

### **Volume 2, Day 13: Be Aware of and Open to God's Love**

I'm just sure God's doing everything possible to make Himself known. You're likely missing it because you are afraid to open your heart, soul and mind to new truth (that is truth that is new to you). Let yourself get out of your comfort zone of what you thought were closed issues. Let God show you what's going on. That's what I think was the meaning of Jesus' words about "asking, seeking and knocking." Don't stop seeking!

God wants to open doors to you that make His life happen in you. That is what the Holy Spirit was dispatched to do. Ask God to show you someone who can help you on this journey. A brother or sister can be a great help. Someone more mature than you in the faith may well be much younger than you. So don't limit your vision to older, wiser, more educated or highly credentialed people. Actually you will likely find the best help in persons who are quite 'poor in spirit' (humble).

Just engaging others in conversations that help you focus on what God is doing will take you a long way down this road. A friend of mine from Florida shared an illustration he uses to help pastors recognize how community expresses itself in the world. He takes them out to a parking lot and they're looking at the asphalt. They notice finally that little sprigs of grass are growing up in the cracks. That's how the kingdom of God comes to us.

It's what Jesus said about the mustard seed. It starts very small, but it grows very large. Most of us look for some cathartic, euphoric experience that finally affirms God's presence with me (actually **in** me). It actually awakens in much simpler ways. There are fingerprints, sacred echoes and emotional nudges in our spirits. He's awakening you to an intimate relationship with Him.