

{ Day 10 }

You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that bear witness of Me; and you are unwilling to come to Me, that you may have life.

—John 5:39-40, NAS, emphasis added

For the first time in my life, zeal was not enough. If anything, it had turned on me and become my enemy—condemning me for my spiritual failures. My human zeal was not able to deliver my heart. My increasing anger toward God and people added to my burden of guilt feelings. I was almost twenty years old by this time—and was a ball of frustration on the inside because I viewed myself as a spiritual failure.

{ PRAYER STARTER }

Lord, I too, like Mike Bickle, have felt like a spiritual failure at times. Help me to blaze with passion for You.

**I suddenly realized I was like the pious Pharisees
who studied the Scriptures yet did not enjoy
a relationship with the person those
very Scriptures were about.**