

LET ME SHOW YOU

Romans 5:1-11 | Mark 8:27-38

Jesus _____

What they're _____ vs. what he's _____

To be _____ in you

To _____ what others see

READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REMEMBER.

One of the things I was thinking about in this was food, and how, at least in the before times, *sharing* food was a way for several people to grasp the taste. You could, of course, simply describe it. Sometimes we have to do that if you don't have access to the food – you're watching TV or something, and you have to have the person describe what they're tasting and the way they're tasting it. And it works. It's ok. But it isn't quite the same. I think there is some of that when Jesus calls his disciples to deny themselves and take up the cross and follow. I can tell you that sacrifice is the expression of the love of God. But you've got to taste it yourself. That's how it transforms from knowing it, to dwelling in you. Read John 4, and the experience of the Woman and the Well, and ultimately how the populous of the city finally reacts in 4:42. Of course, in John 20:39, Jesus will say that those who have not seen yet believed are also blessed, so there is a point that I don't want to press too hard. Often, it seems we need a sensory experience. Here, at least, Jesus offers us one.

Reflect:

Through which sense do you most often experience God? How so? The Psalms will tell us to taste and see (and Peter will echo that he has tasted the goodness of God), Jesus will often show (and Paul will reflect here with his crucifixion being a demonstration), 2 Peter 1:16-18 will combine seeing and hearing, etc.

Respond:

Sacrifice is *shown*, not to bring glory to us, but to God.

Remember: "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8