

Review: Part 2

Meeting as a small group? Use the following symbols as a way to discuss the first half of *Heart's Desire*.



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Saying "Yes" to Jesus (Part 1)

Perhaps being attentive and responsive to Jesus' love, trusting more in astonishing grace than in our capabilities, is the meaning of the Christian life.

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Saying "Yes" to Jesus (Part 2)

We can fervently pray, read, study, tithe, and attend gatherings, winning the esteem of others for our passion and knowledge. But the moment we stop "pedaling," our spiritual lives coast to a halt. We've made it all about us. Sometimes in our excitement and drivenness, we worship our experience of Jesus rather than Jesus himself.

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Expectations

What begins as two distinct elements—a log and flame—soon becomes a bed of glowing red embers, where the fire and fuel now exist as one. Similarly, when we find our exquisite pleasure in God, he transforms the very nature of our heart's desire.

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Wonder

Our heart's desire—a longing for something more—is our Creator's design to lead us back to him. This invitation from a Wholly Other should leave us breathless and awestruck, conscious of our nothingness in contrast to his majesty.

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Little Interior Glances

"Little interior glances" are moments of remembering, noticing, or seeking God's presence in the midst of whatever is. It might be a memory, the sensation of hope, awareness of an abiding Presence, or subtle joy at being alive.

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Guard Your Heart

Bringing our heart along in our life's journey is the most important mission of our lives—and the hardest. It all turns on what we do with our desire.

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Noticing

In 21st-century America, perhaps the greatest obstacle to a relationship with God is creating the inner space to notice and welcome his invitations.

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Contentment

The promise here is some form of contentment. . . "not pretending that everything is the way you wish it to be; it is not acting as though you have no wishes. Rather, it is no longer being *ruled* by your desires" because your heart has found home.