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Embracing Brokenness
Part 6: Beholding the Glory of Jesus
2 Corinthians 3:12-18

How can we know so much about Jesus and yet be so unlike Him? In 2 Corinthians 3, Paul draws on the story of Moses and the veil to reveal the extraordinary privilege of the new covenant: through Christ, the veil is removed, and through the Spirit, all believers can behold the glory of God revealed in Jesus. As we turn our attention toward Him, the Holy Spirit gradually transforms us into His likeness. The Christian life is not simply about acquiring more knowledge or managing our behavior; it is about becoming like Jesus by beholding Jesus. This invites us to consider what has our attention and to approach Scripture, prayer, and community with a heart that genuinely seeks His face.

Consider / Contemplate

"You are what your mind looks at. You are what you contemplate." Hwee Hwee Tan

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." Augustine, Confessions

"Look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in." C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

Thinking it Through

1. How would you answer the sermon's opening question: Why can we know so much about Jesus and still be so unlike Him?

2. What does Moses' veil help us understand about spiritual blindness? And what changes when someone turns to Christ?

3. Why is it possible to study Scripture faithfully and still miss Jesus? How might this shape the way you read the Bible?

4. Paul says where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. What are we freed from, and what are we freed for, in this passage?

5. What stands out to you about Paul's insistence that "we all" can behold the Lord's glory? How does that change our understanding of access to God?

6. How does the truth that God's glory is revealed most fully in Jesus affect the way we understand God's character?

7. Where have you noticed gradual transformation toward Christlikeness in your life? Where do you still long to see growth?

8. What currently receives the most sustained attention in your life? How do you think that attention is shaping the person you are becoming?

9. What is the difference between practicing Scripture reading, prayer, and community as religious duties and approaching them as opportunities to behold Jesus?

10. Which practice could help you make more room to seek Jesus' face this week? What specific change in posture or habit might that involve?

Prayer Points

- Ask the Holy Spirit to remove whatever keeps us from seeing Jesus clearly.
- Pray for a deeper desire to seek the face of Jesus through Scripture, prayer, and community.
- Ask God to transform us, little by little, into the likeness of Christ as we behold His glory.