

Volume 1, Day 24: Transformation NOT Information

We've learned that there are experts. And if they tell us what to do, we can follow them. Or there is some system we need to work that will make this Christ-life happen. Listen to this letter from Orlando. "Several years ago, I had a conversation with my pastor and asked him, "Why can't we have a conversation with God in the same manner that the men and women we read about in the Bible did?" His response was, "We don't need to. We have the Bible today."

Now, I love the scriptures, but if we're going to follow the Bible, we will not be following Him. We will have made the Bible the object of our worship. The journey we've been invited to take is not to be **good** Christians. It is not to follow the obligations, demands, and rituals of religion. Instead, we've been invited to love Him and follow Him only because we love Him.

This is how Paul expressed it in Ephesians chapter five. Again, reading from the message, "Watch what God does and then you do it. Like children who learn how to live from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with Him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious, but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us, but to give everything of Himself to us. Love like that."

That's where this journey takes us. As God begins to make Himself known to you, you will develop a greater desire to follow Him. An unfortunate thing happened to Christianity in the second century. It went from being people who were learning to live in the love of God and celebrate that love with each other, to being a religion about Christ with defined doctrines, rituals and traditions.