

Deeper

Pursuing a Passionate Relationship with God

Week #1: *Deep and Wide*

... the greatest commitment I can make in my life is to discover my desire for God and indulge that passion with all of my soul.

~ Larry Crabb, *Soul Talk*

As I look back over the giants of faith, all had one thing in common: neither victory nor success, but *passion*.

~ Philip Yancey, *Reaching for the Invisible God*

A passion for God goes beyond simple fondness. It is a love for God that is constant, regardless of the circumstances.

~ Charles Stanley, *A Gift of Love*

Few people puzzle me with how radically dependent they are on God and how deeply satisfied they are with just him.

~ Larry Crabb, *Soul Talk*

I want Christ to take possession of my heart, his dwelling place, and to drive out all the squatters who take up residence whenever I leave my heart untended.

- Peter S. Williamson, *Ephesians*

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

~ The Apostle Paul, *Romans 8:38-39 (ESV)*

It [the love of Christ] must find expression in experience, in sorrows and joys, trials and sufferings, in ways too deep for the human mind to fathom, or for human language to express.

~ Francis Foulkes, *Ephesians*

One can grasp it only through experience, and even when one experiences it one is left groping for words to describe it.

~ Ben Witherington III, *Letters to Philemon, the Colossians and the Ephesians*

People will not move as far as they could on their journey into God's presence or experience the power of the Spirit as fully as they could without telling their story to another person.

~ Larry Crabb, *Soul Talk*

When we can bring forth riches from the depths of our inner life, we will find that other lives will be deeply affected.

~ Watchman Nee, *Deep Calls Unto Deep*

***...Love the Lord your God
with all your heart
and with all your soul
and with all your mind.***

~ Jesus