

# It's Nothing Personal

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## **Dryness and Difficulties**

Every relationship has to be purified. Every true and great love has to be purified. When God calls us into the desert, He is calling us to enter into deeper relationship and into greater love.

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## **Discussion Questions**

1. How did you first get to know about God? What were some of the first characteristics that you remember noting? Has your knowledge of God changed since then? How so?
  2. In virtually everything, there is a season of “starting” and a season of “continuing”. In relationships, the season of “continuing” is often more difficult. Would you describe your relationship with Christ as a season of starting or continuing? Please describe.
  3. Does knowing that dryness is an inevitable part of your prayer life help you persevere in prayer? If yes, why? If not, why not? What might help you begin to change the way that you perceive dryness? Discuss.
  4. Have you experienced distraction in prayer? When it comes to those distractions, do you notice them coming mostly from your inviting them in, or from somewhere else? What is the best strategy you’ve found for dealing with distractions? Discuss.
  5. Jesus sometimes wants your heart more than your healing. Does that thought encourage you or does that thought dishearten you? What is encouraging? What is discouraging?
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## **God in Real Life**

1. This week, when you experience the desert (dryness, distraction, or discouragement), be aware that God is still at work. Also, be aware that you can still love Him in the midst of the desert.
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## **To the Heart**

“Therefore, I will allure her now; I will lead her into the wilderness and speak persuasively to her. Then I will give her the vineyards she had, and the valley of trouble as a door of hope.”

Hosea 2:16-17