

OCTOBER 4

“INTIMACY WITH GOD IS THE GOAL OF EVERY BELIEVER.”

READ

Luke 16:19-31

There are many things I don't understand in the Bible. I don't ignore those passages just because I don't get them; I read them. I know that, at the right time and the right place, God will flip the switch, and the understanding will come. This is how you become intimate with God. Intimacy with God should be the goal of every believer. Even Jesus, as a human, maintained a relationship with the Father. He had to pray, and fast, and hide away. By doing those things, He received God's Word, and understood who His Father really was. Have you ever noticed that as you get closer to someone, they look different? The closer you get, the more your perspective changes. The more you read and study the Bible, the more your vision of God changes. He's not distant anymore. He becomes a living, breathing God. You can't find that unless you seek His face. That's what Jesus was teaching about in this parable. Don't look for Him in a miracle. Stop trying to find Him in the supernatural. That won't convince you God is real. Read His Word, get closer. That's when you'll discover who He really is.

PRAY

God, I have learned that when I get closer to You, You get closer to me. When I seek You, I find rest, life, strength, joy, deliverance, understanding, wisdom, hope, reward, righteousness, and satisfaction. With my whole heart I seek You.

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