

## November's Theme

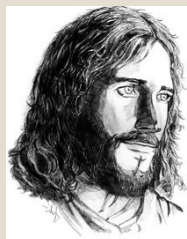
### The Divine Transformation

Today's Lesson:

### *The Discovery Channel*

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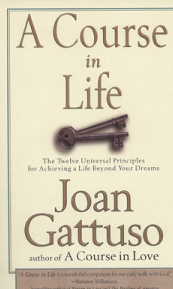
## The Discovery Channel



Jesus and his disciples are walking when he asked, "Who do people say I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." Then he asked, "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ."

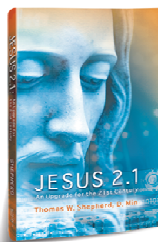
Mark 8:27-30

## The Discovery Channel



We all have a discovery channel within us that can be tuned into the vast and great unknown. When we tune into our divine nature our lives become brighter, clearer, and sharper than ever before. -Joan

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We are the *Imago Dei*. Spiritual beings having a human experience. The Christ spirit lives in all of us, as us, through us. Our divine image is God's idea of God in manifested form as the Christ principle. -Tom

## The Discovery Channel

*It Could Happen to You...*

*Nicolas Cage, Bridget Fonda, & Rosie Perez...*

*Cop has lunch, short on cash, can't leave tip, promises to split lottery winnings...*

*Cage, Fonda "miss the boat" and have dinner where Cage describes his relationship:*

*I'm CNN and she's the Home Shopping Network.*

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If you had to pick a channel that described you, what channel would that be?

Joan writes: Our consciousness has access to a vast number of inner channels. We have total control over which channel or channels we align our inner selves with. Although there are channels for everyone to align with, some prefer to just channel surf the universe, never really connecting.

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There are ego channels that allow people to connect to heartache and pain; with the drama-queens, thrill-seekers, and crisis junkies; and then there's the suffering channel that never ends as it plays over and over again all the wrongs, slights, injustices, misdeeds, and unhappiness of the world.

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There are the spiritual channels of success, fulfillment, peace, love, overcoming, and transformation.

As today's freedom thought suggests:  
*Created in the image of God, I am transformed and spiritual enriched.*

One of the many challenges we have on our spiritual journey of self-discovery of who we are as spiritual beings is our faith.

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Faith is in the mind of the beholder.

Whatever your perception of life and the world in which you live becomes your reality.

In turn that reality becomes your world and the cycle continues.

"Faith," writes Joan, "Is like tofu. Whatever you put it with takes on its flavor."

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One of Wayne Dyer's earlier books was *You'll See It When You Believe It*. It was written to challenge the world view of "I'll believe it when I see it."

Discovering who we are as Christed beings challenges us at every turn on our path of transformation. We are challenged to have faith in what we do not yet see as we hold to our belief and trust.

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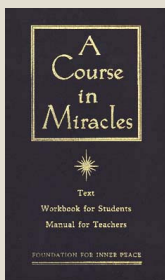
*"It is faith to believe that which you do not yet see; and the reward of faith is to see that which you believe."* – St. Augustine  
*Faith is the formative energy of the divine in motion,* writes Joan.

What we put our energy of toward is returned to us ten-fold. Meditation, prayer, spiritual studies, applying the principles create a transformative faith.

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The greatest transformative faith is one that Jesus taught, *"It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."* Believe it, trust it, live it and it will be yours. After all you are the *Imago Dei!*  
*The seed of God is within us...Pear seeds grow into pear trees, nut seeds into nut trees and God Seed into God. –Meister Eckhart*

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There's a highly transformative statement in A Course in Miracles that states: *"Your worth is established by God."*

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One of the many activities used in helping us discover our divine nature is the activity of self-realization as we look at how we view ourselves and our self-worth.

Joan asks, *"What price, what value, have you been placing on yourself?"*

The value you place on your spiritual self vs your physical self effects your life experiences and manifestations.

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**The Human Condition:** The doctor said I need to exercise more but I'm always tired. So I worked out a plan I can use all week long.

**Monday's:** Beat around the bush. Jump to conclusions. Climb the walls. Wade through paperwork.

**Tuesday's:** Drag my heels. Push my luck. Make mountains out of molehills. Hit the nail on the head.

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**Wednesday's:** Bend over backwards. Jump on the bandwagon. Balance the books. Run around in circles.

**Thursday's:** Toot my own horn. Climb the ladder of success. Pull out the stops. Add fuel to the fire.

**Friday's:** Open a can of worms. Put my foot in my mouth. Start the ball rolling. Go over the edge.

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**Saturday's:** Pick up the pieces. Throw in the towel. Whew, what a workout!

**Sunday's:** Travel to church. Rise in praise. Let go, Let God. Decide to go to God first, so next week will be different!

**Monday's...**

This tongue-in-cheek summary has some truth to it. If we are to discover who we really are we must be willing to look at it all.

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God sees you as perfect, precious, complete, and worthy of the kingdom. Do you?

Right now everything is in place to help you on your journey of discovering your Imago Dei. It's your choice, your freedom to choose how you view yourself as you stay the course, practice the principles, and...

Join me next week for

***The Transformed Life***