



Excerpts from Life With Our Father - the Better Life of Knowing God.

Chapter 2: The Tearing Of The Veil

As Jesus suffered those last few hours, the Father waited in glorious anticipation for that moment when that old stone-and-earth-built Tabernacle, and its restrictive veil of separation, would no longer be needed. At the moment of Jesus 's death, I believe the Father had both of His great big holy hands on that thick veil of separation. And at the very moment when Jesus gave his last gasp and died, I believe the Father violently and triumphantly ripped that now worthless veil of separation right down the middle from top to bottom. And then, full of joy, He danced! Or at least I personally believe He did. I believe He danced with such zeal that He shook the earth all around Jerusalem, splitting rocks and cracking open tombs.

Chapter 3: He Chose To Be Called “Father”

When we gain the understanding that He is a Father to us, we can grow and learn in peace without fear of failure or rejection. When we learn to see Him as He wishes to be seen, as a good father, we become truly free to enjoy every part of His life. And we become a blessing to Him as we walk in the faith and trust that any child shows a good parent. It is His position to be honored and feared as a judge, king, and lord of lords, but it is His great joy and delight to be viewed as a father and daddy by His children.

Chapter 4: Growing Up Begins At Birth

Babies are wonderful. Even their smell can move a parent's heart to joy. When they arrive they immediately become the focus of a parent's entire life. A parent works for that child, protects that child, provides for that child, and sets great goals and plans for that child. And babies can do no wrong. Our Father in Heaven approaches the care of His newborns much the same way.

Chapter 5: Gaining All By Knowing Him

Knowing Him and His purposes makes all the difference. It is literally the difference between living a life of fullness or a life of confusion and lack. Peter and John missed the glory of that empty tomb because they simply did not yet know Him and His purposes. What is it that you are missing today? What do you lack in the glorious life that God intends for you? Is the problem morality, finances, your marriage, your children, your health, or relationships? What is it that binds you up and keeps you down? Is it confusion, debt, fear, anger or bitterness? Then hear the promise of 2 Peter 1:3! EVERYTHING has been provided for! None of these areas of life or conditions are left out of that promise! No matter how young or old you are in the Lord, provision has already been made for your every need, - body, soul and spirit - through knowing Him.

Chapter 7: **How We Learn**

From the day of our new birth into His kingdom we enter a spiritual school designed to bring us to fullness and completion in the true knowledge of Him. When we gain information in this school we are expected to take it and apply it into our personal lives and in the work of His kingdom, just as we are expected to invest our natural education in our lives and jobs.

Just as in the natural, when someone has worked a length of time in His spiritual kingdom we call him or her, experienced. After a longer season in this service we call them, skilled, or as the Apostle Paul said, “master-builders,” as was Paul. These are individuals who have matured in the use of God’s word by actually investing the knowledge they gained in practical day-to-day application over a period of time.

Chapter 9: **Learning that “We Can Do It”**

Of all the things my earthly father gave me, I most appreciate the, “I-can-do-it,” ideal that he instilled in me by diligently creating and overseeing controlled challenges. Being the son of a carpenter presented many such opportunities from learning to use a handsaw on a big hunk of wood to later in my career plotting the layout of a complete home addition. All along the way, he proved to me that I could do it if I just set my hand to it and trusted him to be there for me.

Chapter 12: **Unacceptable Fear**

Scripture teaches us that we learn, “line upon line and precept upon precept.” Our learning process is much like the construction of a brick building. Each higher course of bricks is laid upon, and depends on, the course laid previously beneath it. If a brick mason tries to lay a third course of bricks before laying the second course, he will fail. When we fail to learn a certain lesson or fail to grow out of a certain youthful fear in our new life in Christ, we are stuck. Or, as often occurs, we lay upper courses of godly experience on top of incomplete lower courses. By running from any one of the pre-arranged challenges that our heavenly Father sends our way, we are leaving out important parts of our spiritual education about who He is and how He works. These missing building blocks inevitably show up in the future when the cracks in our faith and missing pieces of our knowledge of Him begin to rob us of our peace and joy. Eventually this failure to learn causes us to lock-up at a certain growth stage until we learn what we missed.

Chapter 14: **A Place for You**

What is your mansion like? What will it be filled with? Well - that is the exciting part of your life in Him - you get to fill it by choosing to love Him today and every day. By becoming all He has destined you to be. In the end it will be filled with the fruit of the love you used here on this earth. If you have loved others - it is already being filled and is showing forth His glory, and at the end of your race it will be even more glorious.

Chapter 17: **In His Light**

Consider that you are like one flame, a candle. What happens when a hundred, two hundred, or a thousand candles are pressed together in one place? A fire! A big fire! A bright light!

A single candle alone is good for giving light to one or two people at a time. This is our call as individual believers. We shine our light to each person we meet. But together, with our brothers and sisters, our candles combine to shine a wide beacon to many. This is the outward working of the church. The heavenly Father has set up a bright light, a beacon for all to see so that they might turn their lives away from darkness to His marvelous light and that He can have them with Him in safety. What a great revelation of His master plan of love for us.

Chapter 20: **Advancement By Faithfulness**

My life as a pastor began in the toilets. Literally.

I was born into my heavenly Father's kingdom at the age of eighteen. After a few years of running the fringes of His church, I settled into a local ministry that was using an old theater house as a meeting hall. We gathered there every Sunday. On Fridays and Saturdays a local theatrical group, which used the theater before our Sunday morning service, always left the premises in a state of disaster. Half empty beer cans littered the floors. Cigarette butts were strewn about. Waste paper covered the restroom floors and the toilets were always overflowing and usually covered with the fruits of alcoholic overindulgence. Forgive the graphic description, but this is a clear depiction of where I began.

Chapter 22: **Thirty - Sixty - Hundred Fold**

A farmer's child who does only what he or she is told to do is serving only like a little child. As soon as the assignment is completed the child sits down in the dirt to play. The sixty fold child does everything he or she knows to do on the farm that is within their accountability and goes back to the house when done. But the hundred-fold child of the farmer will do his own work, the work of the other two and then surveys the entire farm to check for other work that needs done before daylight is gone. Which of the three should receive the most? Which do you think will get to know the Father more?

Chapter 24: **I Am My Father's Child**

There is no reason for death to reign any longer. If it does, we cannot blame God. If it is reigning in your own life or the lives of your loved ones, do not blame God. He made a way for it to be put away. The only question remaining is: when will we use what He has given us?

There is no power that can hold you back. Because of the sacrifice Christ made on that Cross we can walk right into the throne room and ask our Father for anything good. Not even the devil has power over you. The devil has no authority over Jesus. Jesus has prepared you and me to stand up together and declare, "I am my Father's child and this is what He says...!"