

Assignment Title: Reading Report II; Spiritual Journey

Name of Book: Spiritual Journey; Can I Really Get Close to God/ By: Wanda Walborn

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Summary

In the book *Spiritual Journey*, Dr. Walborn focused her attention on the path that would bring us closer to God. She established that there must be a hunger or desperation to get that place where we can connect to God's love. And it would be beneficial for us to begin the journey with persons who expressed similar passion. The journey according to Dr. Walborn is designed to help us find purpose, inner healing, and true love for God, self, and others. She cautioned that along the journey there are many obstacles that can interfere with our progress. Obstacles such as not accepting the love of God, allowing ourselves to be vulnerable before him. Learning what it means to recognize our shortcomings and lay them out before the Lord unashamedly. The journey also calls for self-discipline, which will allow us to spend time in the word of God. Dr. Walborn also pointed out that the journey calls for prayer and perseverance, being able to find solitude. Have listening ears, being able to recognize the voice of the Lord, remove fear, lies and deceit and be submissive.

Interaction and Critique

I can attest to the many obstacles in my own spiritual journey and the people who came along, some who helped and others who became hindrances. My worldview and spiritual expectation is aligned with the word of God, being taught in such a way that persons can have a personal encounter with God. Dr. Walborn made a very profound statement about reading the bible as a form of discipline as we take this journey, she stated "Reading the Bible is God's perspectives and plan for the people on the journey to know who He is, who they are, and how He wants them to live" (Walborn 2020, pg.63). The reading has helped to open my spiritual

understanding to the power and authority of God's word to change and transform our lives on its own.

I agreed most with Dr. Walborn on the topic of being within a community framework to enhance spiritual growth and overall development. Jesus encouraged community during His ministry with the disciples, He sent them out two by two, "After these things the Lord appointed 70 others also and sent them out two by two ahead of Him into every City and place whither He himself would come." (Luke 10:1). On the day of Pentecost they were all together in one place, and one accord when the Spirit of God descended upon them. (Acts 2:1-2)¹. This book will have a positive impact on my ministry as a Leader in the Church. The sound biblical truths and life experience of the author is a testimony of the power and authority of God's word in our daily lives.

The book expresses biblical and practical guidelines of how to draw near to God and embrace his love, which can be very instrumental in helping others in our congregation. Many believers want to come into the realm of the spirit to see the manifestations of the power of God but lack knowledge of how to get there. "Spiritual Journey serves a tool and a guideline that I can share with the believers to help them come into a closer walk with God. It will help us to capitalize on building that intimate relationship with him, that is so much needed for our spiritual health and wellbeing. I am aware that there is no one way to get to God, but the principles are just the same, God's word will never change.

¹ "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place, suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting." (Acts 2:1-2) NIV.

With integrity, I have read this book (circle one):

Thoroughly and Entirely_____%

Quickly but Completely_____%

Thoroughly but NOT Entirely_____%

Quickly and NOT Completely_____%

Not at all

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Bibliography

Walborn, Wanda. *Spiritual Journey, Can I Really Get Close to God?* Franklin: The Carpenter's Son Publishing, 2020.