

We as a body desperately need the individual expression of God within each of us and we need to know Him individually.

John 20, Mary Magdalene saw Jesus but didn't know Him.

John 21, the disciples saw Jesus but didn't know Him

Luke 24, those on the road to Emmaus walked with Jesus but didn't know Him.

How did they come to know they were with Jesus? *He* revealed Himself to them. In each account, they were either in a place where they had seen Him, doing an action they associated with Him or talking about Him when He appeared; He revealed Himself differently to each one. To Mary, He spoke her name. To the disciples on the boat He asked if there was any fish and reminded them of an earlier encounter with Him. To those on the road, they knew Him when He broke bread.

Your relationship with God is so much more than what you've known so far. It is YOUR walk with the Lord. Be inspired by others but don't mimic their walk just for the sake of mimicry. The Lord has a specific call and walk for you which is based in Him, not in what others have done and are doing around you.

God will move in us the way He desires. Markee knew her sermon, I didn't. Quit trying to imitate each other. Be God to one another the way He intended you to be - express the specific part of Him that He put into you and your personality.

In our relationships, direct the expectations that we have of one another toward the Lord. No spouse, friend, parent, child, pastor, mentor can fully meet the need that you have. God wants you to draw to Him to satisfy the deep part of you. YOU be responsible toward one another as the Lord has instructed us to be but don't put that same demand on another.

**Colossians 1:9-12** *"For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the real knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and growing by the real knowledge of God; strengthened with all power according to the might of His glory, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints of light."*