

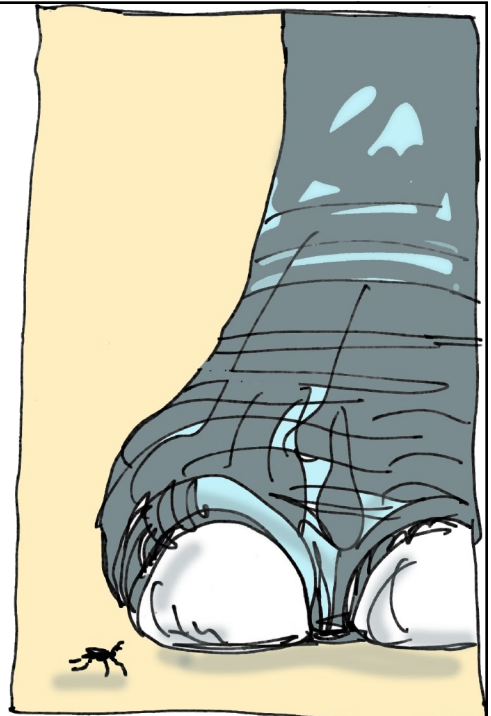
Relationships

- One sided “relationships”
- Seeking a genuine relationship with God

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Knowing God

John 17:1-5
ref.ly/Joh17;niv



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Discipleship Pathway

- Goal
- Contexts
- Content
- Practices
 - Love people closer to Jesus

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The Goal: A Mature Christian

With **life from God**

in **the Gospel**

we **love** (up, in, out)

and **join His works** (creation, redemption, renewal)

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John 17:1-5

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God's purpose

"No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,'
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,"
declares the Lord.

"For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more."

Jeremiah 31:34

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God's purpose

"For the earth will be filled
with **the knowledge of the glory of the Lord**
as the waters cover the sea."

Habakkuk 2:14

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Our thirst

"You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water."

Psalms 63:1

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Our thirst

"As the deer pants for streams of water,
so **my soul pants for you**, my God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?"

Psalm 42:1-2

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Jesus' purpose

"I am the good shepherd;
I know my sheep and **my sheep know me**—
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—
and I lay down my life for the sheep."

John 10:14-15

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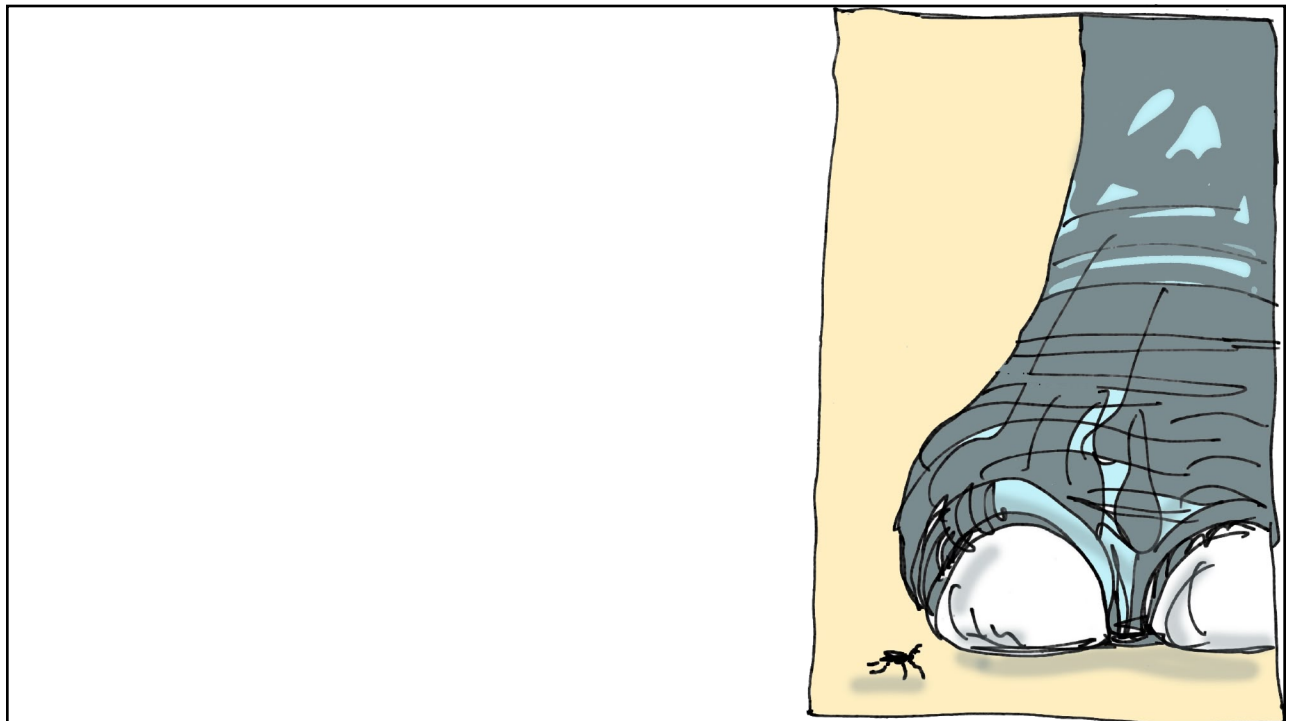
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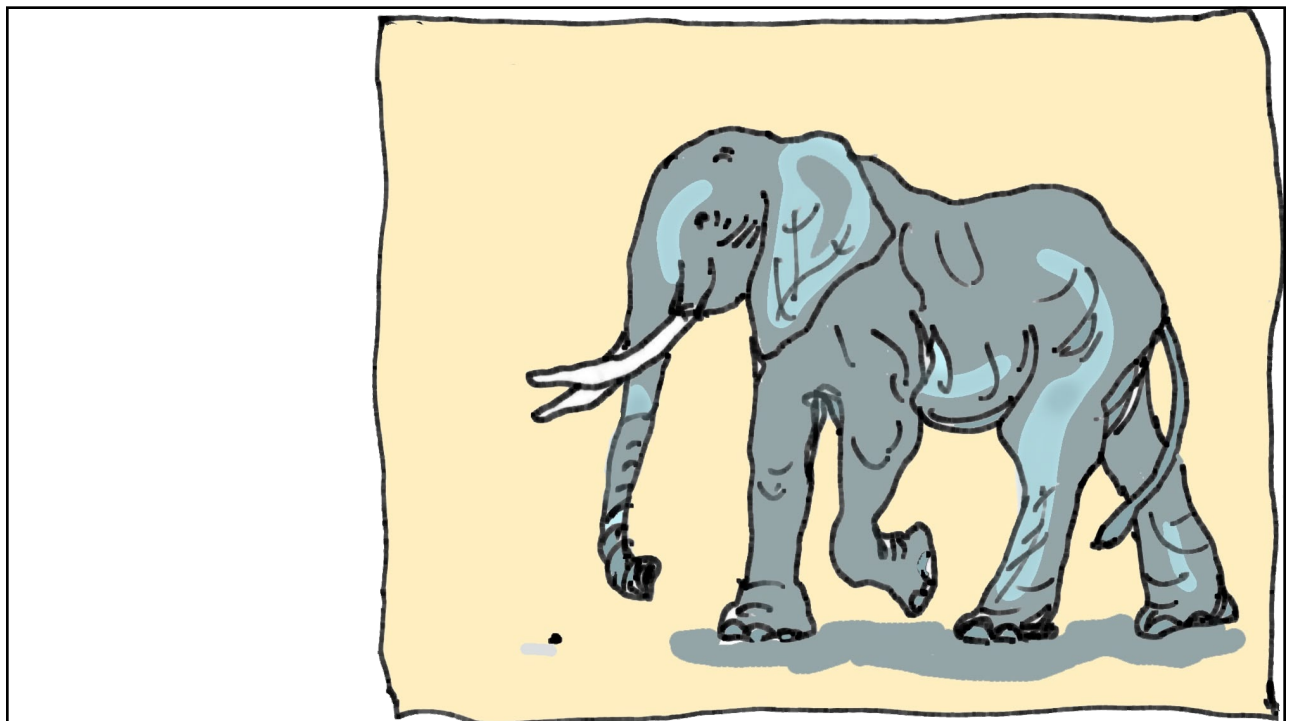
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and took on our disaster as sinners
so that **we could grow
a genuine relationship with God**

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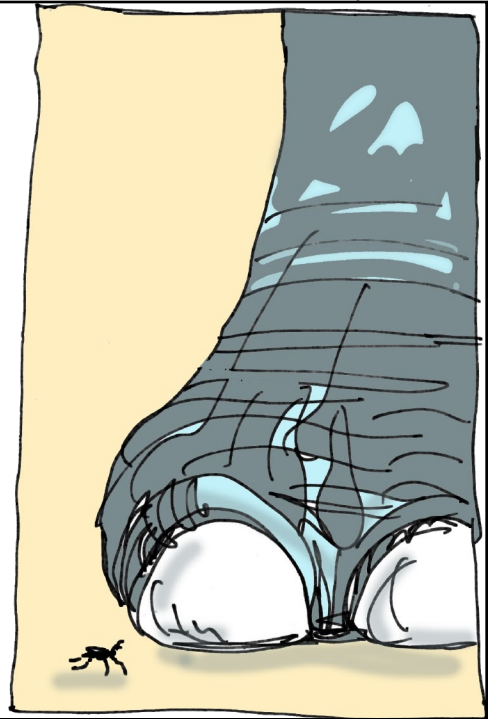


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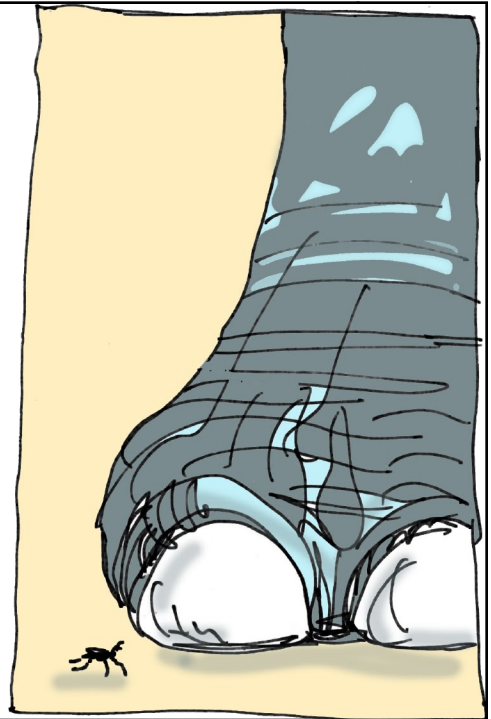
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The gaps between us and God



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Jesus = God taking on
a human nature
"Image of the invisible God"
Bridging all the gaps
So we can know God



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From God to us	From us to God
➤ Natural world (blessings & needs) ➤ Bible: God's actual words... ➤ The Spirit's work and witness in us ➤ Teachers and witnesses of God's work ➤ God's intervention in our lives ➤ Stories of God's work in others' lives	
Head: truth Heart: emotion, relationship Hands: action, physical world	

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Our response to what comes our way

“Is anyone among you in trouble? **Let them pray**. Is anyone happy? **Let them sing songs of praise**. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church **to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord**. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. **Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other** so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

James 5:13-16

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Healed lepers
Confused disciples
Desperate centurion

**What you experience, return it back to God
in praise, thanksgiving, confession,
obedience, sacrifice, ...**

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*Now this is eternal life: that they know you,
the only true God, and Jesus Christ,
whom you have sent.*

John 17:3

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“Whoever has my commands and keeps them is
the one who loves me. The one who loves me
will be **loved by my Father,**
and **I too will love them**
and **show myself to them.**”

John 14:21

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