

### The Shack – Reflection (3)

Quiet yourself and become aware of God's presence at this very moment ... Ask Jesus to become more aware of His presence in your life and ponder the words of this song ...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5MFhZLO73A>

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

"Will I always be able to see you or hear you like I do now, even if I'm back home?"

Sarayu smiled. "Mackenzie, you can always talk to me and I will always be with you, whether you sense my presence or not".

"I know that now, but how will I hear you?"

"You will learn to hear my thoughts in yours, Mackenzie", she reassured him.

"Will it be clear? What if I confuse you with another voice? What if I make mistakes?" Sarayu laughed, the sound like tumbling water, only set to music. "Of course you will make mistakes, everybody makes mistakes, but you will begin to better recognise my voice as we continue to grow our relationship".

"I don't want to make mistakes", Mack grunted.

"Oh, Mackenzie", responded Sarayu, "mistakes are a part of life, and Papa works her purpose in them too". She was amused and Mack couldn't help but grin back. He could see her point well enough.

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"So, will I see you again?" he asked hesitantly.

"Of course. You might see me in a piece of art, or music, or silence, or through people, or in creation, or in your joy and sorrow. My ability to communicate is limitless, living and transforming, and it will always be tuned to Papa's goodness and love. And you will hear and see me in the Bible in fresh ways. Just don't look for rules and principles; look for relationship – a way of coming to be with us".

#### Questions for reflection:

- What actions are you taking that nourish your relationship with the Holy Spirit?
- How are you seeing and hearing the Holy Spirit in my life?
- Do you see God working his purpose in your mistakes/failures?

**Conversation with God:**

Let God speak to you with the excerpt from *'The Shack'* and also with the answers to these questions. Then speak to God and tell Him how much you desire to know Him more deeply and more intimately. Amen.