



Finding Home

Jesus' Invitation to a Transforming Friendship

"Make your home in me, and I will make my home in you."—Jesus

Spiritual Direction

We are never alone.

Jesus tells his disciples, "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you."¹

While we may face many difficulties in this life, including death, the Spirit that lives within will always be with us and *enough* for us. Our job is to ask for the faith to trust him.

Exploring

For some, the Christian faith is primarily a logical deduction, an association with a religious organization, or some version of a familiar family tradition. According to the Apostle Paul, these are truncated versions of the real thing. With a gathering of local, new Christ-followers in mind, Paul folds to his knees to humbly ask God that they might encounter Jesus in their inner person.

I pray that God would give you the power through his Spirit that dwells in your inner being, to experience Jesus making his home at the core of your personhood—that is, your thinking, emotions, conscience, and will; and that you being rooted and grounded in love, may have the ability to grasp for yourself the unimaginable infinite love of God—and not just intellectually comprehend it, but to personally encounter this love, which is far beyond what our human minds can take in, so that your life may be filled with the fullness of God himself.²

When Jesus makes his home in us, his personal love changes everything about us. It can't be helped.

Question

In what ways have you encountered the personal love of Jesus?

¹ John 14:16-17.

² Ephesians 3:14-19, dynamic translation.