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COMING TO LIFE SERIES

A Commitment to God's **PATHWAY**

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

“Committed to Real Relationship ”

Matt 16: 13-17

Ps. Sam Toms

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- Discipleship as a Construction Site
 - What is our source of revelation
 - Significance of a personal revelation
 - Slow Roast Revelation – Can’t rush a good thing
 - Called to a Journey, not a destination
 - Simon Peter – the significance of commitment

At times we can live off someone else's revelation of God. There is a danger in this because what we can lose is a sense of personal relevance. God has a revelation that he desires for you to come to learn about him, a revelation that is purpose-built for you in your current situation. God can reveal himself through people around you as well, but ultimately he wants us to come to experience Him first hand, not second or third hand.

Q. How is it often easier to take on someone else's revelation of God and not pursue a personal experience of God? What do we miss out on when we fail to take the time to engage directly with God?

Q. How can we take hold of a personal revelation of God? What does this look like in day-to-day living?

Part of realising this is coming to terms with the slow revelation that God gives us. We can think, like Saul/Paul, who had an incredible blinding experience, that this is the normal way God reveals himself to us, but it is not. I would suggest that the vast majority of God revealing his nature, character and will for our lives is given to us in a slow roast-style way. Where we sit in his presence and soak in who He is. We are thereby challenged, changed and flavoured by immersing ourselves in his Goodness.

We choose the basting that we are flavoured by. The culture we exist within will determine our flavour.



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Q. What are some ways that you can intentionally choose to promote a culture of God's values, truth and character in your life?

One of the beautiful things about Simon/Peter is how he committed faithfully to Jesus. He didn't have all the answers and often put his foot in his own mouth. But of all the failings, a lack of commitment certainly was not one. A significant reason Peter was such a key and prominent person was his commitment to Jesus, being the Son of God. This profound statement carried him through many trials and frustrations. As a church, God is calling his people to take hold and commit to His kingdom, his plans and his purposes.

Q. What obedient steps of commitment does God want you to implement?

Spiritual disciplines are like the basting for a roast. They keep us being flavoured and encountering God throughout our week. What spiritual disciplines do you find easy? Which ones do you find hard?

- Prayer, Reading God's word, memorising scripture, fasting, resting in God, worship, intercession?



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