

Holy Fellowship

1 John 1:1-4

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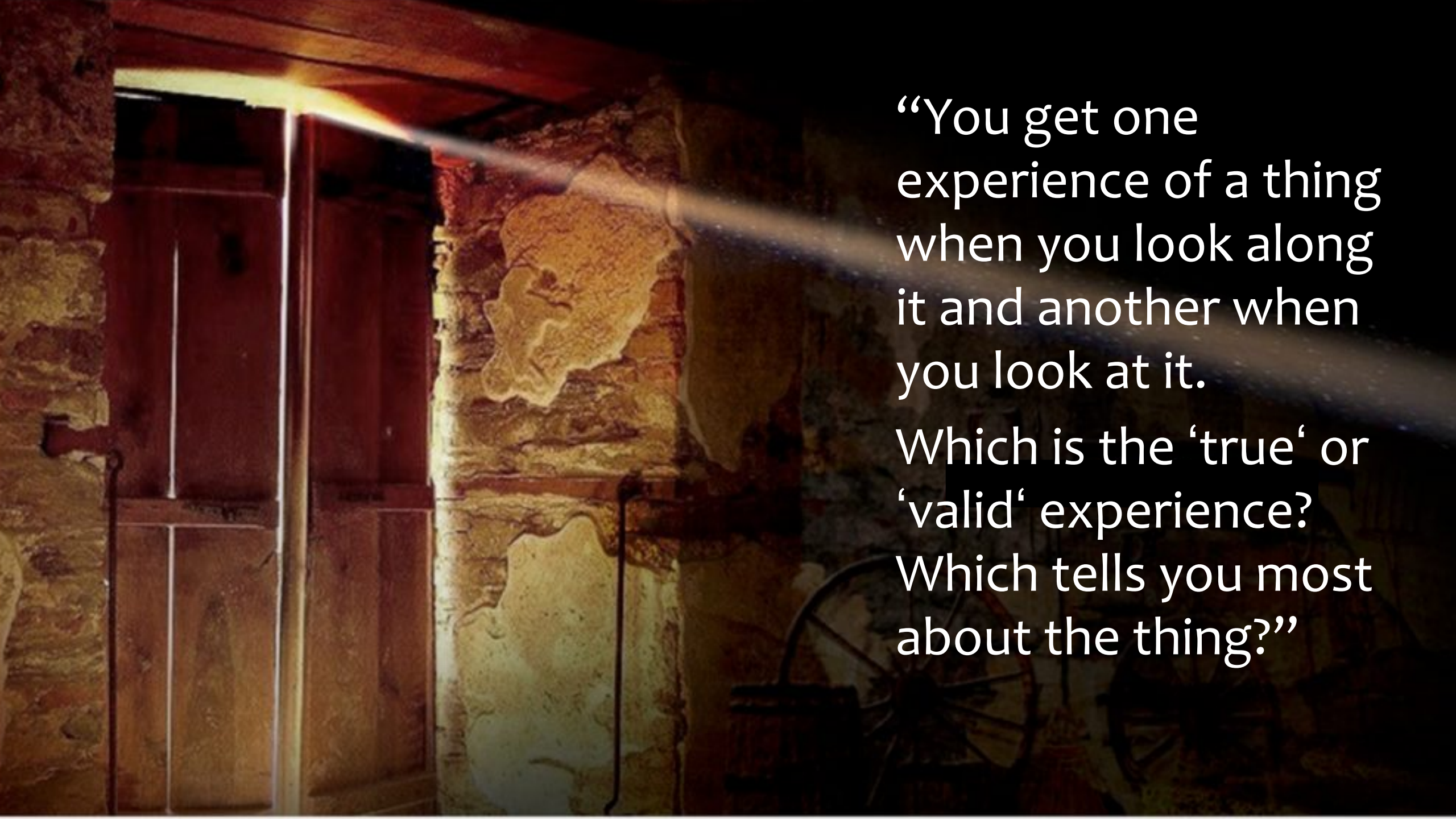
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“You get one experience of a thing when you look along it and another when you look at it.

Which is the ‘true’ or ‘valid’ experience?

Which tells you most about the thing?”

One must
look
both
along
and
at
everything





Turning from monologue to dialogue

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“Everything involved in the Christian life is to be done not as a way of getting Life but as a means of expressing the Life we already have from Christ for free.”
Greg Boyd,
Present Perfect



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1. It begins with the love of God
2. Transform your thinking into a conversation with Christ



“Christian discipleship is the disciplined habit of thinking and acting *in Christ.*”

T.F. Torrance

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You say I am held
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And I believe, oh I believe
What You say of me*

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*Lord, what do
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*Lord, what do
you want me
to do in the
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The way of the Christian life

- The fellowship of God the Father and God the Son has been at the center of the universe from before the beginning of time
- Knowing God involves both “looking at” and “looking along” (understanding and experiencing)
- In the life of Jesus we learn what fellowship with God looks like
- The heart of sin is humanity turned in upon itself – thinking and acting as if God is not present
- The Christian life is participating in the relationship Jesus knows with his Father
- It begins with knowing the truth of our being – that we are beloved
- It continues with ceaseless dialogue – cultivating “we-ness” through confession and repentance