Volume 1, Day 11: Your MOST Significant Other

Most Significant Other relationships begin simply with the act of surrender, giving up our selfishness to be selflessly desirous to please the Other! God wants to be our Most Significant Other!

Peter talked about it on the day of Pentecost when 3000 people were surrounding him wanting to embrace this thing that they were all experiencing, this **new life in Christ**. Peter told them, "There are some things you must do. First, repent of your selfishness and sin (relationship crimes) and secondly, be baptized (visible expression of your commitment to faith in Jesus for salvation).

Let's consider repentance. **Repentance is not** groveling in our shame promising God we'll never do that awful thing again. In most things we've misunderstood repentance. **Repentance is** simply the word surrender in the context of who is sovereign over your life, you or God. I surrender my pleasure to God's pleasure. I **change my mind** about the way I've been living, and I want to learn to live in ways that please God. Again marriage is a prime example of how God wants to relate to me. And my verbal promise to correct my behavior is not a guarantee that I'm not going to do it again. I will sometimes act selfishly. I'm going to fail in my attempt to always do what pleases my lover.

This is a relationship journey you get to grow in. But you begin by simply telling God, "I'm tired of doing things my self-centered way. God, would you teach me to do things your way, abandoning my agenda and embracing Yours?" Once you commit to God, let God do all the work and provide all the revelation necessary to make you the finest lover of God that you can possibly be!

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