

What does it mean to have a relationship with God? To have an understanding of who God is and the endless expanse of His love?

One might wonder: How does a relationship with God take shape? What is the value of having a relationship with God? Our relationship with God is the most important and fundamental aspect of our lives, whether we recognize it or not. But this relationship does not happen in an instant, it takes a lifetime to build and grow. But we don't have to worry about making the first move or establishing that relationship, because God has already established it before we were formed in the womb.

**“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you...” Jeremiah 1: 5**

God knows you as He knows all people, you are not just a number to God, one who gets lost amidst the fold. He knows you, your likes and dislikes, your joys, your pains, your desires and dreams. He knows the things you've said and the things you never say.

**“The feeling remains that God is on the journey, too.” Teresa of Avila**

So how does one go about defining, understanding or even try to comprehend the unfathomable vastness of God? It is impossible to know everything about God, for we are limited in our human understanding of life. We do not need to know all the facets of God's love, we only need to be open to the experience of those expressions as God seeks to move within us and through us.

**“...one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”  
Ephesians 4: 6**

We often find it difficult to trust someone we can't see. We lose control when we trust and how can we turn over that control and trust someone with whom we cannot physically interact? But it is in trust that we are able to see that God is with us, for our relationship starts to grow with trust. And as it grows we begin to see just how present and close God is to us. All it takes is a little faith and remembering that we don't have to make that first move, God has already made that move and longingly awaits the day when we will actively and continually cultivate our relationship with him.

*My child,*

*Do not be afraid if you do not know me, or believe in me fully. I understand your doubts, I hear your silent cries and suffer the pain you experience. I want you to know more than anything, just how much I love you. I want you to trust me that I will never leave you, abandon you, or forsake you, for how could I deny you whom I died for... I do not ask that you trust me with all your heart right now, for I know that it takes time. But know this my child, my beloved, I am here with you always, and I wait with great desire for the day when you desire me too.*