

WELCOME to a thirteen week Course sponsored by
Dallas Willard Ministries & Jesus College



Why & How We Do What We Do

The Course VISION

Present a divine life like Jesus, saints of old & people you admire.

The Course INTENTION

- * Teach profound biblical truth
- * Present Christlikeness training
- * Provide weekly encouragement and accountability

The Course MEANS

- * 13 interactive sessions + optional, extended Q&C
- * Wisdom from Senior Apprentice Dallas Willard & Session Guests
- * [ROTHDP study guide](#) + [Videos](#) for daily growth application
- * A Society of Jesus from A-Z - Australia to Zambia

FORMAT - 30 minutes

- Welcome, Focus & Review
 - Session Highlights
 - Your Q&C's
- Summary & Blessing

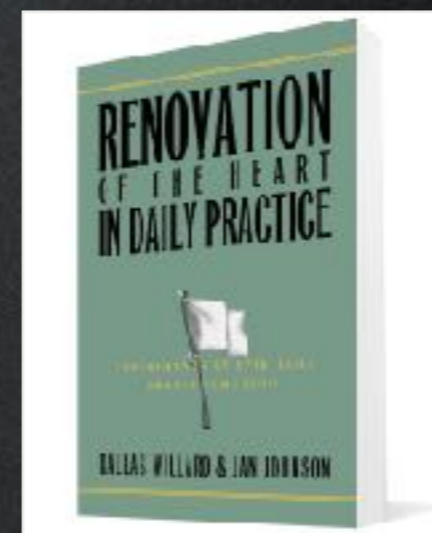
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- After: Optional more Q&C

Recorded sessions, slides, & study guide in the [Jesus College Library](#)

ROTHDP

[Videos](#)



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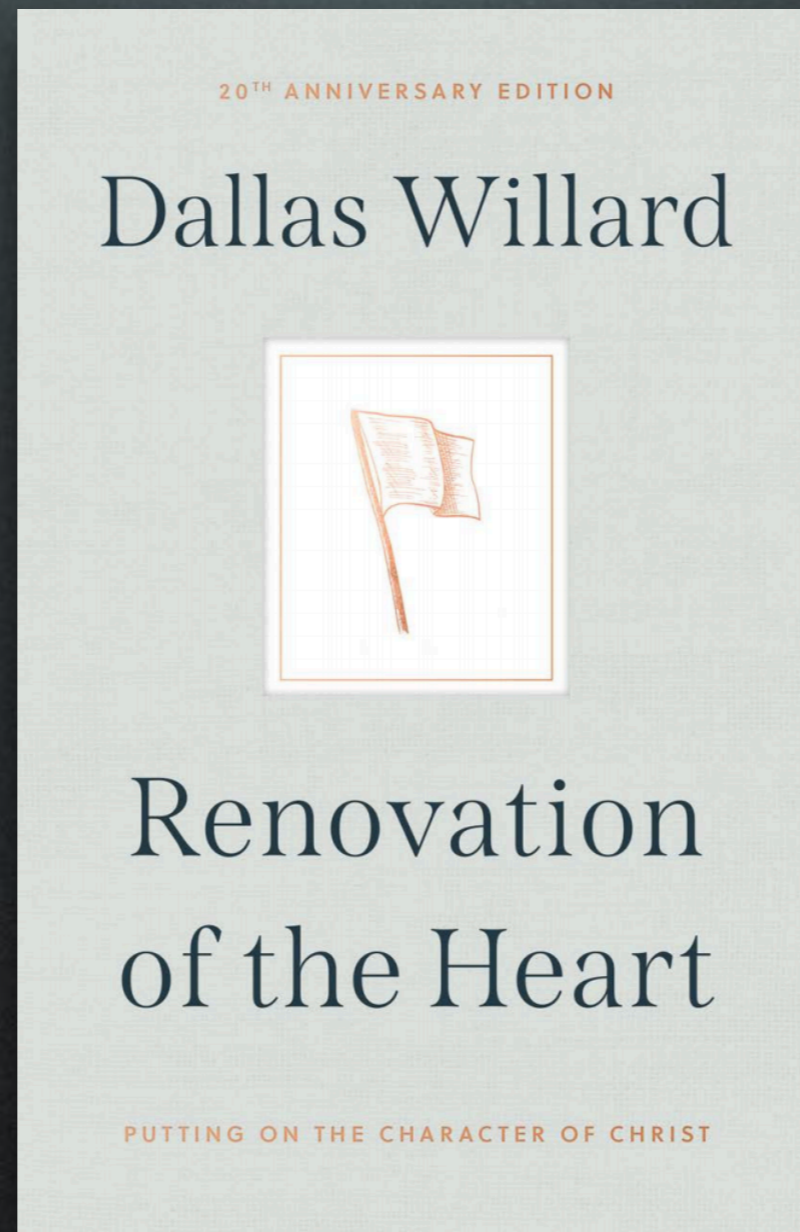
Doug Webster

- * Following Jesus since age 14, serving Him since age 18.
- * Vanguard University & Fuller Seminary
- * Met the Jesus Dallas Knew 17 years ago
- * Started Jesus College in 2015 engaging over 2400 apprentices from 53 Countries
- * “Renovation of the Heart” is our 23rd Course
- * A Blessed Family of 16
- * Leading Jesus College’s “Master’s in the Master” spiritual training
- * A Blessed Family



RENOVATION OF THE HEART

Session 1 - Chapter 1 - "Introducing Spiritual Formation"



“Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

John 4:14

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Mark 12:29-31

The Offer

It is a divine world and a divine life. It is life in the 'Kingdom of the Heavens'...a life that ordinary people have entered and are entering even now.

(Prelude
2021 Edition:: p.1
2002: Edition: p.9)

The Obstacle

One reason why so many people fail to immerse themselves in the words of the New Testament, and neglect or even avoid them, is that the life they see there is so unlike what they know from their own experience.

Why?

We do not approach and receive that life in the right way.

(Prelude
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The Opportunity

Understanding what and how — the instruments for the realization of that life and the order of their use.

Spiritual formation in Christ is an orderly process. We must humble ourselves and accept the ways He has chosen to work us.

Step into the yoke of training with Him.



(Prelude
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The Obstacles Compounded

The perceived distance and difficulty of entering fully into the divine world and its life is due entirely to our failure to understand “the way in” is the way of pervasive inner transformation and our failure to take the small steps that quietly and certainly lead to it.

Hinderances can be removed or mastered.

No special facilities, programs, talents, or techniques are required. *It doesn't even need a budget.* Just faithfulness to the process of spiritual formation in Christlikeness. (Titus 2:14)

(Prelude 2021::3
2002::10-11)

This begs a question — What is Spiritual Formation?

The Formation of RENOVATION of the HEART

Renovation of the Heart took two years to write. It became Jane Willard's favorite book with chapters 6 and 7 as her favorite chapters.

Two things for which Dallas wanted his listeners to have a compelling vision: the Kingdom of God and how persons are specifically designed to experience the abundant life of the Kingdom.

Renovation of the Heart would offer understanding concerning how to bring the various aspects of the human self (thinking, feeling, behaving, relating, and choosing) under God's reign, into the Kingdom to experience life in full.

Theology and Psychology came together in Dallas.

RENOVATION OF THE HEART

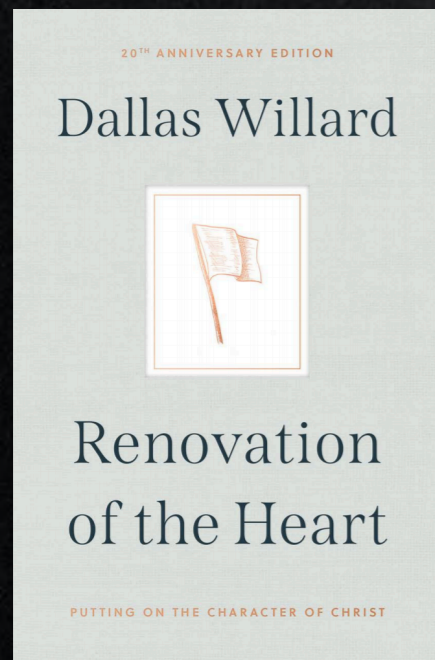
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The Beyond Within & The Way of Jesus

We live from the heart.

You have a spirit within you and it has been formed. From there we see the world, interpret reality, make choices.

The greatest need you and I have — the greatest need of collective humanity — is renovation of our heart.



- 1.) What in our spirit needs to be changed?
- 2.) How can that change be brought about?

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THE REVOLUTION OF JESUS

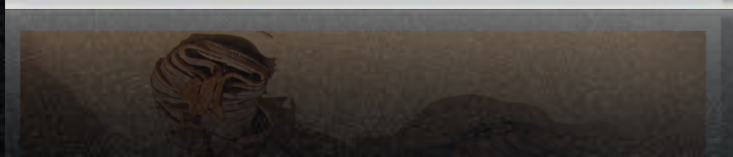
The inescapable relevance of Jesus to human life!

We must make no mistake about it. In thus sending out His trainees, Jesus set afoot a perpetual world revolution: one that is still in process and will continue until God's will is done "on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10).

His is a revolution of character, which proceeds by changing people from the inside through ongoing personal relationship to God in Christ and to one another. It is one that changes their ideas, beliefs, feelings, and habits of choice, as well as their bodily tendencies and social relations. It penetrates to the deepest layers of their souls.

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(2002::15)



THE REVOLUTION OF JESUS (continued)

This impotence of “[human] systems” is a main reason why Jesus did not send His students out to start governments or even churches as we know them today, which always strongly convey some elements of a human system.

They were, instead, to establish beachheads of His person, word, and power in the midst of a failing and futile humanity. They were to bring the presence of the Kingdom and its King into every corner of human life by simply, fully living in the Kingdom with Him.



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(2002::15)

THE HUMAN WITHIN

Through the presence of His Kingdom, Jesus answers the deepest needs of human personality for righteousness, provision and purpose.

Our thoughts, feelings, intentions, plans...are only a small part of the ones that are really there in our depths.

The things that move in our soul, the deepest level our life...

Our “within” is astonishingly complex & subtle —
even devious.



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(2002::16-17)

THE “SPIRITUAL” ASPECT OF MAN

The hidden or inner world of the human self is indeed spiritual.

Scientific knowledge tell us nothing about the inner life of the human being...only the outer, physical, measurable, perceptible world.

Science misses the heart.

The spiritual simply is our life.



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(2002::17-18)

“Man shall not live by bread alone” (Matthew 4:4)

He saves us by realistic restoration of our hearts to God and then by dwelling there with His Father through the distinctively divine Spirit. The heart thus renovated and inhabited is the only real hope of humanity on earth.

Jesus was, among other things, the most profound and powerful expression of that experience. But it was also given new and profound meaning by His death and resurrection. Through them He established a radically new order of life on earth within the Kingdom of God. It was free of any specific ethnic or cultural form. All human beings can now live the life of the renovated heart by nourishing ourselves constantly on His personal presence—now here in our world, beyond His death and ours.

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NOT MERELY HUMAN

In sharp contrast, spirituality and spiritual formation are often understood today as entirely human matters. The “beyond that is within” is thought to be a human dimension or power that, if we only manage it rightly, will transform our lives into divine life.

Spiritual formation, without regard to any specifically religious context or tradition, is the process by which the human spirit or will is given a definite “form” or character.

Terrorists as well as saints are the outcome of spiritual formation.

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ALL ARE FORMED SPIRITUALLY





BEYOND MERELY HUMAN

So spiritual transformation , the renovation of the human heart, is an inescapable human problem with no human solution.

Genuine transformation of the whole person into the goodness and power seen in Jesus and his “Abba” Father—the only transformation adequate to the human self—remains the necessary goal of human life.



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(2002::20)

GOD MOVES FORWARD

God periodically moves upon His people and in their surrounding culture to achieve His everlasting purposes for that tiny stretch of cosmic time we call “human history.” This usually happens in ways that no one but He could have planned or foreseen and in ways that lie far beyond our control or comprehension.

- Hebrew People from Egypt, then Babylon • Christians within a Jewish Culture • Non-ethnic “body of Christ” from Jewish culture • Monastic form of Christian life
- Protestant Reformation • Pietism • Wesleyan & American Revivals • Jesus People of the 60-70’s USA •

And God is still moving.

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DISTINCTLY CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Spiritual formation for the Christian basically refers to the Spirit-driven process of forming the inner world of the human self in such a way that it becomes like the inner being of Christ himself.

Christian spiritual formation is focused entirely on Jesus.

- Obedience or conformity to Christ (John 13:34-35; 14:21)
- Inner transformation
- Purposive interaction with the grace of God in Christ

The “outward” interpretation of spiritual formation, emphasizing specific acts as it does, will merely increase “the ‘righteousness’ of the scribe and Pharisee.” It will not, as we must, “go beyond it” (Matthew 5:20, par) to achieve genuine transformation of who I am through and through— Christ’s man or woman, living richly in His Kingdom.



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(2002::22-23)



A WAY OF GRACE AND REST

Christlikeness of the inner being is not a human attainment.

It is, finally, a gift of grace.

Though we must act, the resources for spiritual formation extend far beyond the human. They come from the interactive presence of the Holy Spirit in the lives of those who place their confidence in Christ. They also come from the spiritual treasures — people, events, traditions, teachings — stored in the body of Christ's people on earth, past and present.

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It is **LOVE** itself — not loving behavior, or even the wish or intent to **LOVE** — that has the power.

But taking **LOVE** itself — God’s kind of **LOVE** — into the depths of our being through spiritual formation will, by contrast, enable us to act lovingly to an extent that will be surprising even to ourselves, at first. And this **LOVE** will then become a constant source of joy and refreshment to ourselves and others. Indeed it will be, according to the promise,

“A well of water springing up to eternal life” (John 4:14)



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(2002::24-25)

THE PRESENT OPPORTUNITY

If we as Christ's people genuinely enter Christ's Way of the Heart, individuals will find a sure path toward becoming the persons they were meant to be: thoroughly good and godly persons, yet purged of arrogance, insensitivity, and self-sufficiency.

Christian assemblies will become what they have been in many periods of the past and what the world desperately calls for today: incomparable schools of life – life that is eternal in quality now, as well as unending in quantity.



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A WAY OF GRACE AND REST

God has provided a methodical path of recovery.
Grace does not rule out method, nor method grace.
Grace thrives on method and method on grace.

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Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

(Use the Q&A on the bottom of your Zoom screen)



Q&A



You are a steward of 10,080 minutes every week. If you spend 80 minutes weekly in RENOVATION OF THE HEART personal study & webinar discussion, you still have 10,000 minutes to flesh it out as “Renovation of the Heart in Daily Practice” by His grace with His society of followers in a beachhead of His Kingdom among us.

80:00 + 10K

Today's Experiment

Practice #1 — Focus on the scriptures in Chapter 1 especially Matthew 11:18-20. (10-11*)

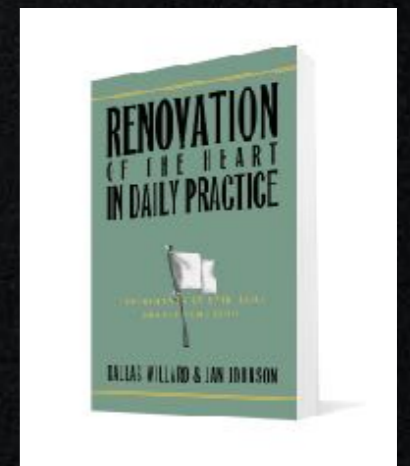


Practice #2 — Reflect & Journal - "What sort of heart (qualities or characteristics) would I like to have?" (p. 16*)

The White Flag — When we try hard and fail, we berate ourselves and spend tremendous energy on guilt and hopelessness instead of letting ourselves be drawn into the divine life by becoming fascinated with the great example of Jesus in the Gospels. (19*)



* *Renovation of the Heart in Daily Practice*



Session 1 Summary

Spiritual Transformation is...

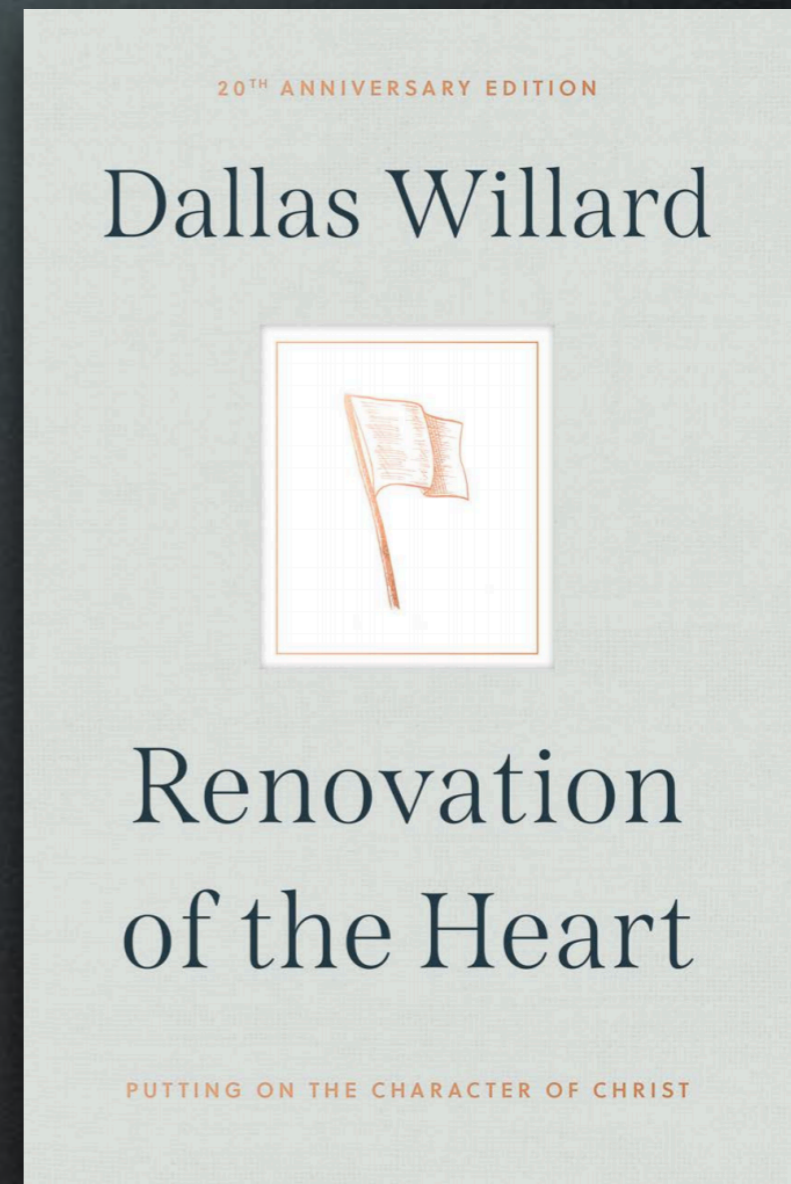
...an inescapable human problem.

...a gift of grace.

...the Spirit-driven process of forming the inner world of the human self like Jesus Christ.

...of the human spirit by the Holy Spirit.

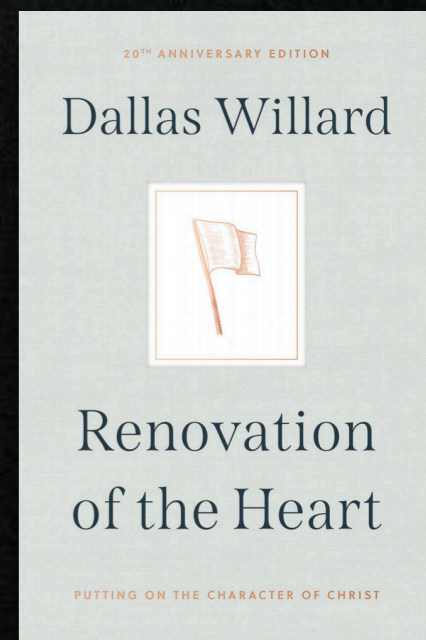
...something we humans can and must undertake.



Next Week — Session 2

Chapter 2 - “The Heart in the System of Human Life”

Know others who might join our Course?
Register — info@JesusCollege.com



May you see a vision
of and hear an
invitation to...
a divine life of Shalom
& Agape in your next
10,000 minutes.

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