

Volume 1, Day 9: Willingly Dismiss Your Wrong Beliefs

Reread the scriptures themselves. But look at the Word of God through fresh eyes. Dismiss any other opinions about what you read and let the Holy Spirit in you understand what is written. Focus on the stories of Jesus. Jesus was the 'spitting image' of the nature of the Father. So when He comes to someone who's struggling or failing or hurting or in sin, notice how Jesus is treating them? Is He the angry taskmaster demanding their conformity and obedient behavior? Or is He that loving brother who found them where they were and began to invite them to a much better flavor of reality?

Until you intentionally search the Bible for a God who wants to be tender and compassionate with you, you will continue in your present, likely unpleasant, experience of life. Jesus showed us that God is extremely loving toward even the most unlovable people.

You must be willing to dismiss much of what you're so convinced might be true right now. If you've known God only to be distant, uncaring or not interested in being involved in your life, fortunately you have been sadly mistaken. And I stress **sadly**. Well, that's not who He is. So let go of that false view of God. He wants to help you learn to live this life. He's not demanding that you do it **for** Him. That's where this journey begins to take on meaning. Ask God to show you. God says that "If you seek Him, You will find Him." It's a guarantee. (Listen to transitions at the lifestream.org website.)

This is the relationship God wants with you more than you want it for yourself. When you come to realize that he **might** love you and actually **might** be on your side, then this relationship can and will take its course. He is the best lover in the Universe!