

## The Shack – Reflection (2)

Quiet yourself and become aware of God's presence at this very moment ... As you listen to this song, ask Jesus to be your centre, your source, your light ...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pw6rIwmkV6E>

**From the book *'The Shack'* by WM Paul Young:**

"But," Mack wasn't convinced. "Don't you want us to set priorities? You know: God first, then whatever, followed by whatever?"

"The trouble with living with priorities," Sarayu spoke, "is that it sees everything as a hierarchy, a pyramid, and you and I have already had that discussion. If you put God at the top, what does that really mean and how much is enough? How much time do you give me before you go on about the rest of your day, the part that interests you so much more?"

Papa again interrupted. "You see, Mackenzie, I just don't want a piece of you and a piece of your life. Even if you were able, which you are not, to give me the biggest piece, that is not what I want. I want all of you and all of every part of you and your day."

Jesus now spoke again. "Mack, I don't want to be first among a list of values; I want to be at the centre of everything. When I live in you, then together we can live through everything that happens to you. Rather than a pyramid, I want to be the centre of a mobile, where everything in your life – your friends, family, occupation, thoughts, activities – is connected to me but moves with the wind, in and out, back and forth, in an incredible dance of being."

"And I," concluded Sarayu, "I am the wind." She smiled hugely and bowed.

There was silence while Mack collected himself. He had been gripping the edge of the table with both hands as if to hold on to something tangible in the face of such an onslaught of ideas and images.

**From the Scriptures:**

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Mt. 6:19-21

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?" Mt 16:24-26

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. Jn 15:5

**Conversation with God:**

Let God speak to you with the excerpt from *'The Shack'* and also with these verses from the Holy Scriptures. Then speak to God and tell Him to be the fire in your heart, the wind in the sails of your life and the reason that you live... Amen.