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A stylized illustration of a person wearing a hat and a long coat, sitting on a grassy bank and fishing with a rod. The scene is set at night under a large, bright yellow full moon and a starry sky. The background is a soft blue gradient with faint, glowing patterns. The person is rendered in a light, sketchy style.

PROLOGUE



This work is concise and intended to be absorbed gradually, topic by topic. It encourages reflection on challenging points.

THE IDEA IS THAT CHANGING ONE'S MINDSET IS MOST effective when not constrained by old ideas. Drawing a parallel with Jesus' warning about new wine in old skins, the text suggests that unless we become a new 'I,' our thinking can be stunted. The Holy Spirit, represented as the new wine, cannot fit into your old ways of thinking.

One needs a new 'I' attached to God's Spirit to accommodate the new wine, as God cannot fit into the old wineskin. The text emphasizes that the flesh cannot be the source of godliness. By trusting in God's abilities and becoming a new wineskin of trust, our union with God creates a new, expansive 'I,' displacing old thoughts for new ones. The narrative refers to a personal realization that 'dying to self' has been accomplished and identifies a

new 'I' housing and expressing God, a process that Christ perfectly accomplished and can continue in others.

It took the author 55 years to comprehend that the new 'I' isn't rejuvenating the old 'i' but replacing it with Christ, where the new self is the soul glued to God's will by love.

Trusting in God means rejecting the limitations of the flesh. The text encourages giving time for new or challenging thoughts on this theme to find a place in one's heart, referencing Galatians 2:20. The old 'I' is declared nonexistent, with Christ living 'us.' The current life is experienced through trust in God's Son, who continues to give selflessly. The new 'I' extends to a new 'US.'

PRAYER

Father, I acknowledge the inspiration you've bestowed upon me, a literal in-breathing of the Holy Spirit, allowing me to inhale the excitement of your Person. I recognize that you are uplifting me through the enthusiasm for Jesus's life within me. This is your indwelling, empowering me with the ability to will and act. You have called me to experience you from within as I navigate my daily life by expressing your love to others through me. Your encouragement prompts me to find rest in trusting your abilities and surrendering to your will for my life. I turn my gaze towards you, Father, knowing that you also encourage others to place their trust in the name of Jesus, meaning Jehovah Saves.

*Your child, Dean Chicquette
Amen!*

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SELF ALIGNMENT

SELF-INCRIMINATION HINDERS LEARNING TO TRUST CHRIST—where, when, and how. Attempting self-improvement often leads to disappointment and a feeling of separation from God's love. Suppressing incriminating thoughts proves futile. When you confront doubt, despair, or self-incrimination, you can transform these challenges into opportunities to reinforce your trust in God.

Mistakes are inevitable, but recognizing that self-improvement relies on trusting your abilities marks a moment to label it as distrust in the living God within you. This realization offers a chance to shift from distrusting yourself to trusting Him instead of your fleshly self. The decision between the right and wrong self is in your hands.



AUTHENTIC SERENITY

No distress is needed when you mistakenly place your hope in the flesh to produce godliness. Through repentance, a change in thinking, you can uncover how, when, and why you fell into the trap of trying to emulate God. Instead, you can practice 'rediscovering' your authentic self, the new man.

When you are upset, remember that you are in-dwelt by God's presence and Person rather than succumbing to growing frustration and negative thoughts. Instead of self-condemnation, you can choose to return and place your trust in God.

The struggle to resist temptation may lead you to believe that temptation itself is inherently evil. This subtle voice encourages the thought that you are inherently evil, broken, and lacking the necessary information or skills to avoid sin. In these moments, you can transform doubt into trust by shifting from self-effort to resting in what God has already accomplished.

“Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.” (John 6:29)

Proper rest is found in resting in the work of God.



HOPES VIEW

Let your frustrations remind you that hope is exclusively found in Him. Romans chapter five assures that hope in Him never leads to disappointment because He has already bestowed upon you His Life-Giving Spirit and poured out love into your heart through the indwelling of

His Spirit. Given this reality, there's no need for disappointment when your hope is anchored in Him, as it signifies reliance on His abilities. Disappointment arises when you place trust in the thoughts and sensations of the flesh, as sin is essentially distrust, leading to consistent failings and disappointment.

Relying on an old, crucified self to generate life is futile and a departure from grace. The flesh inherently produces death. But, instantly, you can shift your hope from personal control to trust in God's control. Remember that the same Spirit that brought victory to Jesus Christ will manifest victories through you.

Trusting in His abilities allows for transformative changes. Misplaced hope brings defeat, but rightly placed hope in Emmanuel (God with you) never fails. Embrace the 'Grace Perspective,' living from God's indwelling life and the reality of Christ in you. Your devotion to Him will reciprocate His devotion to you. Rightly placed hope prevails. His life-giving Spirit living in you is his promise.



GOD'S ABILITY

Disappointment inevitably follows when you invest effort and hope, relying on your mind and physical strength. Anticipating that you can generate life through sufficient information and effort leads to inevitable letdowns. Life and its production belong to God alone; He can resurrect you even in death. Christ, working life in and through you, embodies Life Himself. The issue isn't your ability to live well, perform adequately, or place hope in the right individual; it's simply that you've become too rigid. Tension makes everything awry, with increased mistakes as

frustration tightens its grip to try and try again to do it better.

Life held in your hands becomes unmanageable. Your stress transforms Christianity into an impossible task, relying on you to perform God's work without the divine abilities necessary. From Christ's perspective, one can observe the flesh's frustration in attempting tasks only He can accomplish. Pride manifests as the belief that you excel in executing the flesh, warranting continued hope. The flesh demands effort, while allowing God to live through us is a state of rest.

In essence, your suffering often stems from dissatisfaction with outcomes that, from God's viewpoint, are perfect. When frustration arises, attempting to change things contradicts your trust in God's ability to manifest His nature and character through you. Instead of distressing over perceived inadequacies, consider frustration a signal to repent, alter your mindset, and rely on God's abilities to work through you.

A renewed mindset embraces the concept that the flesh leads to death while God is the source of life.



DEPENDENCY EXPLORED

The embodiment of Christ within you is illustrated through His humble birth in a manger. It's a profound paradox – the uncreated, eternal God of all creation clothed in human flesh. The very Word of God, existing with God and as God, willingly took on human form, aligning with the humanity He had initially designed. Humans as perfect reflections of His character and will.

He became one of us so that we could be one of His,

living His life in a human form for others to witness God's way of living. Your reason for existence is mirrored in His life, seen as your living. Having experienced life as one of us, God transforms us into reflections of His Son's perfect life, living through us. In the person of Christ, you find your life, movement, and existence. You no longer need to define yourself; you can be who you are without limitations, as love knows no bounds. Just live from the Spirit of trust and trust. P. S. don't do the flesh.

The flesh is confined in various ways, but your soul is liberated from attachment to the dictates of the flesh. The new 'I' has been joined with God's Son, Jesus Christ. You are designed to live your perfect life as God's perfect child. Just as Jesus lived in accordance with the intended human design, you are empowered to live from the life of God within you. Similar to Christ's dependence on the Father, you are meant to live relying on the indwelling life of Christ.

Embrace dependence and remain reliant on Him.

THE ROOT CAUSE

God has crafted you precisely as you were always meant to be – intended to be the vessel for His living through you. This aligns with the life we were originally designed to lead. God's presence touched the earth as He breathed life into His creation, entering into Adam. Even Christ lives through the indwelling Breath of God.

Understanding what it means for Christ to live as a human provides insight into living the life you were designed for from the beginning. Independence from God was never the intention; instead, you are meant to live by His indwelling life. Your existence isn't merely living for Him; it results from His living through you. He is not just

the source of life; He is your life. Living for God mirrors Christ's devotion to God, as Jesus honored Father God by aligning his will with the Father's will.

Consider this visualization: If Jesus desired to be the cause of the flesh's actions, he wouldn't have needed the Father. However, his servitude to the Father's will made him a conduit for what the Father could achieve through him. Refraining from succumbing to Satan's temptation on the mountain, Jesus rejected becoming the cause of his ends. Instead, he declared, "Everything I see of my Father is what I do, and everything I hear from my Father is what I say."

For all God's children, God is the cause of their being and doing.



SPIRITUAL VITALITY

Jesus Christ, perfect and without sin, embodied God's Spirit and entirely depended on His Father. If Jesus, who possessed everything, chose to live dependently on God, how much more should you rely upon Him? While we live for Him, our essence is the position of depending on Him. Saying yes to His actions acknowledges availability, not a commitment to achieving tasks flawlessly or making things happen. It's a willingness to let God work through you, accomplishing what he alone can do for His glory.

Living for Him is impossible without first living from Him. Your life must align with His will in the present moment. Recognizing that He is the source of your life allows Him to be a living testament through you. Your obedience doesn't involve doing for Him; it's about allowing Him to work through you. You receive His trust

through His gifts, enabling you to live a life that only Christ can live.

God desires you to live as if it were your life while always acknowledging it is Him. Living without striving happens when you understand that you're living 'the life of God' by allowing Him to live through you. Disappointment arises when attempting to accomplish God's tasks outside trust, expecting dead flesh to yield eternal life. The Spirit thrives in living the life only He can live.



SHOWING UP

He is both the origin and conclusion of the Christian journey. You serve as both the recipient and manifestation of Christ's life. Claiming credit for God's actions is not an option – whether you like it or not, you rely on God to express His life through you, resulting in the praise of the glory of His grace. Your availability translates into worshipping His ability. Trusting in Him means relinquishing the pursuit of your needs and desires in every circumstance, allowing Him to work through you.

As you entrust Him to fulfill all your needs and accomplish His tasks, life's situations become a call to prayer. With an attitude that says, "Father, this seems like a problem to me, but I acknowledge it as your victory," you can use circumstances to submit to His will and contribute to the reconciliation of the universe to Himself. Your identity transforms into a declaration: "Not me, but He!" Anything else amounts to self-idolatry or "flesh idolatry" – attempting to be the source, cause, and producer of what only God can accomplish.

Once this truth is firmly ingrained, you no longer try to fix circumstances. Your ability to find significance, sufficiency, and security is accessed solely through His trust alive in you, as He trusts the Father through you. Your needs are legitimate, and you find the only thing you truly need in God.



PERSONIFIED SANCTIFICATION

Your union with Christ's Spirit brings fulfillment. Express gratitude to God for the Holy Spirit. By trusting Him, you open yourself to His work in and through your life instead of seeking security or identity. Rather than manipulating things, people, or God to obtain what He has already given, be available for what God wants to accomplish through and for you. He has granted you His will, which is for you to trust in Jesus Christ.

Consequently, you need not be a victim of your own or others' identity crises. Pursuing identity, value, and significance is akin to rejecting God's attempt to breathe life into your existence, as He has already infused Christ's Spirit into you. Keep embracing His breath.

You are answerable to Christ Jesus alone; trusting in God's gift makes Him your source of security and defined purpose. This doesn't eliminate your needs, including fellowship, but it instills trust that He understands them and will fulfill them in His ways, at His time, and through His very being. Rely on Christ as sufficient for everything that appears lacking, and witness the transformation instead of striving to acquire. Your significance and identity are found in Christ; you weren't created to use the Holy Spirit for personal gain or glory. This is the essence

of sanctification – being set aside for Christ's purposes, just as Christ was set aside for the Father's purposes.



TOTAL LIVING

You don't need to achieve a specific outcome to gain a sense of self. Your task isn't to establish a self-identity but to recognize Christ at work in the present moment through you. God, as the LORD, can and will fulfill your needs according to His timing and method because you are part of His narrative, not the other way around. The purpose of Christ's life isn't for you to rely on Him to fix you; instead, it's for you to understand that He has already completed you. Your complete availability to Him results in His total availability to you. You embody the righteousness of God, which is rooted in Christ. Instead of seeking righteousness, self-justification, self-sovereignty, or self-sufficiency, God seeks His Son, who has demonstrated humility towards His Father's righteousness, justification, sufficiency, and sovereignty.

“But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption,” (1 Corinthians 1:30)

The essence of the Christian life lies not in what you accomplish with God's assistance but in what He achieves independently of your efforts. You are already in His grasp, experiencing an entirely different life. God has empowered you to live the most successful life—His life. He isn't working on making you more successful or improving your effectiveness in aligning God with your desires.

He aims to teach you to live your needs, relying on

Him to fulfill those needs with His life. Instead of seizing control and trusting yourself, He invites you to trust Him. God has chosen to impact the world from within by embodying humanity and living as if you are the one genuinely living. This signifies true oneness and union with God. The same Spirit of Christ present in the baby in the manger has been reborn within you. You are now born anew in the very Spirit and Life of God. Christ resides in you, and the inner cry of Jesus echoes as you declare, 'Abba Father.' His life is sufficient, and His living is inevitable. Your trust in His life is absolute.



MERIT AND GRACE

Jesus, in His resurrected form, included you by His very Spirit, allowing you to be in-dwelt by Him as His 'new' body. He is fulfilling what began in Christ's body through His extended body. The Spirit within you makes you the present incarnation of God's very Spirit. The disparity between you and Christ is immense; as He walked the earth, he created Life, while we are recreated and capable of receiving that Life. His rightful status as the only begotten Son of God, with authority, ability, righteousness, and holiness, was achieved. The awe of this reality is such that the four living creatures have been declaring from eternity past, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come."

The distinction between the holiness you possess and the Holiness He has is significant. His holiness came by merit, whereas yours comes by grace. What He gained has been given to you; receive!

This is how you have become a son of God in this world. In the book of First John, you are assured that you

will be like Him in this world with one crucial difference – He can cause it by His worthiness while you, at His expense, receive the right to be worthy to live just as Jesus lives through you. The same Spirit that empowered Him then is the Spirit that empowers you now. He is the source of your ability to receive what He is currently receiving from God. His nature within you has remade your person – His vessel of grace.



THE UNIQUE YOU

He sacrificed himself to align you with his way of living. Through his crucifixion and resurrection, he made you compatible with his way of living. Just as Christ was born, experienced death, and reborn, you have undergone a similar process. The profound difference lies in the fact that what is true of him by merit is true of you by grace.

In his life, he receives all the glory. His life serves as proof that he has paid the cost for you. He was the cause of his divine life back then, and he, in you, is the cause of your divine living now. Why? So that in everything God accomplishes through you, it is to the praise of his glorious grace (gifting). He deserves all the recognition because only through him can God fulfill what is required of you. Consequently, your life should mirror Christ's life, albeit with your unique personality, gifting, history, body, and talents – a distinctive you empowered by Christ.



COMPLETED JOURNEY

Christians exemplify and share Christ through selfless living, uplifting each other as Christ did with his disciples. After Christ's departure and Pentecost, the disciples became an extension of Christ's body, empowered to manifest his resurrection to others. Through the trust in Christ Jesus, you receive the Spirit and authority to walk out, in the present, what he walked out in total obedience to the Father's will.

Through this trust, you can immediately, like Jesus, demonstrate love by laying down self-centered living and embracing a life focused on others. Your sacrificial love and edification transform the desire to live for personal gain from God to live to give to others. Living solely for what you can acquire from the world undermines the trust that Christ is sufficient to complete his grace in others abundantly. Your empowered life is a recognition of Christ alive within you, witnessing others submitting to Christ's love by loving one another. As Jesus said, the world will recognize you by your love for one another.

Embrace God's sacrificial empowerment.

The Christmas story also speaks of your incarnation in that baby in a manger. It signifies his life taking human form so that, by his life, you can live a life that testifies to his resurrection. You are the evidence that what he earned has been gifted to you through His Person living through your actions. The Spirit of Christ walking in your flesh relies on God's life, mirroring what was true for Jesus then and is now confirmed for you. You give just as he gives, operating in the same manner as Christ. He was solely doing what the Father was doing, saving and loving the world, becoming sufficient through submission to His will. Now, that same humility is your sufficiency, security, and significance in you. You live just as he lives.

“By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world.” (1 John 4:17)

Love himself has completed you.



LOVE BEYOND SELF

The gift within you, the grace in you, and the sufficiency are all about empowering the expression of Divine Love to everyone else, even at your own expense. Your hope, grounded in the radical availability of what is already Christ's, governs your readiness to fulfill whatever he desires through you. He manifests his sacrificial incarnation through your needs, transforming them into a package of his grace for others. Just as Jesus was the Father's gift revealed on that first Christmas, you are a modern-day reborn gift presenting Christ's life of humility to a pride-filled world. Every day becomes a potential Christmas for someone as you walk humbly before your God, revealing the gift.

Nothing is more prideful than attempting to live for God independently. Without his divine abilities at work in you, your message becomes, 'Look at me.' In contrast, the reborn person declares, 'Look at Jesus.' Any message suggesting that you can improve the work of the Holy Spirit through fleshly efforts is misleading. Attempts to earn grace are veiled endeavors to bind God to your will. Through the personification of Mr. Grace, you get to embody the Divine Love that brought peace and tidings of great joy, as he is all-sufficient regardless of your circumstances or those around you.

The reborn life confronts life's challenges with Christ's Divine Love, joy, peace, and hope. The most potent

weapon against pride is the love found in the Person of His Son, Jesus Christ. A life of love is one of dependency on his sufficiency. No circumstance you encounter exists where Christ's work of love has not been completed. The infusion of Divine Love into every circumstance in other people's lives is accomplished through the grace you've received and shared with those who doubt themselves or harbor self-hate. What Christ is for you, he is for others through you.



GIFTED GODLINESS

You are an instrument of grace, conveying love, life, forgiveness, and sufficiency to others. With authority, you can assure them they can receive Him, their source of love, life, forgiveness, and sufficiency. Jesus, born in humble circumstances, came to fulfill needs. In a dark world needing light, He, embodying love, arrived as your Christmas gift. You walk in God's light, life, and love of Christ, reconciling yourself and others. This explains why you experience peace in less than joyous or peaceful circumstances – He is sufficient. You are a candle illuminated by God's love for others. Christ's grace and love met your most profound need for love, and now, in you, He meets others where they need it most.

Without Christ's divine discernment, wisdom, and availability, you acknowledge your inability to generate love for those seeking to harm you. That's acceptable because your union with Christ allows God's ability to manifest, regardless of the circumstance. Let God, skilled in loving people, forgive those hurtful to you – He excels at it. God is adept at loving the unlovable, and Christ excels at sacrificial love and grace. He remains peaceful amidst the

chaos. You will never be the cause of godliness; Christ's fullness confronts circumstances. Are you prepared to express sacrificial love? Christ excels at embodying godliness.



ABUNDANT MIND

Christ is alive and working within you today, living out the good news personified with peace and joy. The truth is that God has already manifested His presence; He is alive and working powerfully within you to fulfill His good pleasure.

In 2nd Peter, he assured believers that they have everything they need for life and godliness in Christ Jesus, encompassing every spiritual blessing in the heavens. Paul, in Ephesians, prayed that believers would grasp, through the Spirit's revelation, the incredible power and hope already present within them. This means acknowledging that your hope in Christ is already sufficient and recognizing the abilities at work within you as Christ works through you. At this very moment, you are seated in Him next to the Father – a reality that is already true.

You are not awaiting God's arrival but showing up with Him. Never invite God to show up; He walks with you wherever you are. You are His holy ground, and when the angels declare, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty who was and is and is to come," they proclaim His residence within his creation. Once you grasp that the finished work of Christ by grace is genuinely for you, you can spend the rest of your life enjoying His presence.

Entering His bride, Christ produces the fruit of love, joy, peace, and more. Your availability for all that He is within you is complete – He can't be any more in you than He already is. Trust and live out that trust, or distrust and

strive for what you already possess. Understanding the finished work of Christ by grace allows you to enjoy His presence rather than striving for it. In Christ, you are already whole, complete, and perfect, lacking nothing.



GOD'S PRESENT

The brokenness surrounding you does not dictate your life in Him. While acknowledging the brokenness in the world, your trust in God transcends worldly challenges. Christ has already fulfilled the hope of all ages, and you possess the joy and peace in Him. The divine life of Christ is already within you. His peace rules your heart.

Christ did not promise a life of peaceful circumstances but assured peace within you amid challenges. Similarly, he didn't guarantee joyous circumstances but pledged his indwelling joy during difficult times. Your joy and peace from God are rooted in His Person.

Born fully God and man, Jesus exemplified what a human looks like while enduring humanity's struggles. As you recognize that true humanity embodies selfless love, you see beyond the self-driven humanity that places hope solely in the self. Jesus, growing up in his circumstances, progressively revealed what was already true of him with the Father. Similarly, you mature in grace and stature with the Father and humanity. It's not about becoming more like God but shedding the selfish self and relying on God as the source of your humanity.

Your God, incarnate, lived then as you do now. Trusting in His ability and availability, you realize you lack nothing. Your identity comprises a soul and flesh, with the everlasting self-being God's life-giving Spirit manifesting life through you with a new body. Any effort to strive for

more of God's attributes denies the message that you are already divinely empowered, beloved, worthy, whole, and complete, lacking nothing. You are fully present in the Divine Life of God within your current body and amidst life's challenges.

"The Lord is in his temple, glory to God in the highest."



AXIOM OF TRUTH

Like Jesus, you are already whole when you trust in the new birth you've experienced in Christ. The truths applicable to Christ in the manger are equally valid for Christ within you. He didn't need to become more Christ; he was born as Christ and dispelled any doubts about himself by exposing himself before humanity. Likewise, in Christ, you cannot improve or become godly by doing more for God. Life isn't about managing sin better. When Christ was utterly helpless and dependent, he remained entirely Christ. In you, he allows you to be utterly helpless and dependent. The most mature Christian is available to God and unavailable to themselves. The glory of God is manifested in goodwill towards others, prioritizing others over selfish desires.

Living His life through you means trusting the Father's sufficiency for every need, just as Jesus did, including trusting in resurrection. God's glory is revealed as Christ lives His life in you. You, like Christ, make yourself available for what God desires to do through you, walking in divine sufficiency to showcase the glorious grace of God in His Son reproduced in many. Anticipate with excitement what God will accomplish through His life in you, even in the face of challenges.

Don't worry about moments where you may falter in trusting Him; He remains faithful even when you are not. If there's a lapse in dependence, simply turn and return. Returning to total dependence on Him brings redemption, and He comes alive in you to move forward. Since everything is already yours in Him, there's nothing to lose, gain, or prove; He is radically available to you when you are radically available to Him. As you hand over control, Christ takes charge.



REVITALIZED

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ. You have no reason to doubt God's love for you and his ability to manifest His life through you. However, if doubt arises, you can promptly replace it with trust. Trying to earn your way back to God is a misplaced confidence in the flesh, particularly its emotions. Falling away from grace occurs when you think you can accomplish God's work on any level. Only God can fulfill His divine purposes. The flesh cannot produce goodness. Spending a moment trying to empower the flesh is futile. Empowering it to do the right thing at the right time is impossible. As Jesus advised those being confronted, "Don't prepare; trust the Holy Spirit to defend you."

As a child of God, you are equipped to love the doubting soul into the arms of a loving God, extending that kindness to yourself when doubts arise. God has perfected you through the sacrificial love demonstrated in Christ. Whatever it costs Him to love you, He is willing to spend through you on others. His life within you is ready to serve others selflessly, mirroring the eternal servanthood of God's love. The resurrected love of God, manifested in

Christ Jesus, now resides in those who trust in a simple prayer: “Not my will, but your will be done, Father.”

A feeble flesh does not dictate the will of God. His sanctifying you in Christ Jesus represents His sovereignty, placing you in His hands to fulfill His desires. Each moment of resting in His ability to act makes you His instrument. Even if there’s a failure to trust, God’s will prevails. Similar to Jesus, who could only be the Christ through complete surrender to His Father, your identity is inseparable from continuous surrender to the Holy Spirit. Jesus, as the firstborn among many brethren, has become your friend, and you understand His intentions. By accepting the crucifixion of Christ, you qualify to experience His resurrection. Having been revived in Him, you become His children and co-heirs with Christ in God’s new creation, possessing His divine nature.



ACCEPTANCE

The significance of Emmanuel, meaning “God with us,” deepens when we recognize that it signifies God’s indwelling presence within us. It’s not a force, grand suggestion, or power to be manipulated for good or evil purposes. It transcends being a commodity or a conditional promise. In your experience, Emmanuel represents God confronting you, akin to how He faced Job, questioning when you sought His advice. You remain ever available to God, and even in moments of rebellion, akin to Jonah, He has the power to resurrect you and align you with His will.

God being with you dismantles any notion that you can manipulate God into doing anything, let alone loving and protecting you. Christ, as God dwelling within you, allows

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no room for other gods, including a self-centered identity. As Christ in you leads you to interact with others, unveiling Christ's person, power, and love before them, that same love is recognized as poised to take over. Your confidence in His sufficiency to unconditionally love others serves to make Him known. In the words of Jesus, "If they reject you, they reject me."

**In conclusion:
Christ lives the Christ Life.**




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