

Finding Your Chair

Central Truth:

All great, deep, and trustworthy relationships require intentionality; we simply do not fall into them. If we are to make time to develop worthwhile friendships, why should we expect that a relationship with God is any different. If we think of God as a distant idea worth considering. If we think of God as a Father, Friend, Savior, and Lord, we will find the time to meet up and know Him.

Scripture for Devotional Time

Read Mark 1:35-39 and John 5:19

Jesus never talked about his relationship *to* the Father, but his relationship *with* the Father. They were bonded in every way. And it was not a matter of previous experience, but one of constant back and forth communication. Jesus trusted the Father more than anyone else, and his life reflected that relationship in how he ordered his days.

Questions:

1. How did Jesus seem make his decisions?
2. If you sought out the council of God on a regular basis, what do you think would change in your day-to-day, month-to-month life?
3. Think of a time when you spent consist time with a friend. What difference did you see in your relationship with them and how did it effect the rest of your life?
4. If God can see your life better than you can, what would you expect out of time spent with him?
5. Are you willing to begin to spend scheduled time with Jesus?

Supplemental Video

Bill Hybels is the lead pastor at Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington, IL. This 9 minute video captures the fruitfulness and legacy of a man who scheduled time to meet with God.

Look up “Coffee with God” on Youtube or watch the video at www.stlouisxa.com: go to “resources” and it will be under “discipleship tools”

Final Questions:

1. What is the most striking aspect of Bill Hybels’ story?
2. Where is your chair? Where would you like to meet with God regularly?
3. Are you willing to commit to an authentic and functional relationship with Jesus?