

EMBRACING *THE* BEAUTY *OF* GOD

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EPISODE 3:

Simple Steps in Devotion

This word is an invitation to experience your “devotional” time from God’s perspective: where He joyfully takes the initiative and you encounter a new level of expectation, freedom and delight.

Devotion or time alone with God is always dependent on Him, not you. We make ourselves available and He is the One who decides what He will do in that time.

If that’s a new mindset for you, there’s your first step!

“Devotion” is coming and putting our emotions in the same place as God’s nature - and the Fruit of the Spirit are His true character. It is how He will *always* be with you: in love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness... and He offers you the Pause Button if you’re in need of self-control.

Present yourself to the Lord with an expectation that the Fruit of the Spirit can overcome anything: “*Against such, there is no law,*” Galatians 5:23*

That’s the prime place of beginning in devotion. It’s not about what you need, but coming in anticipation of who God will be for you, in you and to you.

- If He speaks to your heart, rejoice. Jesus spoke so that our joy would be full (John 15:11).
- If God chooses stillness, rejoice as He makes Himself known to you in the quiet. (Psalm 46:10)
- If He is present to your feelings, that’s a bonus, but He’s always present to our faith because He promised to never leave us. (Romans 8:38-39 & Hebrews 13:5)

Is that a new devotional experience for you? If “devotion” has become a program, the absence of those prescribed routines may feel different, even a bit awkward.

That’s not an indication that anything is wrong. It means something is changing!

You’re unlearning an old way and learning a new, more relational way of how God is with you and how you are with Him. The Holy Spirit is present with empowering grace for that process.

You’re on a new adventure in Jesus.

Travel well and in delight,

Graham and Allison

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