

**New Life International Fellowship**  
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**“Crossing Bridges”**  
**Philippians 1:6; 2:12-13**

What do you think your next step is in your relationship with God?

- I. Crossing Bridges
- II. The VIM Model for Transformation (Dallas Willard)
  - A. Vision

“A vision for life is a picture of who you want to be, what you want to do, and how you want to do it. It’s something that you want for your life that is not yet a reality. Vision is a way to express the desires of your heart, the hopes of your imagination, the intention of your will, and the creation of your mind—all fed and shaped by Scripture and the leading by the Holy Spirit. In other words, vision is a compelling picture of a destination where you want to go and where you believe God is leading you.”

—Tim Geoffrion, rev. 2016

B. Intention

*The Buddhist Challenge*

Looking to God is not a passive waiting on God. Rather, it is an earnest effort to develop our relationship with God, in order that we may increasingly experience the power of God at work in us and through us.

C. Means

In the end, seeking to grow in your relationship with God rightly balances long range planning with moment-by-moment openness to the Spirit’s leading. Christian pilgrims must, on one hand, incorporate both setting vision and intentionally pursuing goals for growth and change; and, on the other, humbly learn to listen closely to the Spirit, and flow better with the Spirit’s leading from day to day.

**Challenge**

- What bridges is the Spirit putting before you?
- How are you praying?
- Do you have a vision? Are you setting your intention? Are you gathering needed resources?
- What is your next step?