

# THE LOVE AFFAIR WITH GOD

## THE OFFER

- PERSONAL- NO ONE HAS EVER BEEN LOVED BY GOD MORE THAN YOU
- WITHOUT END- GOD IS CONSTANTLY COMMUNICATING WITH US
- INVITATION IS FOR OUR SOULS TO BECOME HIS INSTRUMENTS & US TO BECOME CONSCIOUS CO-CREATORS- TO BE GOD'S DWELLING PLACE- AS UNIQUE EXPRESSIONS OF HIMSELF
- GIFT= THE PEACE, LOVE & JOY WE DESIRE LIVING WITHIN CREATION ONLY FOUND LIVING IN HARMONY WITH THE CREATOR
- JESUS- IN HIM WE ARE SWEEPED UP INTO THE INNER LOVE LIFE OF GOD- JESUS IS THE HEART OF GOD- GOD BECOMES MAN SO MAN CAN BECOME ONE WITH GOD & LIVE IN HIS HEART & BRING THE WORLD BACK TO THE CREATOR
- IN EVERY MOMENT & EVERYWHERE- ALL OF LIFE SPEAKS OF & WITH GOD IN ITS OWN BEAUTIFUL WAY- NOT KNOWLEDGE BUT EXPERIENCE- DO NOT LOOK FOR EXTRAORDINARY SIGNS-WE SPEAK HIS WORD THROUGH ALL OUR BEING & DOING & WE FIND HIM EVERYWHERE, BECAUSE HE IS WHEREVER WE GO- INSIDE OUR HEART- THERE IS NO HOLY CITY, ONLY THE UNCREATED ENERGIES OF LOVE -ALL OF LIFE IS GOD'S COMMUNICATION WITH HIMSELF- THE SON IN THE FATHER THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT- ALWAYS SEEKING GREATER EXPRESSION OF HIMSELF- NO DIFFERENTIATION BETWEEN GIVING & RECEIVING
- PROCESS-THE FLOW OF LIFE
  - 1- INCARNATION- BECOME HUMAN
  - 2- DEATH- PICK UP YOUR CROSS
  - 3- RESURRECTION- RISE AGAIN
- GOD WAITS & THEN THROWS A PARTY WHEN YOU COME (PRODIGAL SON)
- KINGDOM OF HEAVEN = THE WAY NOT JUST THE DESTINATION- LIES WITHIN
- UNION- DIVINE & THE COMMONPLACE ARE ONE; GOD IS THE COMPOSER & CONDUCTOR OF THE PIECES WE PLAY
- IN PEACE- GOD CONDUCTS NOT WITH A SWORD, BUT A SHEPHERD'S STAFF- THE VULNERABLE OPEN ARMS ON THE CROSS- FREE GIFT- CANNOT BE EARNED- "I CALL YOU FRIENDS, NOT SLAVES"
  - RELAX- YOU HAVE BEEN CREATED PERFECTLY FOR YOUR MISSION
- RENEWAL- THERE IS NO LUCK- ONLY MIRACLES & LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW -GOD KNOWS HOW THE PUZZLE TURNS OUT- STILL HE DOES ONE PIECE AT A TIME -GOD KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT HE'S DOING & OUR PLACE IN IT- WE ARE INVITED TO GIVE OURSELVES OVER TO IT & CARRY IT OUT

## THE RESPONSE

- DISCIPLESHIP, COMMITMENT, CONSECRATION - SAYING TO THE CREATOR- YOU CAN SPEAK & ACT THROUGH ME AT ALL TIMES- HE WANTS AVAILABILITY OVER ABILITY, FAITHFULNESS OVER SUCCESS, WILLINGNESS OVER PERFECTION- OBEDIENCE IN EVERY MOMENT- I WILL BE YOUR DWELLING PLACE- MY LIFE WILL NOT BE ABOUT ME- IT WILL BE A LETTER GOD IS WRITING TO HUMANITY & TO GO WHEREVER THE SPIRIT LEADS- CHOOSING TO BE JESUS' FRIEND & BRING HIM TO THE WORLD

- DISCOVERY**- MEETING GOD- IN EVERY MOMENT & PERSON- YOU DO NOT FIND GOD- YOU REALIZE HIS PRESENCE
- SELF- ESTEEM**- LOVING THE WAY YOU SHINE WITH CHRIST AS GOD'S CREATION
- COMPASSION**- WE RECEIVE ALL PEOPLE AS FRIEND, WE PLACE ALL PEOPLE IN OUR HEART & WE ALLOW GOD TO USE US IN THE WAY HE HAS PLACED IN OUR HEART
- GENEROSITY**- HIS LOVE INCREASES THE MORE YOU PASS IT ON
- STEWARDSHIP**- WE CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION WITH HIM

## THE RESULTS

- LIFE IS A LOVE AFFAIR WITH GOD**
- FLOW** WHERE THERE IS FAITH THEIR IS LOVE  
WHERE THERE IS LOVE THERE IS GOD  
WHERE THERE IS GOD, THERE IS NO NEED  
CONTEMPLATION & IMAGINATION->ENGAGEMENT, CREATION (GIVING FORM)  
-> EMERGENCE & ACCEPTANCE-> THANKSGIVING & RELEASE INTO COMMUNITY
- PERFECTION**- ALL IS PERFECT IN GOD-WE ARE PERFECTED BY GOD'S USING US- HE IS THE VINE- WE ARE THE FRUIT OF THE VINE, WE ARE FINGERS IN THE HAND OF GOD, PENCILS IN GOD'S HAND & AS IMPERFECT AS WE ARE HE WRITES BEAUTIFULLY- WE DO NOT WORK FOR GOD- WE DO GOD'S WORK
- INSPIRE**- WE INSTRUCT HE WORLD THAT THE CREATOR IS INTIMATELY INVOLVED WITH HIS CREATION- WE BRING GOD TO THE WORLD- EVERYONE SENSES IN OUR PRESENCE HOW HAPPY THE CREATOR IS TO SHARE LIFE WITH US & UNCONDITIONAL LOVE IS REAL
- CO-CREATION**- IN UNION; ABSORBED INTO THE HEART OF GOD IS INFINITE DIVERSITY- GOD CRYSTALLIZES HIMSELF SO THAT LOVE CAN BE EXPRESSED IN TOTAL JOY- WE CO-CREATE WITH GOD IN HIS UNFINISHED CREATION
- SALVATION & FULFILLMENT**- NOT AN ACCOMPLISHMENT BUT GIFT RECEIVED & PASSED ON. WE DO NOT LOSE OURSELVES, IN GOD WE BECOME OUR REAL SELVES- A FULLER WAY OF BEING- LIFE IS GOD ENJOYING THE PHYSICAL MANIFESTATION OF HIS INFINITE POTENTIAL
- RENEWAL**- EVERYTHING EXISTS FOR THE SERVICE OF REGENERATION OF SOULS- GOD DOES THIS FLOWING THROUGH US- WE CANNOT SAVE THE WORLD ANY MORE THAN WE CAN SAVE OURSELVES
- INFINITY**- THERE IS NO FINISH LINE- THE LOVE AFFAIR IS ETERNAL- EACH ADVENTURE LEADS TO ANOTHER
- UNITY** "THERE WAS NO ONE ON EARTH BUT YOU & ME"- GOD IS NEARER TO US THAN WE ARE TO OURSELVES. THERE ARE NO ENEMIES OR STRANGERS OR SEPARATION
- PEACE**- WITH JOY & HARMONY IS NOT A PRIZE, BUT AT THE CENTER OF REALITY

- HUMILITY**- IT IS BETTER TO SUFFER WRONG THAN TO DO IT- THE MEANING OF THE CROSS-WE LOOK OUR EXECUTIONER IN THE EYE & SAY " I LOVE YOU & I'M GLAD YOU'RE IN THIS WORLD- WE REFUSE TO CONTINUE THE CYCLE OF HURT & VIOLENCE. "IT ENDS WITH ME"- I WILL SUFFER THIS HURT & REFUSE TO PASS IT ON- I WILL ABSORB IT WITH JESUS
- PURE HEART**- THE HEART IS WHERE WE MEET GOD FACE TO FACE- ASK FOR A PURE HEART. IT'S BETTER TO BE CHEATED THAN NOT TRUST- STRIP AWAY DEFENSES- NO PERSON OR TIME OR PLACE IS INTOLERABLE OR UNLOVABLE
- TRUST**- ONE DOOR IS NEVER CLOSED WITHOUT ANOTHER OPENING- PUTTING EVERYTHING IN GOD'S HANDS- YOU TURN OVER WHAT YOU'RE HOLDING ONTO TO RECEIVE WHAT'S NEXT- WITH NO RESTRICTIONS- FEAR IS THE DENIAL THAT GOD IS EVERYWHERE & IN ALL PLACES- LET GOD BE GOD-WE TRUST ONLY IN GOD- NOT IN OURSELVES OR ANY OTHER MAN- GOD HAS HIS TIMETABLE- ONLY SAY THE WORD & I SHALL BE HEALED
- HUNGER**- COME TO GOD EVERY DAY WITH AN EMPTY CUP & ASK HIM TO FILL IT- THE MORE YOU NEED GOD, THE MORE HE CAN WORK THROUGH YOU
- GRATITUDE**- LIFE IS A PRIVILEGE
- TRUTH**- PEEL AWAY LAYERS OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY- RECEIVE & EXPERIENCE ALL OF LIFE AS A GIFT- EMBRACING THE INFINITE- LOVE IS MY GOD, LIFE IS MY RELIGION, HUMANITY IS MY CHURCH, LOVING OTHERS AS SELF IS DAILY WORSHIP- REMEMBERING WHO WE ARE & LIVING THAT TRUTH- WE ARE NEVER ALONE
- VISION**- SEE OTHERS AS A PART OF & EXPRESSION OF GOD- SEEING & DOING GODS WILL- THE UNIVERSE AS A BANQUET OF LOVE
- FREEDOM**- TO RECEIVE EVERYTHING WE HOLD ONTO NOTHING- OPEN TO INFINITE SURPRISE- EMPTY SELF & HE WILL FILL US- FREES US OF PERCEIVED NEED, JEALOUSY & FEAR
- WORSHIP**- ALL DAY, IN ALL THINGS, IN ALL PEOPLE- YOU DO NOT PREPARE TO MEET GOD- YOU MEET HIM IN EVERY MOMENT- REMEMBER HE IS LORD & NOT YOU- PRAISE HIM-
- ZEAL**- GIVE LIFE ALL YOU HAVE- WORKING CHEERFULLY IN GOD'S HANDS IN THE WAYS HE PLACES BEFORE YOU- WE GRAB THE KINGDOM & RUN THE WAY A CHILD GRABS THE CANDY OFFERED TO THEM
- VALUES**- AS ONE BECOMES ATTACHED TO GOD, DETACHMENT FROM WORLDLY THINGS HAPPENS- DISCERNING- DOES THIS ACTION BRING ME & OTHERS CLOSER TO GOD?- DISCARDING ALL THAT DOES NOT
- SURRENDER & HEALING**- OPENNESS OVER POWER, SIMPLICITY- STRIPPING AWAY ALL THAT IS NOT OF GOD & FREEING YOU TO DO HIS WILL- WE REFUSE TO DICTATE THE TERMS OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD OR ANYONE- WE SURRENDER TO HIS WILL IN EVERY WAKING MOMENT- GOING WHEREVER THE SPIRIT LEADS- GIVE GOD YOUR HEART & REST IN PEACE- FIRST DESIRE UNION- THEN THE REST FOLLOWS
- SERVICE**- "IF YOU LOVE ME -FEED MY SHEEP"- CHEERFULLY,- WE KNOW GOD BY SERVING HIM
- JOY**- OF FORGETTING YOURSELF & USING YOUR GIFTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF OTHERS; KNOWING YOU ARE A BEAUTIFUL CREATION OF GOD

# **SHARING QUESTIONS FOR "JOURNEY WITH JESUS"**

## **GUIDED MEDITATION:**

- WHAT COLOR WAS THE ROOM YOU STARTED OUT IN?
- DID YOUR STAIRWAY GO UP OR DOWN?
- WHERE ON THE DOOR DID YOU PUT YOUR NAME?
- WHAT SEASON WAS IT IN THE COUNTRY FIELD?
- DID YOU STOP TO PICK ANYTHING UP? IF SO WHAT?  
WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU?
- WHO WAS THE PERSON(S) THAT INTRODUCED YOU TO JESUS?  
HOW DID YOU FEEL ABOUT THAT PERSON SHOWING UP?
- WHAT DID THAT PERSON SAY ABOUT YOU TO JESUS?
- HOW DID JESUS REACT TO MEETING YOU?
- HOW DID YOU FEEL TO BE MEETING JESUS?
- HOW DID JESUS INTRODUCE YOU TO HIS FRIENDS & FAMILY?
- HOW DID IT FEEL TO BE ON THE MOUNTAIN TOP?
  
- WHAT PEOPLE SHOWED UP IN THE LIVING ROOM?  
HOW DID THEY REACT TO MEETING JESUS?  
HOW DID YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS? ANY SURPRISES?
- WHAT DID YOU FIND YOURSELF ASKING JESUS TO BLESS PEOPLE WITH?  
DID ANYTHING DISTURB YOU? COMFORT YOU?  
HOW DID JESUS TREAT THEM?
  
- WHAT WAS IT ON YOUR MIND THAT YOU TOLD JESUS ABOUT WHEN YOU  
WERE ALONE TOGETHER IN YOUR ROOM? HOW DID JESUS RESPOND?
- WHAT WAS IT THAT YOU CONFESSED TO JESUS?  
HOW DID HE REACT?
- WAS THERE ANY SPECIAL FEELING WHEN JESUS BLESSED YOUR EYES & EARS?
  
- WHAT DID JESUS GIVE YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN TOP?  
WHAT DID HE SAY ABOUT IT?  
HOW DID YOU FEEL TO RECEIVE IT?
- WHAT DID YOU GIVE TO JESUS ON THE MOUNTAIN TOP?  
WHAT DID YOU SAY TO HIM ABOUT IT?  
HOW DID YOU FEEL TO BE GIVING IT TO HIM?  
HOW DID JESUS REACT?
- WERE THERE ANY SPECIAL FEELING YOU HAD OR INSIGHTS YOU GAINED  
ON THE MOUNTAIN TOP?
- WHAT DID IT FEEL LIKE TO BE COMING DOWN THE MOUNTAIN?
- IN THE WINDOW IN THE ROOM TOWARDS THE END OF THE JOURNEY- DID  
ANYTHING SPECIAL HAPPEN?
  
- DO YOU HAVE SENSE OF WHAT ELSE JESUS WILL BE BLESSING YOUR LIFE  
WITH IN THE DAYS TO COME?
  
- ANY OTHER FEELINGS, EXPERIENCES THAT WERE PART OF THE JOURNEY  
WITH JESUS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?