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CONCLUSION

Two Key Words—Cultivation and Conversation!

Warnings about Cultivating Your Conversation with God:

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Don’t let it become a machinery or monotonous.
Don’t let it become a measuring stick for success.
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Your Cultivation of a Conversation with Jesus Should Be:

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Authentic—something in which you are honest
Ubiquitous—something that is everywhere all the time
Personal—something that is enjoyable and loving

HEBREWS 4:11–16
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