

LIFESONGS: SONGS TO LIVE BY

Lesson 1: Jesus Let Us Come to Know You

**Jesus, let us
Come to know You.
Let us see You
Face to face.
Touch us, hold us,
Use us, mold us;
Only let us
Live in You.**

**Jesus draw us
Ever nearer;
Hold us in Your
Loving arms.
Wrap us in Your
Gentle presence,
When the end comes,
Bring us home.**

Written by Michael Card, appeared on his album “Scandal on” in 1985.

PART I: THE SONG

What does this song say about your relationship with Jesus?

It tells me that I can always come closer to Him. No matter what kind of spiritual high or special knowledge I obtain, my relationship with Christ can always be stronger and closer than it is today.

Who is the one “doing” something through this song?

Aren't we the ones asking Jesus to make himself known to us? Is this the stereotypical Christian relationship with Jesus? I wouldn't say so.

Are you comforted by the words of this song?

I find comfort in the second verse where the imagery is that of Christ protecting us from the world—while we must still live in it and bring them to know Him. It also points me towards the final destination of heaven. I think of how Christ will return to take us home with Him.

PART II: THE POINT

It seems to me that by surrendering your desires, and hence your actions, you are becoming MORE open to the work of Christ in your life. This comes by asking Him to move in your life instead of trying to make Him move in your life by what you do.

Letting Christ take the lead in your life is difficult. You want control. That is natural and normal even. However, when you want to be a child of God and be used by God, you must let Him use you. Reduce yourself to merely an instrument in the hands of God. As the first verse says, let Him use you and mold you into who He wants you to be. 2 Corinthians 4:7 “Treasure in Jars of Clay”

Every time you sing this song, you should be striving for a deeper, more intimate relationship with Christ. Through the words in the second verse, you should come to feel close to Jesus like you feel around your parents or grandparents.

PART III: THE LIFE

1. You must come to terms with Christ ruling your life.
 - a. It's not about you anymore.
 - b. Follow the leader—it's not you.
 - c. We are servants for His sake, not ours. (v5)
2. You must ask Him to shape your life His way.
 - a. Leave out the part about what makes you happy. (v11)
 - b. He knows you already—better than you do.
 - c. You are CLAY being formed into a JAR. (v7)
3. You must find comfort for your life in Him.
 - a. No one else can heal your soul like Him.
 - b. He's the renewing source for your life. (v16)
 - c. He'll raise your dead body like He raised Jesus. (v14)

2 Corinthians 4

1 Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. 2 Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. 10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. 11 For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body. 12 So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

13 It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, 14 because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. 15 All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.