

We often want a supernatural encounter while neglecting the normal faith-opportunities that are right in front of us



*Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.”
Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? John 14:8-9*

Show Us the Father

In John 14:8 Philip asked Yeshua to show him the Father. Philip wanted a profound experience or vision of YHWH. Yeshua's answer was that Philip had already seen the Father through Him. In other words Yeshua told Philip that he already had all of what he needed.

Sometimes I can relate to Philip's request. I want a profound experience with God to encourage or validate me. There are a couple of off-times when God

has showed up significantly when I asked Him to but the majority of the other times I didn't have a profound experience when I wanted one. I bet that your situation is similar. I believe Yeshua would say the same thing to us today that He did to Philip, namely: "I'm with you and I'm enough for what you are presently going through." I believe that He would add that in many ways He's waiting for our initiation to draw near to Him.

This drawing near happens in large part as we talk to Him. We engage with Yeshua by speaking truths about Him back to Him. Conversing with God is the core activity of believing and abiding in Christ. As we speak words to Yeshua His life grows in us a little at a time. We spend countless hours over our lifetime talking to people in our heads, arguing, making plans, showing love to people who are not physically present with us. But there is One who actually is present though the Spirit who will interact with us and soften our heart as we come to Him.

The main challenge for me is that He's invisible and I have to cultivate this relationship by faith. This is a temporary scenario where we have the opportunity to draw near to the invisible God by faith. There is a coming day when our faith will be sight. Then it will be easy and won't take faith because that which we believe now without seeing will be validated.

In closing, I would like to challenge each of us on this Sabbath to invest 15 minutes to just quiet our hearts in silence and then to talk to Yeshua. Have something available to write down anything that comes from this time. Use short phrases with frequent pauses of silence. Tell Yeshua you love Him. Ask Him for a greater measure of His presence and activity in your life. And then just take it from there. I believe as we do these types of exercises more regularly that we'll have more connection with the invisible God and will see more of His activity in our lives.