

*The Rock House Church*  
*February 26, 2017*  
*Today God IS!!*  
*IS WHAT?*

**TODAYS WORD:** "Today you can choose to let go of worry and say "All is well" just because I made this promise to you Exodus 33:14 "My presence goes before you and I give you rest..."so receive right now My Rest—let go of your worry and fear; then watch My amazing Love unfold before and in you."

**TODAYS Though For The Week:**

"The Best Way To Get Something Done---is simply **BEGIN!**"

**TODAYS TOP QUESTIONS:**

- 1) What is the "Substance" of your Faith? (Hebrews 11:1)
- 2) God is what? Or; God is what to you? (\*Graham Cooke\*)
- 3) Why are you here today?
- 4) Why do you Worship?
- 5) What does worship do for you?

**TODAYS SONG IN THE NIGHT:**

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS:

What a friend we have in Jesus; All our sins and grief's to bear.	Have we trials and temptations Is there trouble anywhere? We should <b>never be discouraged</b> Take it to the Lord in prayer.	Are we weak and heavy laden Cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior still our refuge Take it to the Lord in prayer
What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer. <u>Oh what peace we often forfeit</u> Oh <u>what needless pain we bear</u> All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer.	Can we find a friend so faithful Who will <u>all our sorrows share?</u> Jesus <u>knows our every weakness</u> Take it to the Lord in prayer.	Do friends despise forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer <u>In His arm he'll take &amp; shield you</u> Thou will find a solace there.
Take it to the Lord in (WORSHIP--full) prayer		

**TODAYS Humor:** DON'T NEED GRACE: Little Mickey and his family were having Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Mickey received his plate, he started eating right away.

"Mickey! Please wait until we say our prayer," said his mother.

"I don't need to," the boy replied.

"Of course, you do," his mother insisted through gritted teeth. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house," Mickey explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook."

TODAYS VERSE: MATTHEW 4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into desert To Be Tested---by Satan---after 40 days of fasting---Satan came---

Genesis 3:“They saw they were naked; so they sowed fig leaves to cover up”

MARK 11:12-14 Jesus became hungry and seeing in a distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if perhaps He would find any fruit on it; when He came to it, He found “Nothing but leaves!” It wasn’t yet the season for fruit. Jesus said, “May no one eat of you again.”

20: the next morning they saw the fig tree withered from the roots up.

25: Jesus said: “When you pray, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that the Father will forgive you your sins”

QUESTION: Is there any comparison between Genesis and Mark verses?

QUESTION: What is the Government covering up? Nation? Church? Family? Me?

QUESTION: Why must we be open, vulnerable, uncovered, exposed?

QUESTION: What is the “Substance” of your Faith?( I am D\_\_\_! C\_\_\_\_\_ T lives in m\_!)( Hope in G\_\_)

\*Graham Cooke: Who is God for you?\*

How you answer this question is the single most important thing in the world.

Your opinion of God, what you perceive Him to be for you, will drive everything in your life.

This is because the way we live is profoundly shaped by our picture of God in more ways than we realize. For example, are you a sinner who struggles to love God or are you a lover of God who struggles with sin? Knowing the answer to a question like this will radically shape how you approach God and how you feel in your relationship with Him.

The more wrong our view of God is the more religious and legalistic we will become, and the more we miss out on what He is really like. The truth about God’s essential nature will set us free to have incredible experiences of Him. This leads us to a knowledge of His manifest presence, which is our right because we are in Christ. On that revelation of Him in our hearts He will not only build a foundation for our lives but also for the church through us.

The church is built on an individual and collective revelation of who God really really is, and if we don’t get it ourselves, the world isn’t going to get it either.

We better get busy exploring what God is really really like. Not only for our own sake, but also for everyone else’s.

One of my favorite characteristics of God is that He loves to be faithful. This means that he has a fixed and determined love in His heart towards us. It’s a love that guards, keeps, watches over and preserves our life, even when facing challenges or feeling attacked.

The foundation for this love is a covenantal faithfulness that does not desert or abandon another, but rather conveys God’s affection for us. In this covenant, the Father and the Son have permanently dealt with sin, bringing us all into His presence.

The Father has been faithful to keep His promise by putting us into Jesus because of His unconditional love for us. His covenant with us will always be kept; it’s an arrangement that can never be changed. Jesus is the covenant-maker, the guarantee of the best covenant of love we will ever enter into. Knowing this part God’s nature has been a foundation for how I process life. It’s an aspect of Him that I now expect to experience in everything I do.

So, I ask you again, who is God for you? I pray you find a new intentionality in discovering what God is really like. It really does change everything for us

Graham Cooke: God adores His conversations with you. He loves to talk to you about who you are and who He sees you becoming. He lives to share His good thoughts and plans about you. You being alive to Him means everything to Him!

Just be sure that you're having the same conversation with Him that He loves to have with you. Remember that God can only talk to the new you. He cannot—indeed He will not—talk to you or help you fix up your old nature. That's like trying to do plastic surgery on a corpse! You died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. It's His passion to connect with the new, true you in Christ that is emerging. That's the conversation that you want to be listening for!

Sometimes we fail to hear Him clearly because we're listening for the wrong things. We're waiting for God to talk about our failures or everything we are not. But He's not having that conversation with us. So when thoughts about our lack, failure or inadequacies begin, do we ever think to ask, "Who is doing the talking?"

Here's an excerpt from my latest book, *The Nature of Freedom*, that explores this more. I wrote the book as if God were talking directly to you so that you can hear the resonant sound of His kindness, compassion and delight in who you are to Him. A divine conversation will always be filled with the character of His true nature, so hear that as you read.

When you operate from the old you, you are engaged in Failure Mode (FM), when you live in the new man you are involved with Abiding Mode (AM). I AM is attuned to AM not FM. So many times you pray like a widow in FM when you could pray like a Bride in AM. You must tune into what My Son has accomplished, and what the amazing Holy Spirit is training you to become in Me.

Beloved, he that is dead is free from sin. Dead people do not struggle, they rest in peace. That is why when you are overcome by a negative perception from the old nature, you must stop and ask yourself, "Which self is talking here? Is this the old man or is this my new man in Christ?"

God understands that maturity is a long road, but a fabulous journey. Don't get so hung up on the outcome that you fail to enjoy the conversations with Him along the way. Just be sure, you've tuned in His AM mode to hear all of His good thoughts about you!

**[Psalm 37:5](#) *Commit your way to the Lord; trust also in Him, and He will do it.* NASB**

Do you want God in charge of your situation? First, *commit or give your problem to the Lord*. That's a single, decisive act; then Trust In The Lord. Trust is a continuing attitude; last believe He will do it.

Watchman Nee: "We can't inject spiritual appetite forcibly into others; we can't compel others to be hungry. Hunger has to be created, and it can be created in others only by those who carry with them the impression of God. But there must be something in us that gives release to the fragrance we have of Christ and that produces in others an awareness of need. And that something is a willingness to yield, a breaking and a pouring out of everything to God. This is what draws others out and on to know the Lord."

Oz Hillman: The three Persons of the Godhead are never independent but always work together in concert. Scripture records the work of the divine trinity in the creation cosmos (see Genesis 1:1-2, John 1:1-3 and Colossians 1:15-17), but this perfect and harmonious interaction was especially evident in how God made it possible for people who were formerly alienated from him to be transformed into his beloved children Paul first spoke of the work of the Father in accomplishing our salvation in Ephesians 1:3-6. The Father chose us before the creation of the world and sent his Son into the world so that through him we could be adopted into his family. Second, the apostle focused on the work of the Son in Ephesians 1:7-12. Christ's blood sacrifice on our behalf paid the penalty for our sins so that we could enjoy forgiveness and lay hold of God's purpose for our lives. Third, the work of the Holy Spirit,

identified in verses 13-14, seals and guarantees our spiritual inheritance. Thus, the Father initiated our salvation, The Son accomplished it and the Holy Spirit made it real in our lives. At the end of each of these three sections the phrase 'to the praise of his glory' appears. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit perform distinct roles, but they work together in perfect harmony and agreement.\*

This three-fold team of the trinity is committed to bringing you into full maturity in Jesus Christ. May the Father, Son and Holy Spirit take your feet of clay and build a solid foundation for the praise of His Son.

**The King of Glory Entering Zion.  
A Psalm of David. 24**

(Reader #1) The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains,  
The world, and those who dwell in it.  
<sup>2</sup> For He has founded it upon the seas  
And established it upon the rivers.

( Reader #2) Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD?  
And who may stand in His holy place?

(Reader #1) He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood  
And has not sworn deceitfully.  
<sup>5</sup> He shall receive a blessing from the LORD  
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

(ALL) This is the generation of those who seek Him,  
Who seek Your face—*even* Jacob. Selah.

(Reader #1) <sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates,  
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
That the King of glory may come in!

(Reader #2) Who is the King of glory?

(ALL)The LORD strong and mighty,  
The LORD mighty in battle.  
<sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates,  
And lift *them* up, O ancient doors,  
That the King of glory may come in!

(Reader #1) Who is this King of glory?

(ALL) The LORD of hosts,  
He is the King of glory. Selah