

A Living Relationship

It is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.
(Philippians 2:13, NIV)

If I could snap my fingers and make it so, I'd always be centered on Christ, conscious of Him, breathing prayer to Him, resting in Him completely. I'd make it so in a minute if I could. But I can't. It doesn't work that way. And as it is, my focus gravitates from Him to myself. My will is weak and inconsistent.

But to my joy and amazement, I'm finding that I can have a living relationship with Him, one that changes daily, yet is stable. It is stable not because I can make it stable – I can't – but because His love never changes and because His Spirit in me is faithful.

I can love Him and trust Him and grow in Him. I can experience pain and frustration and disappointment, yet still be in Him. And through it all, my relationship with Him grows closer and richer and more personal and wonderful.

Do you need proof for yourself? Look back on your own life. No matter where you are in your walk with Him, you'll see that your spiritual life has been more stable than you could ever have made it.

Look around at the Christian people you know. What an infinite variety of personalities, backgrounds, and levels of maturity! Yet God is able to keep them stable, no matter how flawed and weak they are.

I still wish my heart and mind were immovable in Him, and someday they will be. But for today, I like the living, growing feeling about our relationship. It's so real and warm and human. There's so much room for hope and comfort, pleasure and surprise in Him.

Thank You, my Lord, for staying with me.

*Father, we cannot grasp Your holiness as
our own permanent possession.
We only share Your holiness
through the Holy Spirit of Your Son, Jesus.
Help us to live
in His Spirit, in His humility, in His love,
in His eagerness to please You.*

Hymn: [Now in Christ](#)