

**SHARING THE FAITH: WEEKLY EMAIL DEVOTION  
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 23, 2010**

Have you ever wanted to see God? To know exactly what She looks like? Have you ever felt like your faith would be strengthened and solidified if you could just have some hard and fast evidence of exactly who this God is?

In this verse, Phillip opens with that very question...

John 14:8-17 (25-27)

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

["I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."]

We read Jesus' response to Phillip as "You have been exposed to the very presence and nature of God for a long time with me. Watch me... Listen and work toward understanding me... God speaks through me, if you can't or won't understand what I say, watch what I do... God works and makes Himself known through my actions..."

**Faith Questions:**

When you wonder about who God is or what God looks like, how often do you turn to Jesus' example through scripture for a clearer picture?

What kinds of things does Jesus say that you could begin to understand as an image of God?

What kinds of things does Jesus do that could help you come to know what God "looks" like?

How can clarifying or growing in understanding what God "looks" like help you grow deeper in relationship to Him?

Would the things you say or the things you do on daily basis begin to change if you were more intentional about living "In God's Image"?

**Let us pray:**

Spirit God, as we celebrate the birth of the church and the festival of Pentecost, help me to feel your Spirit blowing in my life. Keep my ears and eyes open for signs of new life swirling around me. Convict me with your Spirit that I might grow closer to you. In Jesus' name. **Amen**

*For whom else, and for what else, shall we pray? (Insert your own prayer here)*  
Amen.

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