

### 3. Jesus Relationship to His Father

#### WEEK 7

11. Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known me, Philip?
13. He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, "Show us the Father"?
14. Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me?  
John 14:9-11. (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been among you all this time without your knowing Me Philip? The one who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words I speak to you I do not speak on My own. The Father who lives in Me does His works. <sup>11</sup> Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me. Otherwise, believe because of the works themselves. John 14:9-11 (HCSB)

Philip said, "Master, show us the Father; then we'll be content." "You've been with me all this time, Philip, and you still don't understand? To see me is to see the Father. So how can you ask, "Where is the Father?" Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you aren't mere words. I don't just make them up on my own. The Father who resides in me crafts each word into a divine act. John 14:8-11 (The Message)

#### *Reflections:*

I began my journey with Jesus when I was a child. There are times when I think that I knew Him better as a child (in my innocence) than I do as an adult (in my cynical ways). Knowledge "of" Jesus does not always mean "trusting Jesus more." Faith means to accept God when we don't know the next step ahead.

Even though Philip and the other disciples had spent many weeks and months with Jesus, they wanted more. They want "evidence" or "proof" that He was who He said He was. So, what does that say about their faith? It tells me that the disciples were just like us...doubters. We want evidence and proof or something "tangible" to wrap our hands around. We want a neon "sign" to say, "This way...is the right way."

God doesn't always give us a sign or a fleece, He does give us a free will and a free choice to follow Him. We simply must be willing, like a child, to choose His path and His direction. That's the difficult part of faith.

#### *Questions to Ponder:*

- a. What is the hardest part of having faith in Jesus?
- b. How can we strengthen our faith in Him?
- c. When will Jesus be enough?

#### *Prayer*

O Lord, help our faith in You reflect how we live out our faith in the world around us. Amen.