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Personal relationship with God shows itself in separation. This is seen in the life of Abraham by his separation from his country, kith and kin. Today the separation is more about spiritual and emotional preferences. As devotees of Christ we feel separation from those who are not into how we perceive life. Our kith, kin and significant others who do not have a personal relationship with God, step away from us. This is because we have new desires which are no longer the same as theirs. Consequently, we gravitate to others whose desires are more toward God and his purposes than our natural human desires.

Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows and trusts explicitly the One Who is leading. Ours is now a life of faith, not of intellect and reason. It is a life of knowing God, Who gives us new purpose. The root of our faith is an intimate knowledge of a Personal God. One of the erroneous traps for Christians is the idea that God is sure to lead us to success. God is never interested in success. That is the human way of life. God desires a deeply passionate love affair with us.

The final stage in the life of faith is humility not character. When one becomes truly humble, all of the best character traits are expressed as naturally and effortlessly as breathing. We cannot possess good character as Jesus said, "There is none good but God." However, since redemption is the result of the union of the Holy Spirit and the natural spirit, the perfect character of God, in the Holy Spirit will manifest itself in us when we abandon ourselves to Him.

The life of faith is not a life of mounting up with wings, but a life of walking and not fainting. It is not a question of sanctification; but of something infinitely further on than sanctification. It is a life of faith that has been focused on the perfection of God in every relationship dimension. Abraham's mustard seed faith was on this and only this: "God is the perfect Father, Mother, Sister, Brother, Friend and Mate. No Christian needs more faith. We simply need to place all of our faith in God as perfect in every relationship way.