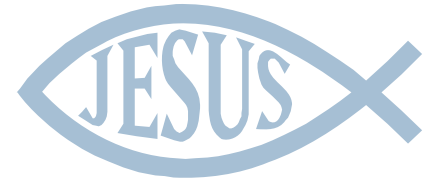


When All Else Fails

Whether you want to admit it or not, are you deep down inside disappointed with God, or at least with your Christian life? Perhaps you're starting out on the Christian life and know you have much to learn, but you don't seem to be getting your prayers answered. More likely you've tried various ways to find a victorious Christian walk, and they don't seem to work.



You've surrendered your life and will to God. You've spent much time in prayer. You've learned to worship God. You've so-ught after Him, longing to know-Him more intimately. You've tried to live in rest and peace in the Lord. You've sought to accept everything as from Him for your eternal good regardless of the pain. You've tried not to live by your feelings but by faith alone.

If you haven't sought to do these, you should. All of them may be vital stepping stones along the road to spiritual maturity. I have pamphlet messages on all of them and more. Request them by subject as you need.

You'll also find help on all of them in my book, *A Christianity That Really Works*.

Now, I want to try again to lead you delightfully in the path of truth.

But there are no words adequate to convey this truth. I can only give my mind and your understanding to God to lead, and enable as He will.

Your goal is to be contentedly trusting in Him no matter what. Start by constantly asking God for anything, everything, physical and temporal, spiritual and eternal that's good for yourself and others. Expect *Him* to want to give you every little thing that's good for you and others. Expect *yourself* to be a sinner, a failure, hopeless, disappointed, then to feel sorry for yourself, even angry with God.

But, you must seek never to be long saddened or discouraged. God is *always* on your side, working your good for your benefit and His praise. It's OK no matter how un OK it seems, in whatever dimension. "Whatever will be, will be."

You can always rest easy in Him, even when He seems to desert you. To get to this place of accepting where you and God are right now as enough for right now, turn to Him quickly whenever needed.

As soon and as much as possible, be quiet with God, stop struggling, let go. Be content, even if you aren't. Be frequently thankful to Him.

Let words like absolute trust, patience, willingness, acceptance, waiting, might, caring, limitless love, endless grace, or just a glance at God, mean what they may, or nothing.

Seek to put every new thing in His hands as it arises. *Your goal is to be contentedly trusting in Him no matter what.*

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