

- "If God is too small & impersonal, it is because we give Him only the religious space in our lives. As we allow God to be in charge of more of our world, then I believe our understanding of His immensity will grow! We may celebrate Him wherever we are. Let us widen our definition of 'intimacy'. God does not change, but we need to change & enlarge our concept of God. This comes through a fresh touch from God. Don't forget, God places in our hearts a hunger for Him & His love & close fellowship. Many acknowledge that hunger, but it remains a 'longing we do not know how to satisfy'.
  
- **WHY DO WE NEED A FRESH TOUCH FROM GOD?**
  - A. W. Tozer helps us here with these 3 headings
    - RUT:  
This is habit without passion. A rut is a grave that is open on both ends. If God is dead, the church is the graveyard. If a caterpillar could talk, it might say, "I'll just stay a caterpillar". But by a miracle of God, a caterpillar becomes a beautiful butterfly. So, which will it be....the rut of a caterpillar.....or the miracle of a butterfly? One way is so boring, but God's Way is so BLESSED.
    - ROTE:  
This is repetition without feeling or understanding. This is ritual without revival or renewal. There is very little passion here if we only know the 'message of Christianity', but not personally the 'Christ of Christianity'. Without this, it too, like the rut, is a boring existence.
    - ROT:  
Decay, no growth, very little life, no good root system. Ephesians 3:17
  
- **HOW DO WE EXPERIENCE A FRESH TOUCH FROM GOD?**
  - In Isaiah 6: 1, there was SPIRITUAL CONTEMPLATION of God's Holiness when 'he saw the Lord high & lifted up'. We need to see God high and lifted up, but also 'present & powerful' down here & within us
  - Isaiah 6:5 says, "Woe is me for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips, for mine eyes have seen the King,

the Lord of Hosts." There was CONVICTION FOR SIN & when we really see God more clearly, we also see our sins more clearly & how they are against God.

Peter said I Peter 1:15-16, "Be ye holy as God is holy."

- Isaiah 6:6-7: CLEANSING FROM SIN followed the conviction & Isaiah said, "Lo, He has touched me and my sins are taken away." Your sin is in you...until it is on Jesus (I John 1:9). The same things that saved you, are needed every day. Acts 20: 21-22 says: "Repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ".
- Isaiah 6: 8-11:  
The rest of the chapter deals with COMMISSION FROM GOD for us to 'go'.  
Vvs, 9-10 deal with the COMMITMENT Isaiah made (and we need to make), "Here am I, send me!" Later in Isaiah 12, he affirms 'God is my salvation, my strength and my song'.
- David's testimony in Psalm 51 speaks about his experience of a 'fresh touch from God'.