Volume 1, Day 6: Feeling, Not Trying to Love

It is hard for many of us to overcome the idea that God is distant and cold and will not engage us in a way that causes His love to be felt and received. But I have received thousands of emails from people who have started out with wrong beliefs about God and yet came to find the reality of a deeply satisfying relationship with Him. So, purpose to let God show you His truth about everything. His Holy Spirit is in you for that expressed purpose.

Whenever you wake up each day, just say to God, "If You exist and if You are real, show Yourself to me?" Now, the hard part is this. You cannot have any expectations about what that might look like. God only shows Himself in His ways, not ours. Let God make Himself known to you however He wants to. And if you already believe He exists, but He just **feels distant** from you, then what you want to begin to believe is, "Maybe I've gone about this wrong. Maybe I'm looking in the wrong places." In this case, just say, "Okay, God, what's next? Would You show me Your love today?" These are just things you should explore if you're going to even have a desire to develop this kind of relationship with Him.

Relationship is not about **trying** to do anything. We simply give our hearts to another. In this case it is God. Unfortunately, we submit to Christian rituals and think that's going to make us love God. But unless and until you're convinced God is real and loves you without conditions, You cannot go any further. Only He can make Himself known. As with human relationships, you cannot force it or command it. Love is offered freely, without reservation or it is not offered at all. Let it play out naturally. Love is its own fertilizer. Love begets love. Just give God a nod that you will accept His offer of love and love Him back! You can't rush love. Love is its own rush!

ENGAGING God -- Alan - Jacobsen