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Right Heart, Right Motive

Week : Devotionals 11-15

### **Day 11: Hiding From Reality**

- 1) Think about a time when God released you from a church and allowed you to maintain peaceful relationships since you left.
  - I had peace when I left the last church I attended before The Way because I believe the Holy Spirit released me. It was as if He was telling me my time at my former fellowship was over and He wanted me to grow more in my relationship with Jesus. When I left it was peaceful and I still am in contact and have relationships with members of the congregation.
- 2) What are you learning about suffering and obedience right now in the church in which you find yourself? How are you growing in your attitudes, thoughts, and emotions so as to avoid taking up an offense against others or God when you face suffering or are required to fulfill obedience?
  - I am learning about crucifying my flesh and surrendering completely to the Holy Spirit's promptings and voice. Even in what seem like minor or small matters God is correcting me for surrender in every area. He is sanctifying me by helping me to confront pride and fear. I am growing in faith, listening and obeying Him I am grateful, however, that He loves me enough to shape and train me to be more like Jesus.

- I am growing in my suffering and obedience. When I am tempted to get offended or angry with someone, it's as if the Holy Spirit reminds me of how merciful and long suffering Christ has been toward me. It allows me to choose to walk in love and forgive like Jesus does with me. I am not perfect by any means, but I strive to be merciful and forgiving toward others as Christ is towards me.

3) Think about how you would complete the following sentences:

- When I suffer, I respond in my mind at first, with complaining. However, God is always gracious enough to correct me through His Holy Spirit and allows me to confess, repent and choose to respond in love like Jesus does.
- When I must obey, my attitude is to not question why but simply obey.