

the IRRELIGIOUS LIFE

experiencing the inside-out spirituality of Jesus

Week 6: *SEEING JESUS*

Closer is He than breathing.

~ Alfred Tennyson

Perhaps a revolution is under way, a revolution of the Spirit that is about to shift our core energies *away from* arranging life to make it as satisfying as possible *to* drawing near to God. Jesus seekers across the world are being prepared to abandon the old way of the written code for the new way of the Spirit.

~ Larry Crabb

The revolution of Jesus is first and always a revolution of the human heart. His revolution does not proceed through the means of social institutions and laws – the outer forms of our existence – intending that these would then impose a good order upon people who come under their power. Rather, his is a *revolution of character*, which proceeds by changing people from the inside through ongoing personal relationship with God and one another.

~ Don Simpson

If we are to benefit from the same kind of experiential and dynamic relationship with the Lord that God's people in Scripture enjoyed, we must, through the Spirit, cultivate the spiritual capacity for an inner life that they possessed.

~ Gregory A. Boyd

The devout Christian of the future will either be a mystic, one who has experienced something, or he will cease to be anything at all.

~ Karl Rahner

Jesus invites us to leave our burdensome ways of heavy labour – especially our “religious” ones – and step into the yoke of trainging with him. His is a way of gentleness and lowliness, a way of soul rest.

~ Dallas Willard

The problem with so many Westerners is that they know their Christianity only intellectually.

~ Morton Kelsey

It is not knowing a lot but grasping things intimately and savouring them that fills and satisfies the soul.

~ St. Ignatius

I believe one of the most pervasive problems in contemporary Western Christianity is that we mistakenly assume that *information* automatically translates into *transformation*. But knowing something is true does not in and of itself ensure that this truth will make a significant difference in our lives. Faith for contemporary Western Christians is generally a belief *about* something, not an experience *of* anything. We need a way to make what we know in our minds real to our hearts.

~ Gregory A. Boyd

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

~ Jesus