

The enclosed flash drive contains a collection of spiritual media of various formats: audio clips, audio books, video clips, movies, text clips, manuscripts, devotional messages, songs in audio and video format, and presentations in both keynote and powerpoint formats and so forth.

This collection has been compiled as VOLUME 1 containing over 25 Gigabytes of information. The content is a collage of spiritual insights and revelations of the most relationally wholesome views of God. It was born out of my own frustration after 55 years of life and after 40 years as a professing believer in Jesus Christ. I had done everything I had been taught to be a “good” Christian, to have the courage of my convictions, and to be intentional about my faith and the convincing of others as to my way of faith in God. Yet as I pondered my results one Sunday morning at church, I realized that I had achieved the appearance of a “good” Christian, but I could not think of the name of a single person whom I had personally led to a deep faith in God.

It may have been nearly blasphemous of me to tell God that I was leaving church forever, but was going to take my faith in Jesus with me. Had I spent 40 years in any other pursuit with absolutely none of the desired results, I would have abandoned that as well. As a matter of fact, had any pursuit in my business life produced so little results I would have abandoned it in less than 3 years. So I asked God, begged Him almost, to do something to change what I believed or how I lived such that I would actually see people coming to God, not for His blessings and grace, but just to be in close relationship to Him. I wanted to have some spiritual progeny, as it were children born to my spiritual heritage. I had no desire to impress anyone else. But I certainly wanted to be “certain” that my life demonstrated the power of a deeply personal relationship to God by way of others catching the fire of my desire for Him.

AND GOD SAID, “You continue to meet with your brothers in church and I will give you the desire for me that you have requested.” I had no idea what that meant or what it might cost, but I was all in. The most fascinating aspect of what God revealed to me and inspired me to record is that it neither required that I change my denomination nor my religion. What God taught me was not “principles which produced results” but “perceptions which changed my reality.” When God showed me that much of what I had been taught as a child, by sincere, well-meaning people who cared about me were either wrong or only partially true. But as the saying goes, “Your perception IS your reality.” And when my perceptions cause my reality to be in effect fantasy, I will live in that fantasy. So as God moved me along, He revealed myriad perceptions about Himself, myself and others which I had not understood before that Sunday morning in August of 2003.

By this time, nearly 15 years hence, I have discovered over 400 new perceptions which have collectively radically changed my experience of life and brought me much, much closer to God’s reality, which is the only one that matters to me now. The most significant revelation is that God is so intentionally desirous of a deeply personal relationship with each one of us (akin to Abraham’s friendship with God or King David’s heart like God’s heart) He made every reasonable attempt to reveal it through the Scriptures. The good, the bad, and the ugly stories are simply His means of reflection to us how relationally we are self-destructive and our selfishness tends to destroy rather than foster good relationships. God is far less interested in our “morality” than He is our “affection.” So, in short God taught me how to get over my bad self and my prideful attempts to please Him by my behavior and how to live in His absolute, unconditional love for me and the favor He shows me even when I don’t deserve it (grace).

The media recorded on the flash drive contains the information, revelations, and inspirations which have in the last 10 years produced permanent, positive changes in over 100 lives (whose names I can actually recite). As you read, watch and listen to the media items, God will reveal new perceptions to you. He will direct you to what you need to know as you are ready to receive it. And you will be amazed at how much greater your love for others becomes and how much of the time you are at peace with yourself and God despite the messy life each of us will live. I have stopped trying to tidy up my messy life and rather revel in the love God has for me and the forgiveness, mercy and grace He has shown and will continue always to show me.

There is no particular hurry in the journey since there is no particular destination. It is all about the journey. It is within the journey that we encounter every one God intends for us to meet, greet and bless. If you are too busy now to sample what is on the flash drive, relax! Only, ever open its contents when you are strongly compelled to do so. Don’t look at any of it simply because I gifted it to you. And, it is really God who has gifted it to you. He simply used my journey to gather and assemble this magnificent collection and then instructed me to offer it to all who might be interested in a similar experience of drawing closer to God.

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