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CHC Weekly Meeting

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Book used: *Unspoken Sermons* by George MacDonald (can be found online at: <http://www.online-literature.com/george-macdonald/unspoken-sermons/>)

Also referenced: *My Utmost For His Highest* by Oswald Chamber

The quotes are in sequential order of Tyler's talk:

Unspoken Sermons, The Voice of Job - "To know a primrose is a higher thing than to know all the botany of it - just as to know Christ is an infinitely higher thing than to know all theology, all that is said about his person, or babbled about his work."

Matthew 22:34-40

John 1:37

John 14:6

Unspoken Sermons, The Eloi - Try not to feel good when thou art not good, but cry to Him who is good. He changes not because thou changest. Nay, he has an especial tenderness of love towards thee for that thou art in the dark and has no light, and his heart is glad when thou dost arise and say, "I will go to my Father." "

My Utmost for His Highest - There is nothing more difficult than to ask. We will long and desire and crave and suffer, but not until we are at the extreme limit will we ask. A sense of unreality makes us ask. Have you ever asked of the depths of moral poverty?....."Ask" means beg. Some people are poor enough to be interested in their poverty, and some of us are like that spiritually. We will never receive if we ask with an end in view; if we ask, not out of our poverty, but out of our lust. A pauper does not ask from any other reason than the abject panging condition of his poverty, he is not ashamed to beg. Blessed are the paupers in spirit."

My Utmost for His Highest - "Draw nigh to God." "Knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Knock – the door is closed, and you suffer from palpitation as you knock. "Cleanse your hands" – knock a bit louder, you begin to find you are dirty. "Purify your heart" – this is more personal still, you are desperately in earnest now – you will do anything. "Be afflicted" – have you ever been afflicted before God at the state of your inner life? There is no strand of self-pity left, but a heartbreaking affliction of amazement to find you are the kind of person you are. "Humble yourself" – it is a humbling business to knock at God's door – you have to knock with the crucified thief. "To him that knocketh, it shall be opened."

Galatians 2:19-20

Luke 9:23-25

Unspoken Sermons, Life - "God is life, and the will-source of life. In the outflowing of that life, I know him; and when I am told that he is love, I see that if he were not love, he would not, could not create. I know nothing deeper in him than love, nor believe there is in him anything deeper than love - nay, that there can be anything deeper than love. The being of God is love, therefore creation."

John 10:10

Unspoken Sermons, The Heart With Treasure - "To understand the words of our Lord is the business of life. For it is the main road to the understanding of The Word himself. And to receive him is to receive the Father, and so to have Life in ourselves. And Life, the higher, the deeper, the simpler, the original, is the business of life. The Word is that by which we live, namely, Jesus himself; and his words represent, in part, in shadow, in suggestion, himself."