## Volume 1, Day 2: God Wants to Be at the Table

I think religion has made Christianity complicated. We think there is much we have to know, to do and to give up in order to make this relationship work. But God's been reaching out for a relationship with you since the day you were born. He's been calling your name, speaking into your heart. The relationship aspect of our faith got lost and twisted by the things that happen in the world we live in. And likely religion told us to perform **for** God rather than relating to Him. Yet the distinctive difference between all other religions and Christianity is that we insist that God desires relationship not bondages to creeds and doctrines.

Learn to relate to Him. Rather than gathering information about God, sit with others in a comfortable place exploring God's persona face to face. Relationship is all about togetherness. I hope that this message will help you start your journey into a deeply passionate love affair with God. You can encourage each other to pursue a genuine and deeply satisfying relationship with God. It's not about teaching. It's modeling a relationship which shows that intimacy with God is possible! It will catch fire.

This entire mutual mentoring program (two in partnership) is not curriculum you need to complete. I'm hoping somewhere in the process, your own time with God will become like a holiday dinner with family banter with God sitting at the table with the family. The good news is that, just as with our best human relationships, our relationship with God occurs at all times in all places. It is a heart connection that transcends time or distance. Relationship at its finest is saturation in affection for another which causes you to think of them frequently and with great pleasure.

ENGAGING God -- Alan - Jacobsen