

Union with Christ

3: Why We Need It

How does “Union with Christ” affect how we live each day?

*Our understanding of union with Christ has very real & practical **reverberations** throughout our daily lives: **it reverberates** ...*

1. Into our pursuit of godliness.
2. In our shared life in community.
3. In our witness to the world in mission.

Explain?

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Do our lives reflect this reality?

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REMEMBER THE GAP:

Chapter 1

The Gap

What the gospel says
is true of me (I'm
forgiven, accepted,
and secure)

What I say I believe

Grand, high
promises of God

How I really see
myself

What I'm experiencing

Gritty details of our
everyday lives

Examples?

Question from a skeptic: "If the gospel is supernatural, as you say, then why doesn't it seem to make more of a difference in the lives of so many who claim to believe it?"

How do we deal with the GAP?

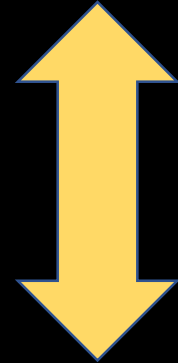


The Gap between how we live out each day and God's description of how His children are to live.

What motivates us to bridge that Gap?

Two Motivational Songs to Bridge the Gap

- *The Way of Extravagant Grace*

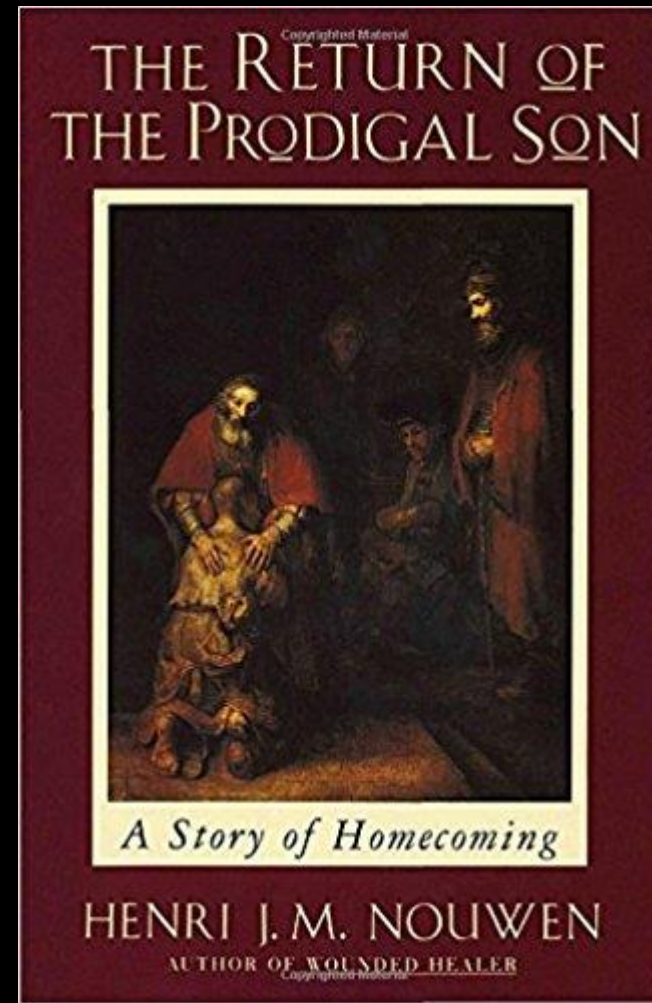
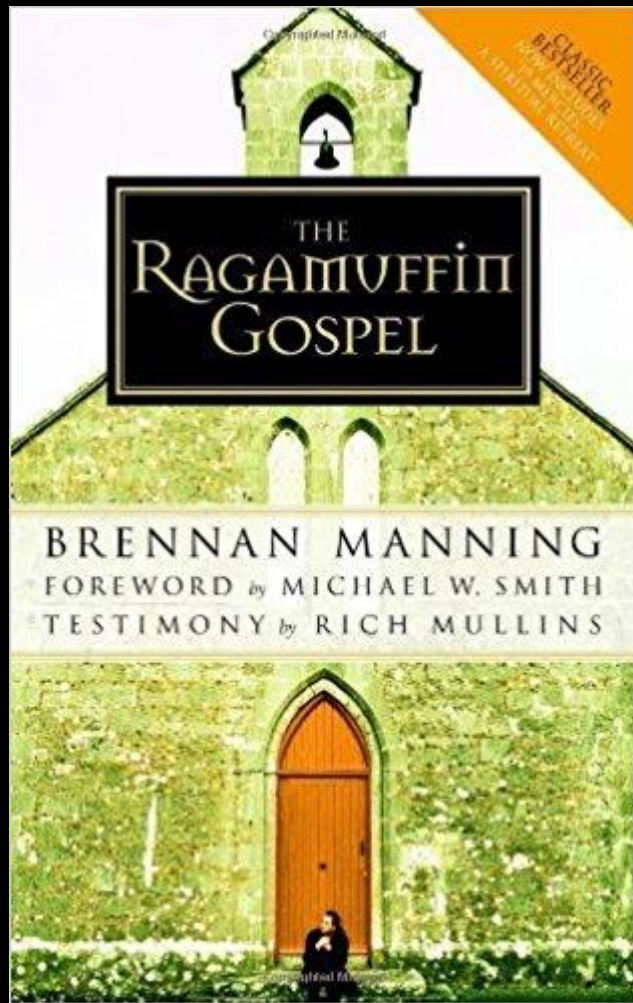


- *The Way of Radical Discipleship*

The Way of Extravagant Grace

- *Explain & Define?*
- *How is this a motivation towards obedience and living Christianly?*

The Way of Extravagant Grace



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....BELIEVE THE GOSPEL MORE

*Only those who believe in God's
grace will have the ability to obey
God TRUE ... but*

The Way of Extravagant Grace

How do we NOT make the mistake of presuming upon God's grace

- *Amos 3:2; Ezekiel 16:46*

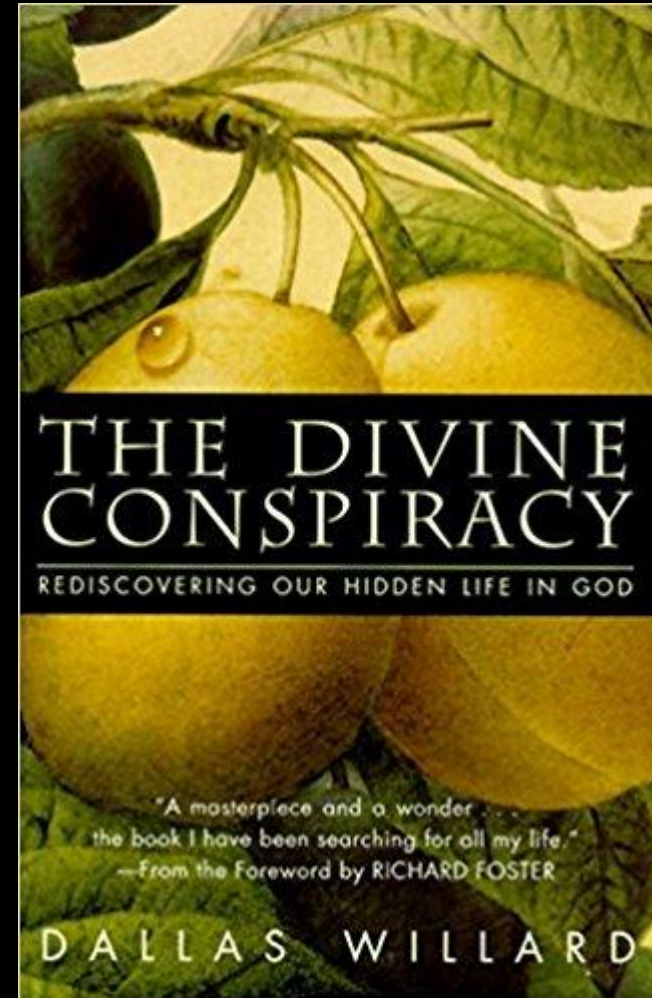
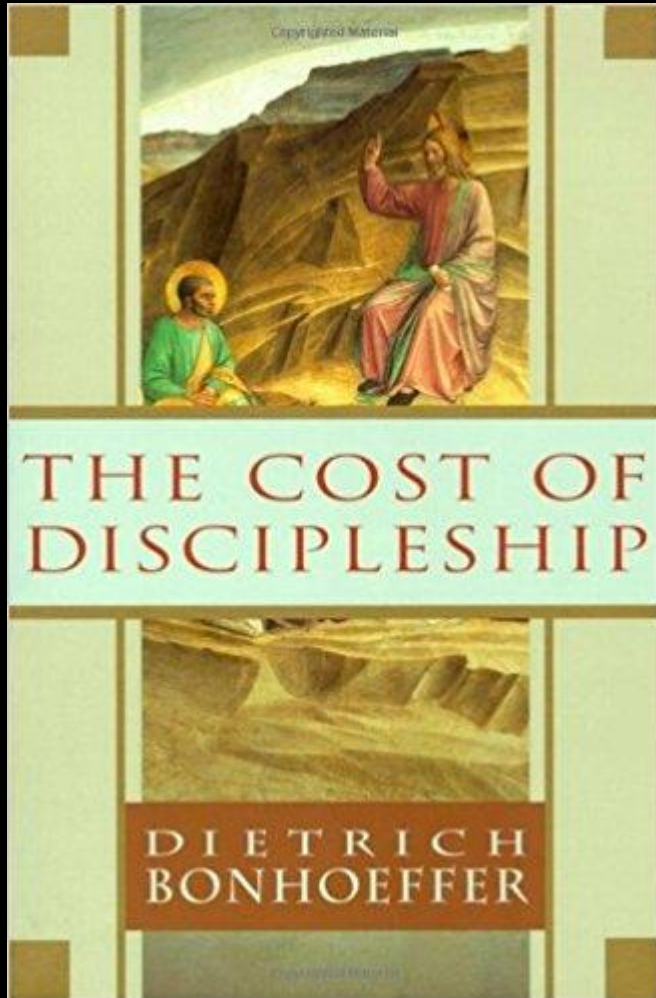
How do we deal with Jesus' words

- *John 14:15; 15:15*

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The Way of Radical Discipleship



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....OBEY JESUS MORE

The only way to know God is to follow Him. Only those who obey will have power to believe.

So, Which Song Is It to Be? GRACE or DEMAND?

- *The Way of Extravagant Grace*

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- *The Way of Radical Discipleship*

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GRACE & DEMAND

• *The Way of Extravagant Grace*



• *The Way of Radical Discipleship*

Union with Christ Is the Song We Need to Hear

- *Only those who believe obey And only those who obey believe*

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