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The Endless Frontier
The Essence of Historic Christianity

The proof that we have the vision is that we are reaching out for more than we have grasped. It is a bad thing to be satisfied spiritually.

Oswald Chambers
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When a soul sets out to find God it does not know whither it will come and by what path it will be led; but those who catch the vision are ready to follow the Lamb wherever He goes, and it is as they follow, obedient to what they have seen, in this spirit of joyful adventure, that their path becomes clear before them, and they are given the power to fulfill their high calling. They are those who have the courage to break through conventionalities, who care not at all what the world thinks of them, because they are entirely taken up with the tremendous realities of the soul and God.

Bishop Bardsley
GC 159-162

You will ask me, are you satisfied? Have you got all you want? God forbid. With the deepest feeling of my soul can I say that I am satisfied with Jesus now; but there is also the consciousness of how much fuller the revelation can be of the exceeding abundance of His grace. Let us never hesitate to say, 'This is only the beginning.'

Andrew Murray
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The Endless Frontier Mentality

Initiation into the Fellowship of the Burning Heart

- Choosing to Pioneer rather than Settle
 - Never pitch your spiritual tent
 - Never accept the rationale that “Maybe God didn't intend” to creep in

- Allowing Scripture to Define the Potential of the Christ-Life
 - The lives of modern Christians can inspire but should never define the potential
 - Your personal experiences, whether good or bad, must never limit what God can do from this day forth

- Making the Destination the Promised Land and Nothing Short of it
 - Believing that If God says to head in the direction of Canaan, He can somehow get you across the Jordan and He can somehow defeat the giants that stand in the way
 - Believing that God is the God of the Impossible
 - Moving from knowing He CAN do it to knowing that He WILL do it

- Accepting that there is More to Discover at Every Turn
 - In Every category of life
 - In Every relationship in life

The School of Christ

The Orientation

The School of Christ must break us before it can build us. It must exact so that it might fill. It must first conquer so that the Almighty King can rule. It must bring storm before it invades with triumphant peace. For the Gospel to be understood aright and to be exercised in its fullness in the soul of man, the ruin of man's inner domain must first be exposed. For the benevolent take-over of our existence to commence, **we first must realize the vast extent of our need for rescue.** God has a plan to regenerate our lives, to wholly and completely reconstruct and reform us, to in a sense, rebirth a whole new existence within our being. He has a design to conform us to the image of His Son (Rom 8:29), to pattern us after the perfect temple (Ezekiel 40:3). **His expectations and desires for our human lives are nothing short of a pure and perfectly undiluted replication of His own Life.**

There is a ruin in man's inner domain, a treacherous rebellion that leaves man unable to follow the Christ. God's expectations remain the same, but for man, these expectations are impossible to fulfill. Therefore, condemnation weighs heavily upon us. A pungent hopelessness buries us beneath the weight of God's perfect standard. **Our mind wants to obey and do, but our bodies are simply unable to perform.**

But God has promised a Messiah.

A disciple of Christ must be trained by the Spirit of Christ. No man is capable of taking another man through this supernatural and heavenly college. Heavenly tutelage is necessary. For this is a mystical schooling of divine enabling, divine awakening, and divine transformation. It is a training that transcends mere intellectual learning. **The School of Christ is a grooming of an inner life,** the breaking, the building, and the tempering of an inner man.

The Three Basics

The First Courses in the Historic School

- The First Basic is the realization of the greatness and vastness of God's intent in your life. The Endless Frontier.
 - He intends to rescue you, woo you, and ultimately rule you
 - He intends to showcase in and through you the life and glory of His Son
 - And He intends to share the entirety of His Person and His Kingdom with you for all eternity

- The Second Basic is that God must allow us to see how “other” we are from Him.
 - We have different thoughts, ways, ideas, and judgments.
 - We are wired to address our spiritual need with self-effort, but from the self-nature we cannot produce anything acceptable to God.
 - All that can ever come to God is in Christ alone. And to find that remedy we must be emptied of self.

- The Third Basic is the Holy Spirit bringing us face to face with the utter impossibility of our ever being “God-like” of ourselves.
 - Such a standard is impossible for human achievement.
 - And Yet God still expects us to be perfect, holy, imitations of Himself

- The Three Basics are designed to bring all of Christ's students to this precise place. And it is only when we realize that
 - He expects Christ-likeness
 - But we can't give Christ-likeness
 - And yet, we desire to be all that He designed us to be – we desire Christ-likeness

- It is then that we are ready to unlock the great mystery of what Christ accomplished on the Cross. After the Three Basics have effectively brought us to this point, the Holy Spirit will begin to show us how Christ-likeness is actually accomplished in the life of a believer.