



Day Nineteen

Awakening to God's Presence

What is the Christian life?
It is God's life in us through Jesus Christ.
This is a union with Jesus.
This union is as close as possible;
it is his own gift to us.
Imitating Jesus is essential for us,
making us known as Christians.
It has been this way from the beginning.
Thus have Christians always been recognized.
We are so named because of the One we follow.
Jesus is the image of God;
we are called to become the same.
Now, that resemblance will not be seen
unless we show it and live it
through our likeness to Jesus.
There is no other way.
Our Christian life
is about being other Christs.
Jesus' life, presence, and activity
become evident and visible through us.
This is our identity.
Either we take it up,
or we gradually become invisible.
The love of Jesus must be our love too.
And so too must be his holiness,
and compassion, kindness,
and forgiveness.
The choice is ours:
to be like Christ
or to be nothing at all.

Living by God's Grace

Live in the likeness of Jesus.

Acknowledging God's Gifts

May this night's rest
refresh my conviction
and my efforts—big and small—
to live in imitation of Jesus.
Thank you, God, for this day.
Let it be a reminder to me
of all I have done to be like Christ,
and of all that I still need to do.
Tomorrow, I will set out again,
taking each moment as a gift,
and as an invitation to become another Christ.
Give me the grace and desire
to hear that invitation,
however it comes.
I want to be like Jesus.
For this day, thank you.
Bless this night.
May tomorrow be a fresh beginning.

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