

## **Being with Jesus to move to the “Middle Chair.” (July 3, 2025)**

It's easily one of my favorite verses in the Bible: “Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.” (1 John 3:2) I want to be like Jesus.

Jesus is clearly the only person who lived His life perfectly in the “Middle Chair.” He was confident, but not arrogant. He was objective, but not disengaged. He was indifferent, but not apathetic. He was loving, but not over-functioning. He spoke the truth in love...and He lived everything He said.

I am not always like Jesus, but I find that the more I am with Him, the more I am like Him.  
I trust that you have experienced this too.

When we find ourselves to be insecure or timid, we need Jesus to lead us back toward Him so we can be with Him in the “Middle Chair.” We need to hear words of love, grace, acceptance, forgiveness, hope, and bonding to counter our hurt, fear, and insecurity.

When we find ourselves to be arrogant or prideful, we need Jesus to lead us back toward Him so we can be with Him in the “Middle Chair.” We will need to hear words of truth, discipline, correction, and rebuke to keep us from hurting God or others in our self-defensive arrogance.

The Holy Spirit is constantly drawing us to and into an abiding relationship with Jesus. Yielding and responding to His promptings will cause us to sit with Jesus in the “Middle Chair.”