

Volume 1, Day 7: Feeling, Not Trying, to Love

You don't need to carve out some special time away from it all, some special quiet time somewhere. You can talk to Him, listen for Him or think about him when you're driving, taking a shower, eating or going for a walk. He just wants You to be up-close-and-personal with you. Just explore that. Let Him convince you. Let Him put His thoughts into your mind. Just go about your daily life with your focus on Him. Find or create quiet places at every point of decision to let God participate with you in them!

One acquaintance of mine told me that in order to increase his awareness of God's presence and love he set his smart phone to alarm every hour to remind him to think about God. In time, that man's soul was transformed into a very loving one! That's what a loving relationship with God can do for you! Look for a positive reason for every pain or trouble which might reveal to others the depth of your love for God.

Discipleship is about developing a relationship with God. In actuality, I think this is what discipleship really is. It's not you building a relationship with Him. It's recognizing how He's building one with you. That changes the scope of it entirely because now I'm not focused on what I'm doing. I'm focused on what He's doing and what brings Him pleasure, and that's when this works.

Discipleship is not learning what the Master does and always doing it. Discipleship is developing a heart that loves what the Master loves. When you love what He loves you will do what He would do in any situation. The best news about our Master, God, is that He not only does love, but also **God IS love's very essence**. Jesus told His disciples to **Love Like Jesus Loves**, with absolutely no reservation or conditions of acceptance.