

# It's Time for the Big Reveal

I once heard a preacher say, "What consumes your mind, controls your life," and I totally agree. Your actions are a result of what you think or believe. As I prepared for today's message, I really felt He's asking you to let Him reveal Himself to you in greater measure within your life.

Let's be real, you cannot expand in Him unless you want to. Expanding in Him only results from purposing your heart to follow Him in all things at all times.

*"Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and **manifest myself to him**" (John 14:21).*

See that, "He will manifest himself to you!" WOW...look at it in other translations! Look at what He wants to do!

NLT says, "**reveal myself to each of them.**"

NASB, "**will disclose Myself to him.**"

CEV, "**show you what I am like.**"

God desires to reveal Himself within you in greater measure. In order for this to happen, it means you will not be comfortable and it might even hurt. He is going to you from that comfort zone, so He can show you Himself, and it requires His presence expanding more into your life.

Look at what expand means:

- undergoing continuous change
- become or making larger or more extensive.

Many times trials, life changes, afflictions or sufferings are a way that you grow or expand in Him. However, when these times become lengthy you can develop a spirit of indifference or negligence which actually works against your ability to "expand in Him." When you yield to Him through situations you develop a level of maturity and deeper trust. Think about it like this, Christians are like tea bags in which their real strength is not drawn out until they get into hot water.

Do you feel like you are in hot water? To expand more with His presence, you must have a Christ-directed life. How you spend your time determines your "expansion." Spending time with Him is a big part of how you grow in Him.

Your goal in life should always be about Him becoming greater and greater within you, while you become less and less. You can only do this as you yield control over to Him.

Christ totally surrounds you when you are actively engaged in life with Him. Today's message is a call for you to yield and as you do, you will live a Christ-directed life.

*Heavenly Father,*

*In Jesus name I come before you. Help me to love You above all others and all other things. May I daily walk in truth and live a life that is directed by You. I want to listen to*

*Your voice, be known by You and follow You. Empower me by Your Spirit. May my life draw nearer to You. May Your life be reflected in my thought life, what I allow myself to read and see, the music I listen to, the conversations I engage in, how I conduct myself at work, in my home and neighborhood. I thank You Father for the life of Jesus. Help me to follow in His steps, for I know that whoever truly follows Him will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. You know my weakness and weariness, You know my trials and tribulations. You know the temptations of this world always pull at my heart to wander from the truth. I ask You to strengthen me! I ask You to pour out Your Spirit on me that I may live a Christ-directed life. Lord You know my desire is to follow hard after You and become, more and more like Your beloved Son. I pray, that on that glorious day when I see Your face I might hear You say "well done, good and faithful servant." In Jesus mighty name I pray. Amen.*

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