

Volume 1 Day 19 — FELLOWSHIP

"Fellow laborer in the gospel of Christ."

— 1 Thessalonians 3:2

After sanctification it is difficult to state what your aim in life is, because God has taken you up into His purpose by the Holy Ghost. He is using you now for His purposes throughout the world as He used His Son for the purpose of our salvation. If you seek great things for yourself claiming, "God has called me for this and that," you are putting hindering God's use of you. As long as you have a personal interest in your own character, or any set ambition, you cannot be fully identified with God's interests. You can only get there by losing forever any idea of yourself and by letting God take you right out of your awareness of yourself and into His purpose for the world. And because your goings are strictly those of the Lord, you can never understand just why you are doing what your do.

I have to learn that the aim in life is God's, not mine. God is using me from His great personal standpoint, and all He asks of me is that I trust Him, and never say, "Lord, this gives me such heart-ache." To talk in that way makes me a selfish brat. When I stop telling God what I want, He can fully use me for what He wants without let or hindrance. He can crumple me up or exalt me, He can do any thing He chooses. He simply asks me to have implicit faith in Himself and in His goodness. Self pity is of the devil. If I go that way, I cannot be used by God for His purpose in the world. I have "a world within the world" in which I live, and God will never be able to get me outside it because I am afraid of being distressed or even inconvenienced.

My Utmost for His Highest - Oswald Chambers