

Another Encounter with Jesus

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Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (NIV)

SUMMARY:

In Galatians 2:20 in just a couple of sentences, the writer Paul describes how he was living his life. Paul's life story was one of being transformed from being a persecutor of Christians, to a preacher of Christ. His encounter with Jesus was pretty dramatic.

Whether we realize it or not there is not a person here today that has not been dramatically impacted to one degree or another by Paul's life and teaching. Paul's statement in Galatians 2:20, teaches those of us who want to be Christ followers how we should be living our lives.

NOTES:

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Discussion: (choices)

- When you hear someone's else story about their encounter with Jesus, what impact does it have on you?
- Explain a time you achieved something you thought would bring you fulfillment but you realized that it wasn't enough.
- Have you seen others really change and thought "they needed to"? What about your need for change?
- What needs to die in you so you can really live?

APPLICATION:

Sit down and write out on paper how you have encountered Jesus in your life. Write about where you've been in the past and bring it up to the present. As I mentioned in my talk my faith has grown as I've had these stretching opportunities to tell my story. It has been difficult because for me it doesn't come easily, but writing about my encounter has helped me understand how Jesus was ready to encounter me long ago, and at just the right time He did. Is it your time?

ON YOUR OWN...

Scripture References:

Luke 9:24,25
Romans 10:2
John 3:16
John 3,4,8,9,17,18