Apocalypse Now



The mind (bible study) tells us about the Bible

The Spirit tells us about the Author



Our faith struggles when it becomes excessively verbal and rational.

Thinking overshadows paying attention.



We all need to hear God say He loves us.



John 17: 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Whatever God says to Jesus, He also says to us.



Apocalypse=to unveil

3 Unveilings Jesus Needed

Unveiling of God's love

Luke 3: 21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom l love; with you I am well pleased."



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Unveiling of God's love Unveiling of God's mission

Luke 9: 28 About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. 29 As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. 30 Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. 31 They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.

You will know God's mission for you when He breaks your heart for someone else.

The key to a successful mission is your availability.



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Unveiling of God's love Unveiling of God's mission Unveiling of God's convictions

Luke 9: 32 Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. 33 As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

Luke 9: 34 While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. 35 A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." 36 When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.



Acts 10: 11 He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. 12 It contained all kinds of fourfooted animals, as well as reptiles and birds. 13 Then a voice told him, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat." 14 "Surely not, Lord!" Peter replied. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean."

Acts 10: 15 The voice spoke to him a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean."

16 This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.

God's mission will always push you in the direction of God's love.



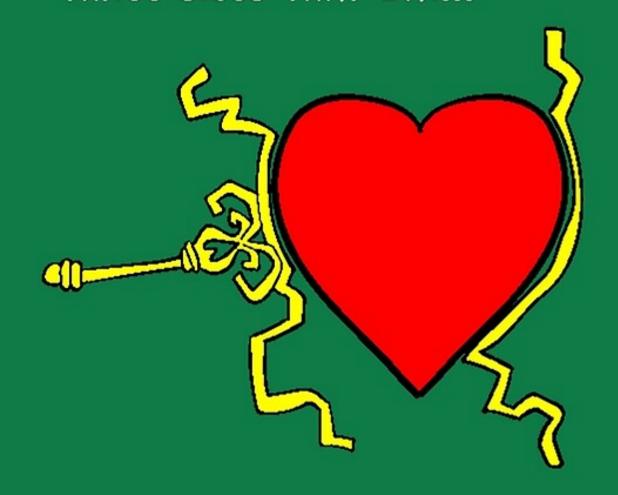
Corinthians 13: 2 If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing.

Most likely, God will seek to convict you to love those you reject.

cf. Peter with the Gentiles, Paul with the Christians, You and?

Your mission tells you who to love. Your conviction expands your love.

THE GRINCH'S HEART GREW THREE SIZES THAT DAY...



When people are right with God, they are apt to be hard on themselves and easy on other people. But when they are not right with God, they are easy on themselves and hard on others.

- John Newton