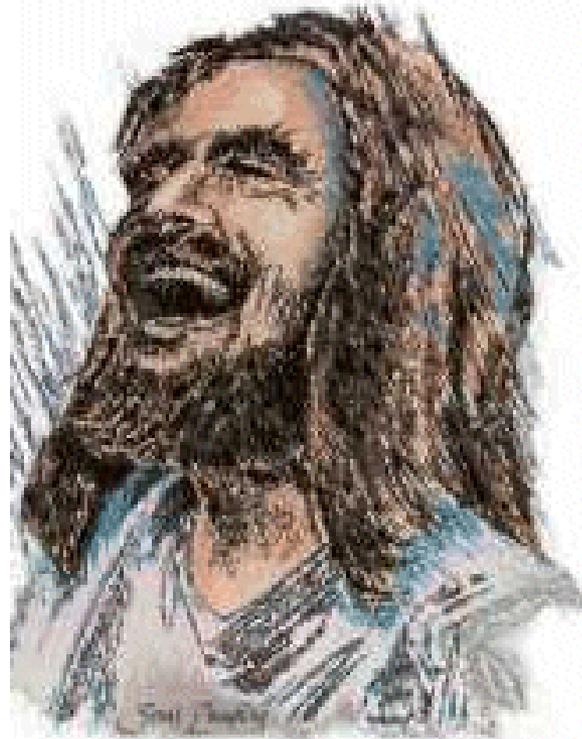


# A weekend with Jesus Sunday morning “Lets go together”



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# **A weekend with Jesus – Sunday morning**

- **Come to me – all who are – weary and heavy burdened.**
- **Come to me all who are thirsty – water of life**
- **Abide in me, remain in me**
- **Exercise, create habits. Do things every day so that they become normal reactions, replacing our old reactions**
- **What do you want to leave in your booth?**

## Disciplines of abstinence.

- Solitude
- Silence
- Fasting
- Frugality
- Secrecy
- Sacrifice
- etc

## Disciplines of engagement.

- Study
- Worship
- Celebration
- Service
- Prayer
- Fellowship
- Confession
- Submission, etc

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- Master - any sort of overseer, one to give respect to, one you would call 'sir,' rabbi?
- Lord - **he who one belongs**, possesses, also God and Messiah
- Followed him, follow, join, **accompany**
- **“Apprentice”**

# Doing life with Jesus

- Yoked together
- Continuing the mission of Jesus
  - Growing to be like him – bigger & softer hearts

**How did Jesus know what to do each day?**

# Jesus – how did he know what to do?

- **Strategic plan?**
- **Identity – I am loved by the Father – his beloved**
- **Connected, knows intimately**

***John 5 :19 "I assure you, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does."***

*Does God have a specific plan for us, or is there freedom to choose?*

- ❖ What do do for a job?
- ❖ Who to marry?
- ❖ What to have for breakfast
- ❖ Where to have summer holiday?
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*Specific plan*

- Gen 24:12-14
- Psalm 32:8
- Proverbs 3:5-6
- Isa 30:21
- John 6:38
- Acts 8:26-29, 13:1-3, 16:6-10
- Col 1:9-10

*Seems to be freedom*

- ❖ Cor 16:3-4
- ❖ Phil 2:25-26
- ❖ 1 Thess 3:1-2
- ❖ Titus 3:12
- ❖ James 4:13-16
- ❖ Psalm 119:1-4
- ❖ Proverbs 2:1-11

Take it to the  
extreme one way:

The puppet master



Taking the  
'way of freedom  
& wisdom'  
to an extreme:

*the distant God*



- **Going between the two is stressful**
- **Is there another way?**

Show me your ways

That I may walk with you

Show me your ways

I put my hope in you

The cry of my heart is to love you more

To live in the touch of your hand

Closer each day

Show me your ways

*The dancing God* - invites us to be  
co-creators of the dance



## *“The Way of the Dance”*

“Our prayer is not making conversation with God. It is joining the conversation that is already going on in God. It is being invited to participate in the relationships of intimacy between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. There is an eternal dance already in full swing, and we are caught up in it.

Prayer [*and* discernment] is allowing ourselves to join the dance and experience the movements, the constant interplay of the persons of the Trinity.”

(Martin L. Smith)

“Discernment ... is more than a pragmatically effective way of making choices. It is rather a framework which enables us to join in partnership with God in making choices which will bring about the fulfillment of God's generous hopes and desires for the world and for us.”

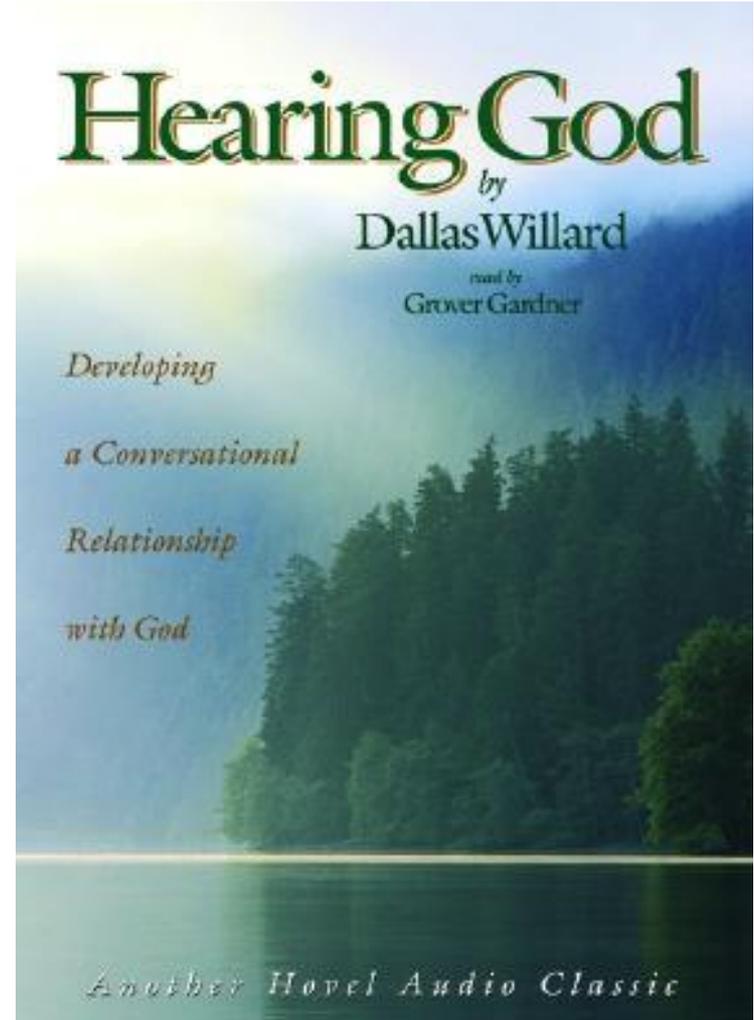
(D. Lonsdale, *Listening to the Music of the Spirit*)

## *Learning to Dance With God*

“Perhaps music and dance, then, offer an illuminating image of what it means to discern God's will. We hear the Spirit's music in creation, in our own gifts, in life as it unfolds in us and in the world around us, and in the word of God. God's gracious invitation is that we dance to that music.” (D. Lonsdale, *Listening to the Music of the Spirit*)

## *Hearing God*

- Maturing relationship
- Conversational relationship
- Kingdom partnership
- Wise choices - do you need minute by minute instruction?



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Numbers 6:24-26

