

On the Outside Looking In

I. Frustrations with others

Disappointments in friendships,
relationships, and family

Discouraged by church
experiences

A silhouette of a bare tree with many thin, intricate branches, set against a dark, textured background that resembles a close-up of wood grain or a similar natural material. The tree is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the image, with its trunk and branches extending upwards and outwards.

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I. Frustrations with others

II. Fulfillment in religious habits

Do you give God your Sundays and not your Saturdays?

Do you give God your actions and not your attitudes?

Do you give God your time but not your thoughts?

Do you give God your grief but not your goals?

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- III. Failed promises with God

- A. His message is simple

His message is clear when you are near to Him yet... His message is complex when you try to grasp it without Him

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 - A. His message is simple
 - B. His message is inescapable

Jesus knows our unwillingness
to be made whole

He does not hold your
weaknesses against you

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IV. False impressions of God

I don't have to prove myself to
God

I don't have to worry about
disappointing God

I don't have to earn His respect

I don't have to deserve His
blessings

I don't have to try hard to be
accepted

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IV. False impressions of God

V. Fearful of admitting we are distant from God

When there is no recourse

When there is no answer

When there is no help

When there is no solution

When there is no way

When there is nobody

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Where can you find this love?

...Waiting on you

A silhouette of a bare tree with many thin branches, set against a warm, yellowish background. The tree is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the image.

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He is the One

Who makes God visible...

...And change possible...

...And happiness attainable...

...And suffering understandable...

...And sin forgivable...

...And Heaven available...





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“One can give without loving, but one cannot love without giving.”

