

Volume 3, Day 6: Love Doesn't Fix, It Satisfies

I talk to so many people who really want a relationship with God, but until He heals this, fixes that, changes this circumstance, gets them a job, or resolves their depression, they don't feel like they can have a relationship with Him. And yet God is the God of the present. He is the God of what is happening to you right now. He is the friend who sticks closer than a brother! God's right with us where we are. In fact, the best things in life are where God makes Himself known right where we are.

I've been quite a worrier most of my life. Anxiety is one of those things that was very close to my heart a lot. When I didn't know I was fully loved, I naturally worried about things that might happen in the future or things I thought would happen. Surprisingly few of those ever did occur. In fact, when we're worried about our future, have you noticed this? When you're thinking about something that might happen, you might run out of money, you might not get enough of something that you want or your vision and ministry might not unfold the way you want them to, your anxiety about something in the future leaves you feeling like you are there all alone. He's not with you. Well, He is with you, but you are so not there that you can't feel His presence with you!

So when you are living either in your past and its regrets or the future and its worry-producing uncertainties, you cannot benefit from God's presence because you are leaving Him out of your current moment. If you want to feel the love of God or others, you must be present with them in your heart. We may even find it easier to do this with people than with God.

ENGAGING God -- Bob Clarkson