.



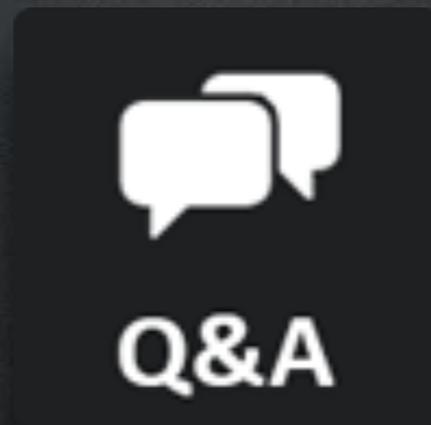
“When the heavens open,
you see what was there all along.”



Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

(Use the Q&A on the bottom of your Zoom screen)



80:00 + 10K

Meditation — *1 Corinthians 13:4-8; Joshua 1:8*

V-I-M in your next 10,000 minutes...

VISION — What does love look like to me, and is it more than actions?

INTENTION — Why do I do what I do that blocks love in my life?

MEANS — What scripture and person will help refuel my soul this week?



† Cross Fit

Session 4 Summary

Salvation is a life where the love of God enters our whole person and begins to train our human system to love others like Jesus loved and teach them the same.



Next Week — Session 5

"LOVE AS LIFE" (PART 2) [1:17:18]

"RESPONSIBLE CHOICES OF LOVE"

May the salvation life of
the resurrected Christ
in you be a sufficient
power of love to train
your will for the good of
your neighbors.

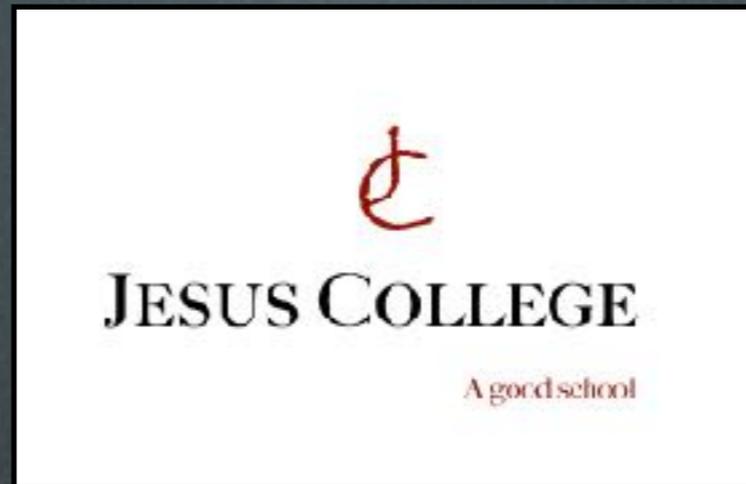
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