

GOD QUESTING

PART 4: Spiritual Infilling

There is a world more real than this that we see – one where God watches and cares and loves.

~ Calvin Miller, *A Hunger for The Holy*

Good stories are all just footnotes to the true story, and we must all find our place in that.

~ Frederick Buechner, *Theologian*

Not to advance in the spiritual life is to go back.

~ Brother Lawrence, *The Practice of the Presence of God*

Many Christians in our society look for dramatic experiences, climactic turning points, instant solutions to their spiritual problem; but real, lasting victory doesn't come through those means. God's design is that we be seasoned to maturity through a continual process of growth.

~ John MacArthur, *The Keys To Spiritual Growth*

Being religious is not hard. Sustaining a lifelong, intimate friendship with Jesus Christ is.

~ Doug Banister, *Sacred Quest*

One moment of prayer, of weak worship, confused contrition, tepid thanksgiving, or pitiful petition will bring us closer to God than all the books of theology in the world.

~ Peter Kreeft, *Catholic Theologian*

To try to function without the Holy Spirit is like owning an oil well and not understanding that what it produces is necessary to make your car run.

~ John MacArthur, *The Keys To Spiritual Growth*

The heart of true 'religion' is more than *rational* knowledge *about* God, but *relational* knowledge *of* him. It is a response of our entire being to him – a *mysterium tremendum*. In this the true worshipper feels mystical awe and a feeling of personal nothingness and submergence before the awe-inspiring object directly experienced.

~ Rudolph Otto (German Theologian), *The Idea of the Holy*
(Paraphrased)

Many discussions about the spiritual journey devolve too quickly into technique and principles without fully appreciating the *relational* dynamic of spiritual growth. What we are really talking about is staying in love with the most important Person in our lives.

~ Doug Banister, *Sacred Quest*

There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful than that of a continual conversation with God.

~ Brother Lawrence, *The Practice of the Presence of God*

And yet, we are also called to fulfill a mission. Any relationship, if it is redemptive, exists for purposes beyond the self-pleasure of those who are in it.

~ Doug Banister, *Sacred Quest*

If you want to celebrate – and wouldn't you? – then you know what to do. Let the Spirit fill your hearts and lives, particularly your minds and imaginations.

~ N.T. Wright, *Historian & Theologian*

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

~ 2 Corinthians 3:17 (NRSV)