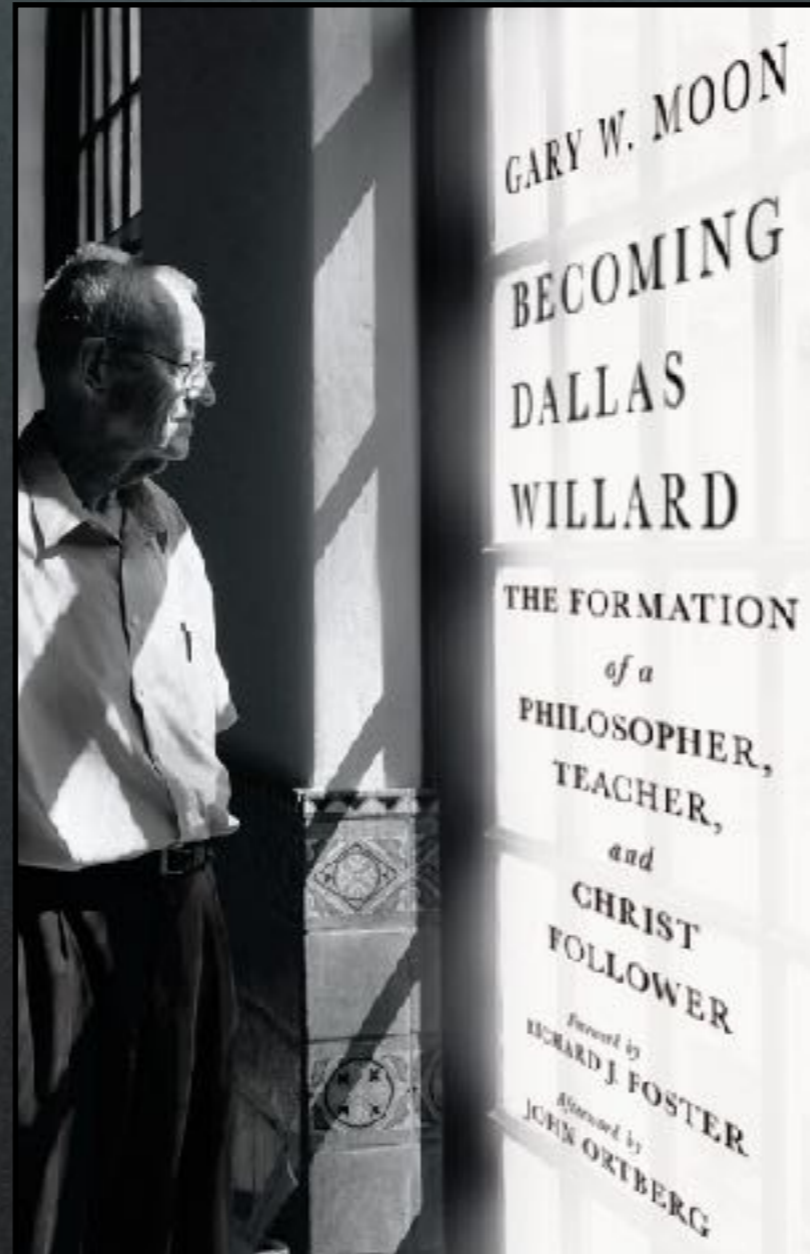


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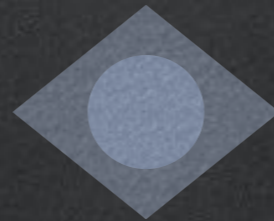


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## **SESSION 6 REVIEW - BECOMING DALLAS WILLARD**

### **A 43 Year Friendship that Changed the World**

Starting in a church that was a “marginal failure on the ecclesiastical scoreboards”, it became a living laboratory from which world-wide influence of books and a new ministry Renovaré offering 140 conferences around the world from 1989 - 2008.



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*"I was so drawn to [Dallas] and what he was teaching. He was a man so humble, sweet, who would cry when he read Scripture. You felt as if the kingdom was breaking into the room."*

Keith Matthews

*"The single most important thing in a person's mind is his idea of God and its associated images."*

Dallas Willard

## **The Four Key Concerns that drove Dallas**

A Robust Metaphysical Realism – Invisible things are as much a part of reality as apples, chairs, and snowflakes. This idea formed the background to “The Divine Conspiracy.”

Epistemic Realism – The intentionality of the mind places it in direct contact with its various objects of attention like the Holy Trinity where knowledge can be obtained and new habit patterns established. This guided “The Spirit of the Disciplines” and “Hearing God”.

Models of the Human Person and Christian Spiritual Formation – Human beings are designed to experience God as found in “Renovation of the Heart”.

Spiritually Formative Christian practices produce results that are measurable – Placed in the university alongside other domains of public knowledge as addressed in

“Knowing Christ Today”. (193-194)

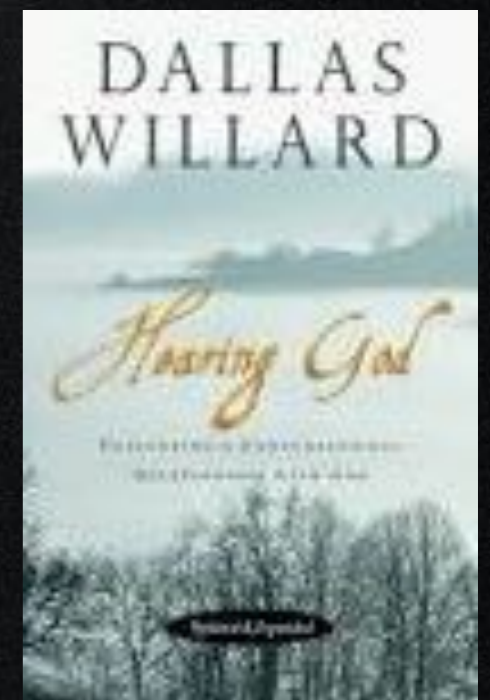
## **A Conversational Relationship with God**

The publication of “Logic and the Objectivity of Knowledge: A Study in Husserl’s Philosophy” led to Dallas being promoted to full professor.

Dallas also published “In Search of Guidance” later republished as “Hearing God”.

Both books dealt with the objectivity of knowledge and the belief it is possible to “go to the things themselves”... such as when a Christian prayed, Jesus would walk right up and engage them in conversation.

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## Dallas Teaching Pastors

20 years at Fuller Seminary's Doctor of Ministry program along with Keith Matthews, James Bryan Smith and Jan Johnson.

The heart of the course was about life in the Kingdom of God based on the V-I-M model: Vision, Intention, Means.

Dallas had the heart of a pastor. He was absolutely committed to helping pastors understand Jesus and the Kingdom.



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## **(13) Dallas' Time-Released Thought Bombs**

The Key — Invisible things like the Trinity and the Kingdom of God are real, and we can experience, interact with, and know that reality - the kingdom of God is now.

Ministry flows out of the Kingdom with Jesus as King of this Kingdom out of the church in the real world growing as His disciples.

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*“Dallas was real with a humility of spirit, a massive mind with gentleness and humility, teaching a different gospel than what we were used to hearing.”*

Richard Foster

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Pubilshing of “Spirit of the Disciplines: Understanding How God Changes Lives” (1988)

*“I have never been with someone who lived in the kingdom in a way that was humorous and strong and sensible and slow, unhurried. If life can be lived like this then I can moved toward that.”*

John Ortberg

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Trevor Hudson from South Africa...

*“What struck me most during this time were not his words, it was his life in our midst. Dallas lived in the house of his own teaching. There was a contagious joy about his presence.”*

He started sending Trevor chapters from “The Divine Conspiracy”.

Chapter Three: “What Jesus Knew: A God Bathed World”



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## **THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY**

### *Chapter 3 - What Jesus Knew: Our God Bathed World*

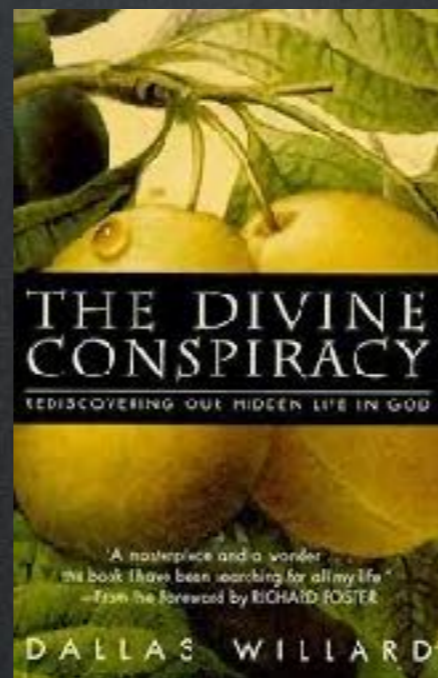
#### GOD'S JOYOUS BEING

Jesus good news about the kingdom can be an effective guide for my life only if I share His view of the world. It's a world filled with a glorious reality, where every component is in God's direct knowledge and control. It's a world inconceivably beautiful and good because of God and because He's always in it...where's He's continually at play and over which He constantly rejoices.

His first two books were about the Means of entering eternal living, now. But still needed was a full Vision of what this life was. His third book “The Divine Conspiracy” filled that gap.

“It is about living now as His apprentice in Kingdom living, not just as a consumer of His merits. Eternity is now in flight and we with it, like it or not.”

The radical shift is the meaning of the gospel - you can live in the Kingdom of God here and now. There is a new way to live, and you are invited in.



## **BECOMING DALLAS WILLARD**

### **Chapter 13 - “Ideas that Matter for Time and Eternity”**

Along with the birth of his most significant contribution in Christian thought, “The Divine Conspiracy” came at the same time as the birth of a most special family member - his granddaughter Larissa Heatley.

The grand-parenting experience became one of Dallas’ greatest joys forming a stronger dimension of love in him.

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## **“BECOMING DALLAS WILLARD” - CH. 13**

The life in the Kingdom is now in us and our life with God points to joy.

This was teaching about living in a way that could cause them to catch the divine infection of spiritual transformation.

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## **“BECOMING YOU”**

What time-released thought bomb(s) has the Lord brought to me through Dallas?

Do I have a conversational friendship with Jesus?

What is my vision of the gospel and how does it shape my view of God?



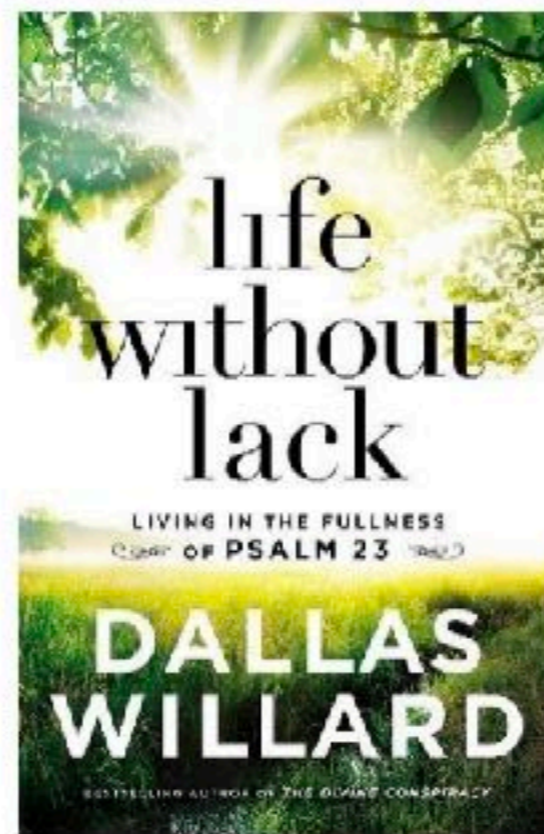
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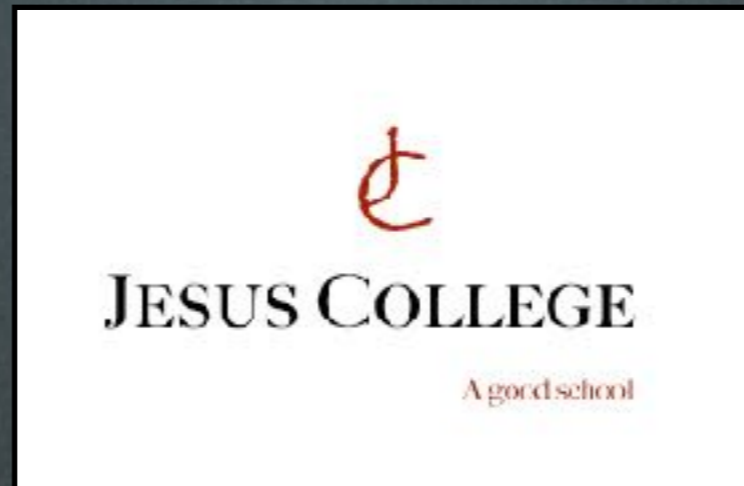
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