

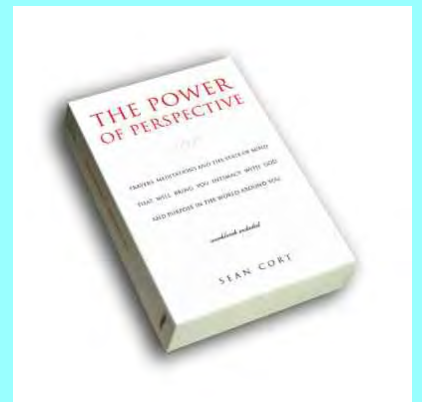
SNACK FOOD FOR THE SOUL

LIFE ENHANCING DEVOTIONALS INSPIRED
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Feast on this...

KNOWING JESUS IN STAGES

Most of us clearly remember loving our parents in stages. There were the times when our parents were our everything, then they became our protectors and providers. Then they were our guardians and enforcers. Later they became adversaries, confidants then contemporaries. Although our youth rendered us incapable of appreciating the value of our parents the scope of parenthood remained in tact.



Think of it this way; our sun has three basic presentations to the naked eye. The sunrise shows promise and appeals to our hope. The sun at high noon speaks of the sun's potency with a harsh tone; while the sunset illustrates a glimpse of Heaven through its window shades. The sun never changes, just our vantage point.

Our omniscient God, His Son Jesus the Christ and our Comforter and The Holy Spirit are all one; same God but from different vantage points. What I love most about God is that He is already the absolute of Himself. God isn't growing or developing. He is as He set Himself out to be. He cannot be impressed because all we have and all we will ever be take place in the

context of what was already said and done.

Consider Mathew 14:24-32. This is the story that immediately followed the miracle of Jesus feeding the multitudes with the fishes and the loaves. Jesus then sent the disciples ahead of Him on a boat to the other side while He dismissed the crowds and prayed. Just about a mile or two out to sea the winds and the waves started to toss the boat. Jesus came walking on the water toward them and they became afraid thinking He was a ghost. To confirm that it was Jesus, Peter asked Him to call him toward Him. Peter did so and began to walk on the water. We all know the story as Peter losing focus from Jesus onto his circumstances.

But what we often fail to see is that Jesus will sometimes send us into a storm just after we saw Him deliver us or perform a miracle. Jesus wants to see us conduct ourselves with the confidence that He is still the Lord now that He was then. In the case of the disciples on the lake; the miracle of the fishes and the loaves was just a few hours ago. They should have at least had the faith to know that He is ever present though they cannot see Him and that He never slumbers although it appears that He is.

When a parent allows a toddler to walk and fall down; it may appear pretty traumatic for the child, but how else will that child graduate from taking small steps. The steps are initially small because the child senses their own instability. After the first few falls, they no longer fear taking bigger and more sure steps. Jesus is calling each of us to step out of our comfort zones and those baby steps by allowing us to walk into some storms. Not all storms are from the devil. Some storms are directly from the Lord. The bible says "For whom the LORD loveth He correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth."

Knowing that we serve such a big and powerful God should be cause enough for constant celebration but we forget this since each stage of our spiritual development brings us a different vantage point.

As children we understand God as something big that is out there. In our adolescence we understand that He is a Guardian and Enforcer. As young adults and adults we embrace that He is our companion and confidant. But as soon as you've received your first broken heart, He becomes your everything. In order for Him to become your everything you must first abandon the premise of being rescued by ANY thing but Him.

Sometimes we need to review the stages of our life and how we've perceived God. He actually allowed us to express pride, arrogance, rebellion and disobedience but He never brought Himself down to our level in judgment. As how I'm using this keyboard to put words onto a screen; God simply uses the prism of life to force us to see things differently thus behave accordingly.

Are you still loving and knowing Jesus from a vantage point of a child? Is He just something

great and out there? Are you still in rebellion on some issues? How about pride and arrogance? Do you still see yourself too good or not good enough? Are you in the same spot spiritually that you were five years ago? If so, perhaps it's time to elevate yourself to another stage in Christ. Father God is still a guardian, but guess what? He's also The Primary Care Physician, The Specialist, The Ivey League Attorney and Business Man, as well as the King of the only Theocracy.

Jesus the Christ is the blue collar worker, the astronomer and let's not forget, He still beckons us to walk on water.

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