



## Passion for the Cause

**A Personal Greeting Question:** “What are you up to?”

**Here’s a Question:** “What is Jesus up to—these 1,978 years?”

**For the past 1,978 years and right now Jesus is:**

- ...reigning in glory at the Father’s right hand. Hebrews 8:1
- ...preparing a place for us. John 14:1, 2
- ...waiting for the Father’s time to return for us. Mark 13:32
- ...bringing good from evil. Romans 8:28
- ...sustaining everything by His Word. Hebrews 1:3
- ...pursuing lost people. Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:20, 21

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- **...interceding for believers before the Father.** Hebrews 7:25
  - Your most bitter pain is known by Jesus and matters deeply to Him.
  - *We are not abandoned in this difficult world.*
- **...pursuing believers for deep personal relationship.** James 4:7; John 15:15; Matthew 22:37, 38; Matthew 11:28-30
  - We each have exactly the relationship with Jesus that we want.
  - Do I have a responsive heart toward Jesus?
  - Am I actively cultivating a close relationship with Him?
  - Am I fanning an extravagant devotion to Jesus?
  - *We do not drift into deep relationship with Jesus.*
- **...pursuing believers for deep personal transformation.** Romans 8:29
  - Transformation is central to God’s intention for our lives.
  - In our transformation God must work and I must work. Phil 2:12, 13
  - If I experience this deep transformation I will also experience freedom and gain spiritual resources, relational skill, margin, and ministry platform.
  - Am I actively cultivating inner personal transformation? Matthew 5:6
  - *We do not drift into deep personal transformation.*

**A Life Transformed:** Chad Hedrick.

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# “Walking Papers”

*Practical helps for walking the Christian walk each day this week.*

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- **Today.** Please read Hebrews 7:25. What is the core truth relating to Jesus praying for us? What is the major application for you?
- **Monday.** Please read James 4:7. How would you describe the distance between God and you? What can you begin right now to decrease the relational distance from Him?
- **Tuesday.** Please read Matthew 11:28-30. What are the actions that Jesus commands in these verses? What are the outcomes for us if we take these actions?
- **Wednesday.** Please read Romans 8:29. Please write a paragraph or a whole page describing what Jesus wants you personally to be, to look like, to feel, and to do. What does “being conformed to the image of Christ” entail for you personally?
- **Thursday.** Please read Philippians 2:12, 13. What is the relationship between our work in spiritual growth and the Spirit’s work in spiritual growth? Why must both I and the Spirit be working in my growth process?
- **Friday.** Please read Matthew 5:6. What does it mean to hunger and thirst for righteousness? How do you do that? What does it mean to “be satisfied” if I am hungering and thirsting for righteousness?
- **Saturday.** Please read Hebrews 1:1-3. Jesus created by speaking and He sustains His creation by speaking. What does His sustaining work mean for you personally? What does it mean in terms of trusting Him and the issues of fear and anxiety?

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