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EXPERIENCING GOD: KNOWING AND DOING THE WILL OF GOD

"REALITY #2: God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal."

I. God created humanity for a love relationship with Him.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, The Lord is one. You shall love The Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

Every encounter God has with you is an expression of His love for you.

- II. God always takes the initiative in this love relationship.
- III. No matter what your circumstances are, God's love never changes.
- IV. Because of love, there is no depth to which you can go that the grace of God will not go further still.
- V. Your love for God and your obedience to His commands go hand in hand.

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." (John 14:15)

If you have an obedience problem you have a love problem.

- VI. The relationship God wants to have with you will be real and personal and practical.
 - 1. Differ your perspective about God

You keep a quiet time alone with God, not in order to have a relationship, but because you have a relationship and you want to meet with Him and spend time with Him.

- 2. Declutter your life
- 3. Discontinue your empty calorie pursuits
- 4. Draw near to God...and He will draw near to you (James 4:8)