

REVELATIONSHIP:

TRANSFORMATIVE INTIMACY WITH CHRIST

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BOOK SUMMARY

In a world deconstructing, Christ reveals himself—the indestructible cornerstone of all that it means to thrive. When you embrace Christ's revelations of his character and his great passion for a relationship with you, he personally and uniquely meets your deepest needs, wrestles your deepest questions, and heals your deepest hurt.

Revelationship will open readers to encounters with Christ in many of the ways he reveals Himself. Our spiritual lives languish if we limit the ways God can reveal himself or emphasize one form of revelation over another. Revelationship—God revealing himself to us as he pursues us for relationship—will restore intimacy with Christ in the church. We hope that this book will act as a primer of sorts to guide Christians to transformational intimacy with Christ.

Free devotional guide available for download at revelationship.net. Book trailer available at youtube.com/@seekrevelationship.

WRITINGS

- **Revelationship** Available on from Amazon as of August 1, 2024, published by EnRoute Books
- Graceful Musings 5-7 minute spiritual growth blogs for anyone, but particularly moms who need a break
- Additional books by Dr. Colver on website, including The Courtroom Ministry of Heaven, Sustaining the Fires of Revival, Romans & Reconciliation, Lessons on the Charismata & the Ministry Gifts, Bible Covenants, Daniel's Star, Themes in the Gospel of John, and The Kingdom of Heaven & The Last Things.

GENERAL TOPICS

- Being Open To God Who Reveals Himself & Why This Changes Everything
- Deconstruction/Reconstruction
- Church Abuse & Healing
- Motherhood/Divorce/Loss of Children/Suffering
- How God's Nature Is An Antidote To What Ails Us
- How To Discover The Living God of the Old Testament
- Prayer That Gets Answers/Praying With The Holy Spirit
- Why Knowing God Is The First Step To Knowing Our Own Identity

STORIES/TOPICS: FACING SUFFERING

When my first husband divorced me, when I lost my first child in miscarriage, when the man I loved (whom I later married) broke up with me for the third time and dated the woman he thought was the woman of his dreams, when I broke my neck in a car accident, when I lost my second child in a miscarriage, when I waited ten years for the birth of my son—the list goes on. It was the revelation of the God who makes and keeps his promises that kept hope alive in me. It was the God who sees me (El Roi) that kept me from losing my faith. It was the God who declares his truth (Jehovah Nissi) about who I am, who I will be at the end of my life, and whose I am, that kept me from believing the lies that my circumstances seemed to declare. It was knowing and being known by God that made all the difference.

Read full story. https://www.revelationship.net/cathy-colver-garland

STORIES/TOPICS: DECONSTRUCTION & RECONSTRUCTION

Deconstruction may be the current rage right now, but I deconstructed my faith when I was 13, over thirty years ago. I informed my parents—pastors in a local, spirit-filled, non-denominational church—that I wasn't sure this Christianity thing was for me. Instead of panicking or overreacting, my Dad helped me check out books on each major religion (and a few not-so-major ones.) The stack was as tall as I was.

At the end of my studies, I realized the truth of Jesus Christ and the lengths of his pursuit of me. I rededicated my life to him. **The God who pursued me caught up to me. This launched my pursuit of him.** To pursue Christ, I dove into questioning Christianity, knowing that if something is true, it can withstand questioning. I am grateful that my father encouraged me to study theology, read copiously, deconstruct man-made traditions, question everything, and pursue Christ—all things revered by the first wave of deconstructionists in Church history. And, as I began to pursue, I began to find him just like Christ promised.

Read full story: https://www.revelationship.net/my-story-of-deconstruction

STORIES/TOPICS: DAUGHTER OF JESUS MOVEMENT HIPPIES

I owe much of my spiritual life to the hippies who became radically saved in the Jesus movement. My mother became a Christian on a commune during the height of the hippie movement and became a radically saved Jesus-freak (complete with the fringed Jesus Freak, purse). My father became a Christian in the Methodist Church he attended as a teenager and then received the baptism of the Holy Spirit during the Jesus Movement. My father's passion for the scriptures was obvious and he quickly became an ordained Teacher and Pastor.

Because of their dedication to the Body of Christ, I have abundant memories of sleeping underneath pews on faded, orange carpet and spending hours at church, learning to love God's people. So, when I say "I sat under" godly men and women who taught the Word of God to the newly saved hippies, I mean it literally and figuratively.

Excerpt from Introduction, *Revelationship*. Available upon request.