

Volume 1, Day 29: PRAYER: Enjoying Our Friendship

Today, I find that sharing my thoughts with God and Him sharing His with me are much more part of my prayer time than lists of needs. It's about knowing more of what He is doing and thanksgiving for what He does. It is not a discipline worshipping God. It is not about sucking up to the big man by telling Him I like Him.

I'm actually overwhelmed often by the things God is doing around me. I'm captivated by the things He has put into my life. Gratefulness just becomes due course in this dynamic, rich sharing of our hearts with each other. And then I explore my day with Him. If I've got things coming up, I'm telling Him about those things and what I think of those things. Does He already know? Of course, He knows! But He likes hearing it from my perspective. He likes looking at it through my eyes.

So I do talk about circumstances coming up. I talk about people that are difficult in my life. My neighbor is one of those. At the moment, we're having a lot of conversation about my neighbor and how I'd like to ring his neck. And I know God wants me to love him in a way that I don't know how to do yet in times of anxiety.

Now, instead of praying all my worries to God, I'm just asking, "God, what is it about you that I don't know, that if I knew it, I could trust you in this?" Now, He doesn't usually answer right away. Sometimes he gradually awakens my mind and heart to the answer. But you know what? When He's with you as a companion on this journey, you need fewer answers than you thought you needed. You're more content to just let things be in His heart and mind. And knowing this, that when He wants me to know something, or when He wants me to do something, He's able to make that crystal clear to me.