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“GOD WANTS ME TO WANT HIM.”

READ

Philippians 3:7-14

God is trying to get you into a purer and more simple relationship with His Son, Jesus. Many Christians have something between them and Jesus. It can even be denominational thinking. God's destination for my life is not a place, a doctrine or a religion: it's Jesus. He's trying to remove that thing in-between, that Baptist barrier, that Pentecostal hindrance, that Calvinistic fence, where we think more about what we believe than the One in Whom we have believed. I've preached that for years. It's so difficult for people to go after Jesus, just Jesus alone. That's why Paul said, 'that I may know Him.' Enoch and the fathers of our faith knew Him. They didn't have Christian music or big churches. They didn't even have churches. They walked with God. We can get so caught up even in our Christian fellowship, walking with each other, that we sometimes fail to walk with God. In order for you to know Him fully, you're going to have to remove things from your life, even people. "That I may know the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death." Jesus died that we might know Him. That was Paul's whole goal in life. God wants me to want Him.

PRAY

God, You rolled the stone from the tomb of Lazarus. You ripped the veil in the temple. You have removed the barriers between You and me. By the power of Your Spirit, help me to do the same. Jesus, You're my destination. I want to walk with You.

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