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INTRODUCTION

I would like to begin this book with a simple question: “*Are you as close to God as you want to be?*” It may be a simple question, but answering it honestly can bring great changes in your life. Do you know God’s voice? Do you feel His joy? Do you feel His pain? The realization that I was not as close to God as I would like to have been was the inspiration for writing this book.

Even as a minister of the gospel, I did not have the intimate relationship with God that He desired to have with me. He wanted a closer relationship with me. He wanted us to spend time together, so I could get to know Him better and learn all the intricacies of His personality.

I had a relationship with God where I talked to Him but did not give Him the opportunity to reveal Himself to me. I mostly talked to God on the run. It was like having a conversation with someone on a cell phone while driving in traffic. It is better than not speaking at all, but it is difficult to have a very deep conversation because of all of the distractions. I wanted something better in my walk with God, so I began looking for answers.

I asked God to show me the secret to having a more intimate, personal relationship with Him. I wanted to have conversations with God like He was my best friend, not just the great, celestial being that He is. I wanted to know Him, not just His power. I wanted to know Him, not just His grace. I wanted to know Him, not just His blessings. I wanted to know what He likes, what He dislikes, what He enjoys and what He despises. I wanted to get past the religious ceremony and trying to impress God with flowery prayers—I wanted to know HIM.

There was something missing in my relationship with God. I heard one of my mentors, Dr. Mike Brown, talking a lot about the secret place. I began pondering the subject of the secret place. How is it different than a normal prayer life? How is it any different from normal devotions with God? I began praying about that subject.

While attending a minister's conference I spent time in the hotel room alone with God asking Him to reveal the secret place to me. The next hour was one of the greatest times of communion with God that I have ever experienced. I felt as though the Holy Spirit was sitting beside me in that hotel room personally mentoring me on the art of sitting in the presence of God. This book is the product of that awe-inspiring encounter with God.