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Someone said to me one time, and I love this thought, we don't have the capacity to imagine grace. So when we're living in our future, we're living in the present moment without God. We're living on our own resources, our own ability, our own knowledge, because we can't imagine how it is that God might make himself known to us as things unfold in the future. We are afraid that He might make a mistake. That's what I think it is to be in this relational journey with Jesus.

He invites us into the present. He wants to make himself known to you right where you are. He doesn't need to fix this first. He doesn't need to change that in your life first. He just wants to be in your awareness today, with the challenges, with the things that are already confronting you. Now, I notice when people start going on a love journey, and we've tried to avoid it here, they design lots of curriculum pages and pages of duplicated notes and theologies and doctrines and things you need to understand. They assume that when you try to wrap your head around a certain way of thinking that's going to help you.

You know what I found out? I found that the curriculum God's using to transform us is the collection of the circumstances already in our life. It's not something we need to study out there and then try to apply it to our life here. It's God making himself known right where we are. What He wants to do in you now probably has to do with the fear you're having, the doubt you're struggling with, the questions you have in your mind, the emotions that are kind of wracked and stressed out about things while you are striving to obtain peace.

ENGAGING God -- Bob Clarkson