Volume 2, Day 11: Anything Worthwhile Is Worth Time

For those of you who say, "I'm trying to get this connection to God, but it's not happening, I want to draw attention to the person who said he tried it for a week. A week is not long at all and we're really not trying it. This is about opening your heart to the degree that let's God make himself known to you.

Many people are afraid that God is ignoring them or He's not going to do for them what He does for others. We know that God is not a respecter of persons. I wouldn't be talking about having a relationship with God in these writings, if I didn't think it was just as available to you as it is to me. God wants us to learn how to live inside His love wrapped in intimate relationship with Him.

We've got to appreciate the fact that, when the transcendent God is connecting with broken humanity, it's a journey of transformation more dramatic than the caterpillar becoming a butterfly. It takes intentionality and resolve. It takes time. It requires discipline such that we are willing to suffer greatly in order to attain it.

If God seems distant from you, number one, it's not about your sin. Almost all of us go to that place. Somehow, if I could just give up this evil habit or this bad thought, then God would make Himself known to me. When you think that, this journey is impossible, your life is miserable and so is your relationship with God. The second thing, God's not ignoring you. God is always pursuing you and trying to make Himself known to you. It is us who are not seeing it. Paul says to unbelievers, "... in Him, we all live and move and have our being." If it's true for unbelievers, how much more true it is for seekers of intimacy with God.

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