



# Living Vertically

Passionate Pursuit of God  
Philippians 3:8-10



The parable of the shark

Our focus turns away from ourselves, removing us from a self-centered realm of existence and opening the door of our minds to a God-centered frame of reference, where all things begin and end with Him.

# Questions

1. On what or whom are you focused?
2. How willing are you to leave your warehouse? What's holding you back?
3. Are you content with shallowness?
4. Are you truly taking God seriously?
5. Do you care enough to “live beyond”?
6. Is your heart completely His?
7. Are you taking the time to wait before Him?

# Why do you want to know Jesus?

Mark 8:11-12



Mark 14:6-9



After having given myself wholly  
to God...I renounced, for the  
love of Him, everything that was  
not God; and I began to live as if  
there was none but He and I in  
the world.

~ Brother Lawrence



"This is and has been  
the Father's work  
from the beginning-to  
bring us into the home  
of His heart."  
~George MacDonald



# Philippians 3:8-10



# Amplified Bible

For my determined purpose is that  
I may know Him that I may  
progressively become more deeply  
and intimately acquainted with  
Him,

perceiving and recognizing and  
understanding the wonders of His  
Person more strongly and more  
clearly,

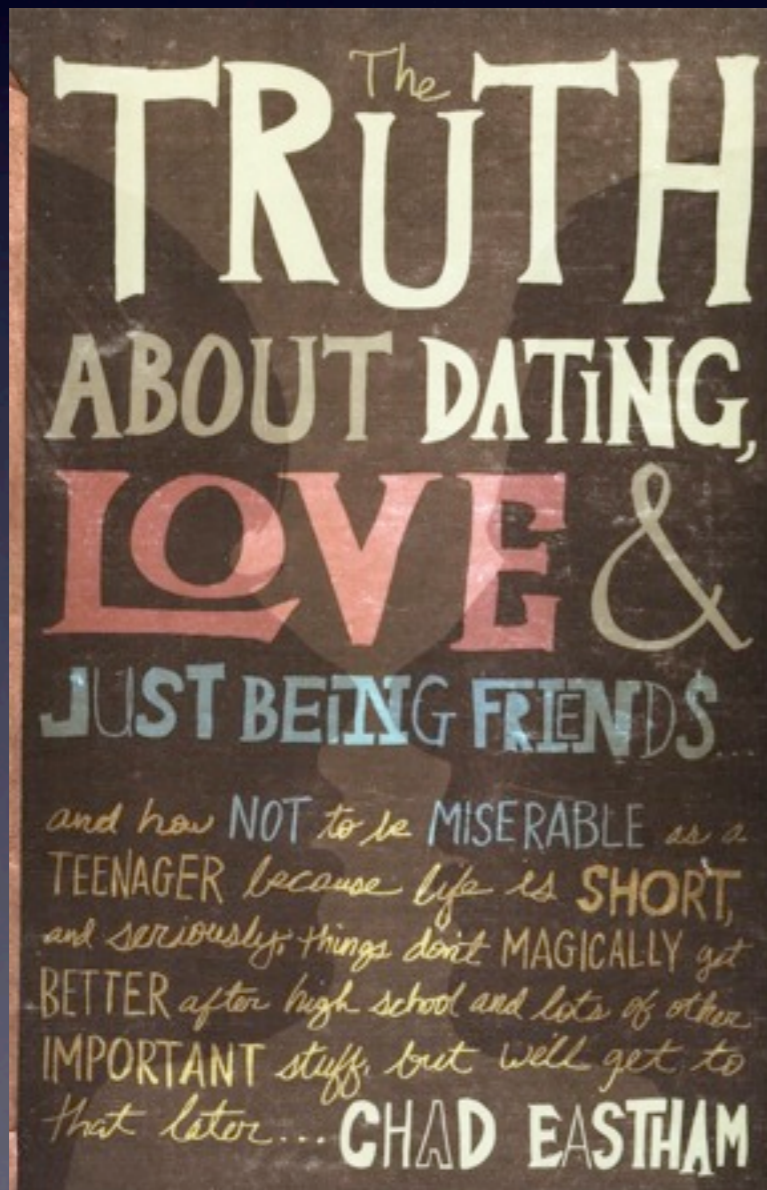
and that I may in that same way  
come to know the power  
outflowing from His resurrection  
which it exerts over believers,

and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed in spirit into His likeness even to His death.

# Decision

For my determined purpose is that  
I may know Him that I may  
progressively become more deeply  
and intimately acquainted with  
Him,

Knowing about is not  
the same as knowing.



intimacy = “into me see”

Investigate my life, O God, find out everything about me; cross-examine and test me, get a clear picture of what I'm about...

(Psalm 139:23)

# Reason

perceive

recognize

understand

the wonders of His Person more  
strongly and more clearly,



# Decision

...that I may in that same way  
(progressively and intimately)  
come to know...

Christ's resurrection power

# Reason

and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed in spirit into His likeness even to His death.

Who I am must die and  
what I have must  
become His.



# Galatians 2:20



Exodus 4:20

The staff of Moses became the  
staff of God!



When was the  
last time your  
breath was  
taken away by  
the person of  
Jesus?