

GOD IS FOUND AT THE END OF YOUR ROPE.



Are you there yet? If not, you will be. When you get to that place where no human solution is available -- God will be there.

It has been said that everything we know comes from three sources: Authority, Reason, and Experience.

At age six, I should have trusted my dad's **AUTHORITY** when he told me **NEVER** to stick anything metal into an electrical outlet.

My **REASON** failed me when I could not figure out why that would be bad.

My later **EXPERIENCE** though, when by myself I stuck a paper clip into the outlet, **REALLY** taught me!

I would like to add a fourth way we can know something. **DIVINE REVELATION**.

The plain fact is that **NO ONE** will come to know God unless God chooses to make himself known.

Grace means not only Jesus coming to earth and going to the cross to pay for our sins and make us right with God.

Grace also means God waking us up from sleep in spiritual death so we might know our need of him and entrust ourselves to him.

Are you at the end of your rope? God is willing to be found. Do you want to find him?

When these three things merge, you will find God: knowledge of your **HELPLESSNESS**, God's **REVEALING** himself to you, and an activation of your **WILL** to trust Jesus.

Placing your **FAITH** in Jesus is the way you will find God. What then is faith?

"Faith is acting as if something is so."

That is how my mentor, Dr. Dallas Willard, always spoke of faith. The faith that connects us to Jesus Christ is the same kind of faith by which we do almost everything in life.

We ACT as if something is so.

For example, when you insert or swipe your credit card to make a purchase, you ASSUME it will in fact work. You are “acting as if it is so.”

My very first credit card at age 21 puzzled me. How could it be you could buy all this stuff and only have to pay a minimum payment of say, \$9.43 a month?

I didn't know, but kept cheerfully using it. I still remember the humiliation leaving my cart full of clothes behind at a Marshall's store because my credit card was declined. I was SO embarrassed.

In that particular case, my faith proved to be misplaced. So it matters very much that what we choose to act upon is rooted in REALITY.

Driving home from high school one day, my son ran out of gas. The old Honda Accord he drove showed it still had a quarter tank of gas.

But unbeknownst to my son, that happened to be the day the gas gauge broke.

My son had FAITH based on good evidence that the car had gas. In light of REALITY though, his faith proved to have been misplaced.

Jesus Christ is the only person in history who claimed to be THE WAY to God. How can you KNOW he was telling the truth?

You cannot. You will have to trust him.

There is however, the matter of his resurrection from the dead.

His first followers saw him, talked with him, even ate meals with him for 40 days after his death. To them, his resurrection sealed the matter.

The Holy Spirit later coming upon them, whom Jesus had promised he would send ONCE HE HAD ASCENDED BACK TO GOD, proved to them beyond doubt that God was with them.

I did not find God by my brain. I found him when in great pain, I literally cried out, “Help me, God!” Suddenly to my great surprise his presence was there, in and with me.

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Remember, faith is acting as if something is so. If you will begin to ACT as if Jesus Christ is Lord of heaven and earth – and YOUR personal savior and master, you WILL find God.

If you would like to entrust yourself to Jesus, the video link below will help you do just that.

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