

Volume 1, Day 25: Simplicity and Peace of Love

People became **good** Christians by doing the things that **good Christians do**. Jesus didn't teach us to live like that. Instead, He taught us that God wanted us to love Him in the same way that we were being loved by God. This is a journey of love. It is a journey of growing love. And for that, we need to follow a **person** not a **punch list**. Many times when we are following a religion or curriculum or some man's idea of what God is, we'll find ourselves on a completely opposite journey.

Come back to the simplicity of the love of Jesus. Ask Him, "How do you love me and how do you want me to love you?" Then listen for Him. This journey is

not, "Yes, I'm sharing my life with Him. I'm initiating the dialog. I'm talking about the things that concern **me**,

but **rather** I'm always listening. I am listening when I'm engaging in my activities and simply talking to Him. I don't always get answers right away. I don't have direct conversations like, "Well, God, what do you think about this?" And He answers, "Well, I think that." But over time we fall into a rhythm where we already know what He thinks and desires and begin doing it immediately.

Now, how does God speak to us? It's different for every person. I look for an impression in my mind or soul. It is something deep inside that leads you. I like this. Someone said, "When you're being led by the Spirit, there are times when you have a sense of peace or a sense of pause. In other words, He speaks to you through your circumstances. Sometimes it's a feeling of warmth and rightness about what it is that He might want you to do or something He wants you to know. It brings peace to your heart, even if it's a difficult word, even if it's something you'd rather not do. There's a peace with it.