

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

- 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

- 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