****August 28, 2016**

**What is God really like? – Part 2**

***Life: a*** *discovery of the God’s abundance.*

**Today’s Focus:**

*God helps us ‘grow where we need to go’*

* Life is not a gigantic ‘behavior modification’ process!

-Not a series of sophisticated ‘ought to’s’ & ‘have to’s’

**‘Spiritual Growth’: 1 Corinthians 2:9-12**

* Our Good Father takes us by the hand & walks us through everything that He has prepared for us: (That’s what Jesus did with His disciples).
* We cannot **discover** the things God has for us by **diligence**, **discipline** and **determined** effort: they must be **discovered** as God **reveals** them to us.

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**Zechariah 4:6 -** It’s by His Spirit: so a relationship with the HS is not an optional extra.

**Ephesians 2:8-10 -** Our Father has **already** got things mapped out for us His children.

* If salvation is **not of ourselves**, why would we think that **spiritual growth** is a product of our own efforts.

**John 15:5 / Titus 3:4-6 -** We are genetically programmed for physical and spiritual maturity and fruitfulness: the Holy Spirit imparted God’s ‘spiritual genes’ into us.

**Final Take Away**

*Our part in Spiritual Growth?*

* Relax (in the grip of His grace) and give thanks in all things:

**Philippians 1:6**

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