

the IRRELIGIOUS LIFE

experiencing the inside-out spirituality of Jesus

Week 7: *CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD*

Closer is He than breathing.

~ Alfred Lord Tennyson

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 revolusion 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 them 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

Above all else, the Christian life is a love affair of the heart. It cannot be lived primarily as a set of principles or ethics.

~ Brent Curtis

Christianity is not predominantly a teaching religion. The teaching of sound doctrine is a prelude, if you will, to the supernatural.

~ Jim Cymbala

We try to fill up that ghastly hole in the pit of our stomachs that is really in our souls. We try to fill it with food, with power, with sex. ... We begin to realize that this hunger will never be satisfied, not in this life. It is the hunger for the Face of God, and the only possible food is prayer.

~ Maggie Ross

It would revolutionize the lives of most people if they were shut in with God in some secret place for half an hour a day.

~ Samuel Chadwick

A primary purpose of prayer is connecting with God in order to transfer His will into your life.

~ Chuck Swindoll

Nothing is more central to the spiritual life than prayer, for prayer ushers us into perpetual communion with the heart of God.

~ Richard J. Foster

More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of.

~ Alfred Lord Tennyson

Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays.

~ Soren Kierkegaard

Jesus would often go to some place where he could be alone and pray.

~ Luke 5:16