

Q&A with Dallas Willard & John Ortberg:
Hearing God and the Kingdom of God
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SLEEP 0:00 -> 7:03

Sleep is primarily a soul phenomenon. The ability to sleep primarily depends upon our capacity to turn loose of the world because that's what happens when you sleep.

- Stop *trying* to go to sleep.

Psalm 127:2 – It is vain to rise up early, to retire late, to eat the bread of painful labor for he gives his beloved, sleep. ...

THE KINGDOM OF GOD 7:03-> 13:45

The Divine Conspiracy is God's plan to overcome evil with good in human history.

The glorious message is that the Kingdom of the Heavens is *right here*. (7:29)

- "God, make up here come down there."
- "Help me to know that you are nearer than my breath."
- "Seek above all, the Kingdom of God."

What does it mean to seek the Kingdom of God, and how do I know if I'm finding it?

- Seek your keys. Look everywhere.
- You are seeking what God is doing.
- Look for God's action, everywhere.

Seek the Kingdom of God and its kind of righteousness.

- What is the righteousness of the Kingdom? Kindness, tenderness, love

CRUCIFIXION 13:47 ->15:25

Jesus was crucified not so that we don't have to be crucified, but so that we could be crucified with him.

- To be relaxed like Jesus lies on the other side of crucifixion.
- As you come to understand it, you welcome crucifixion as the great door of liberation.

PSALM 121 15:25 -> 18:49

The One who made the mountain is greater than the mountain. And he's the one that's in charge of my life!

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DISCIPLINES 18:50 -> 21:45

What's the relationship between that conversational life with God and the spiritual disciplines?

- A discipline is something you do, that enables you to do what you cannot do on your own effort.

The importance of hearing God in the Divine Conspiracy is communication between you and what you are doing, and the One who's running the show!

- Kingdoms always work by communication.
- Hearing God is an absolutely vital thing in *practicing* disciplines.
- Go into a discipline with your Teacher! Go in, listening.

Listening to God is not so much a spiritual discipline but rather a way *in which to do* spiritual disciplines.

CURRICULUM FOR CHRISTLIKENESS 21:45 -> 25:23

Which disciplines should I do, and why?

- Can I ask God what I should be doing? Yes, and God will give you some suggestions!
- Spiritual transformation isn't about disciplines.
- Disciplines are like remedies for specific needs. They are not righteousness.
 - o You take medicine to help with a specific difficulty and where you want to get is where you don't need any disciplines!

The **spirit** of the disciplines is the **love** of Jesus. You do the disciplines because you love Jesus, and you want to live with him in the Kingdom of God.

Listening to God ought to be part of our practice of the disciplines. The practice of the disciplines is to enable us to listen to God all the time even when we're not practicing the disciplines.

Hearing God is not something you have in your power to do. That's why it's not a discipline. I can initiate going into solitude. I cannot initiate God talking.

In the presence of the Kingdom, this world is a perfectly safe place to be. 25:23 -> end

"Go into this day without fear."

God is here! "Yes, I am!"

I'm perfectly safe because I'm living in the Kingdom of God, beyond crucifixion.

The key to peace is surrender.