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# 2 Corinthians 3:17-18





Our behavior is not the cause of  
our un-Christlikeness,  
it's the symptom.

<sup>33</sup> “A tree is identified by its fruit. If a tree is good, its fruit will be good. If a tree is bad, its fruit will be bad. <sup>34</sup> You brood of snakes! How could evil men like you speak what is good and right? For whatever is in your heart determines what you say. <sup>35</sup> A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. <sup>36</sup> And I tell you this, you must give an account on judgment day for every idle word you speak. <sup>37</sup> The words you say will either acquit you or condemn you.” (Matthew 12:33-37 NLT)

“What comes out in the form of thoughts, emotions, and behaviors finds its origin inside of us. Too often, we focus our attention on changing the external rather than addressing the internal. But Jesus was very clear that what defiles us proceeds from inside our hearts—our beliefs and our motives. The fruit of our lives comes from the roots of our faith.”

– Jeff Vanderstelt, [Gospel Fluency](#)

# Level 1: Our Identity

“I Belong to Jesus”

We were once enemies of God,  
but now we are his Children.

Romans 5:10

John 1:12

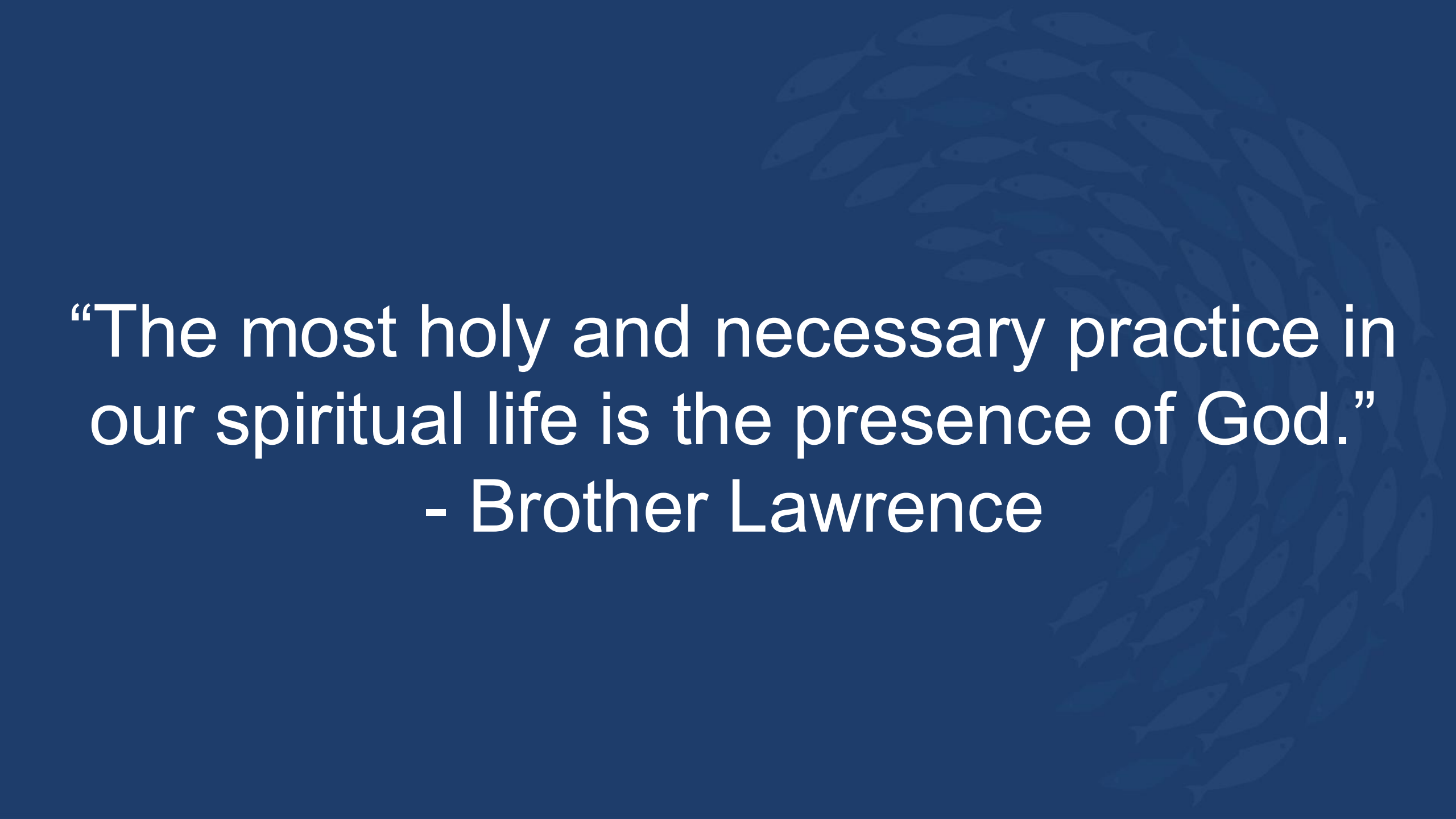


# Level 2: Our Values

“I Want to Be With Jesus!”

Philippians 3:4-6, 7-11

As followers of Jesus, we must value being with Jesus above all else.



“The most holy and necessary practice in our spiritual life is the presence of God.”  
- Brother Lawrence

Level 3: Our Character  
“I Am Becoming More Like Jesus!”

Galatians 5:22-25

“[Effort] and grace are partners, not competitors locked in a tug-of-war for glory. But the main function of [effort] in our formation is to do what we can do — make space to surrender to God via the practices of Jesus — so God can do what we can’t do: heal, liberate, and transform us into people of love.”

– John Mark Comer

# Level 3: Our Character

“I Am Becoming More Like Jesus!”

Community

Fasting

Generosity

Prayer

Sabbath

Scripture

Service

Solitude

Witness

Worship

# Level 4: Our Actions

## “I Behave Like Jesus!”

<sup>12</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. (John 14:12-14 ESV)

“Jesus Made Space for the Gospel  
So Will I!”

“We can’t force a person to become a disciple of Jesus,  
nor would we want to. But we can offer them a space  
where such a change can occur, even if slowly over  
time.” – John Mark Comer

“Jesus Made Space for the Gospel  
So Will I!”

The Son of Man came...

“to seek and save the lost.” (Luke 19:10)

“eating and drinking.” (Luke 7:34)

“Jesus Made Space for the Gospel  
So Will I!”

We can make space for the Gospel by  
opening our hearts and homes to those  
who are far from God.

“Jesus Preached the Gospel,  
So Will I!”

“through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God” (Luke 8:1 ESV)

“Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.” (Mark 16:15 ESV)

“Jesus Demonstrated the Gospel,  
So Will I!”

Mark 16:16-18

Our proclamation of the truth of the Gospel must be accompanied by tangible demonstrations of the power of the Gospel in and through our lives.