

The Me I Want To Be

Becoming God's Best Version of You

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Chapter Eighteen

Find a Few Difficult People to Help You Grow

1. Does the author think that difficult people help us grow more or less than people we like?

2. True / False

According to the author, in order to help us grow, God might send someone who is just the opposite of the area he wants us to experience growth.

3. True / False

Really, there are only a few difficult people in the world.

4. Don't look! Match the following with the person they battled to accomplish God's will in their life. (David, Moses, Elijah, Esther, Jacob, Jesus, John the Baptist)

- a. Jezebel - _____
- b. Haman - _____
- c. Pharoah - _____
- d. Saul - _____
- e. Herod - _____
- f. Laban - _____
- g. Judas - _____

5. "We are always being _____ or _____ by each interaction." (pg. 204)

6. True / False

"Everyone has a holy of holies that can only be touched by God."

7. "_____ is the closest we come to being able to influence a person at their deepest level." (pg. 205-206)

8. When I keep God between me and you... (pg. 206)

- a. I begin to be less _____ of you.
- b. I become less _____.

9. What kind of people do we normally love? What kind of people does God love?

10. True / False

Jesus prayed that difficult people be removed from his life.

11. True / False

Jesus avoided difficult people.

12. How did Jesus instruct us to deal with people who would insult us?

13. How did Jesus instruct us to deal with people who might use us?

14. Have you ever been a difficult person?

15. In what story of the Bible do we find the first occurrence of a relationship being restored through confession and forgiveness?

16. Where in the Bible do we find for the first time the possibility of substitutionary atonement.

17. When did Joseph know that his brothers had changed and were worthy of being trusted and forgiven?