



Lesson Two: Come into my life

Read Luke 15:11-32. Both sons in this parable had one thing in common; they both wanted the father's "stuff", but not a relationship with the father. Hannah asks God to come into her life in a personal way, an intimate way. Do we do that, or do we want God's stuff and not God?

Read Mark 8:34-39, Matthew 5:10-11, Matthew 10:16-22, Acts 5:41, 1 Corinthians 4:11-13, 2 Timothy 3:12-13. What type of a picture does this paint for Christians? Are we promised a life of ease? What does God tell us we will experience if we invite Him into our lives?

The story doesn't end with the cost of being a follower of Christ, though. Although we can expect persecution, suffering, dishonor, anger, hatred, etc, there is more to following Christ than that.

Read Matthew 11:25-30. What invitation does Jesus extend to us? What does He say about the yoke He offers?

Read John 4:13-14. What type of water does Jesus offer?

Read John 10:22-30. If we follow Christ, what does He promise us? How do we know that is a secure promise? (verse 29)

Read John 14:25-29. What does Jesus give to us as a helper? What does Jesus leave with us?

Considering the above verses, what could you expect if God did come into your life in a personal way? Do you see the benefits as far outweighing the cost?

Read Matthew 6:25-34. Spend some time in prayer today, thanking God for His provision here on earth and for His eternal provision.