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You may still struggle to understand how you can live a godly life around vastly different people, and you can spend as much time on this as you need with God in the garden.

For now, continue down the path where you climb up Mystery Mountain. On a large flat boulder you sit with Him for further conversation.

You know that throughout the gospels Jesus retreated to a quiet place, often on a mountain, to go speak to the Father. You enjoy this same special privilege and ask Jesus all your questions. You listen — and He gives the answers to you when the time is right.

This rock is so special because He teaches you the meanings and Mysteries of Himself and His Word — the promises He's made to you! Don't rush this time. Wait to hear the whispers of His voice in your heart. Journal or sketch what He teaches you on the Mountain even if it's a single word.



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There's so much more to learn from The Dock of Reflection, and your struggle to execute a godly life around vastly different people probably still lingers. One promise you can hold onto is this: "His divine power has given to us **all things** that pertain to life and godliness, **through the knowledge of Him** who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly **great and precious promises**, that through these you may be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." (2 Peter 1:3-4)

The good news is that your time in The Royal Garden is never limited and you can come back whenever you want. There's so much more of it to see, so for now let's continue walking through the garden to the next special place which will help you with your challenges from the Dock of Reflection. This place is The Mystery Mountain.

Remember the promise above? You have precious promises given to you through the knowledge of Him, and you get to partake of His divine nature! Read that again if you need to. With His divine nature you CAN be the reflection of Him towards difficult people.

How do you do become the reflection of His divine nature? Everything you need is in His Word; God's Word gives timeless guidelines and promises to deal with your needs. Treasures wait for you in His Word. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach you what is true, make you realize what is wrong, and correct you into doing right (2 Timothy 3:16). You do not have to rely on your own feelings or understandings; this is God's promise to equip you to do good work.

But what if you don't always understand His word? Part of the grace that He gives us is understanding through the power of the Holy Spirit. His Word refers to many mysteries: the mystery of the church (aka Gentiles) being heirs in Ephesians 3:2-6, the mystery of Christ in the believer in Colossians 1:26 - 2:2, the mystery of marriage, Christ and the church in Ephesians 5:28-32, and the mystery of His will in Ephesians 1:9, just to name a few. Jesus wants His followers to know His will, and His mysteries,...so we should ask for those mysteries to be revealed!

One of the most fascinating parts of Scripture is when Jesus appeared to two men on the Road to Emmaus after His crucifixion and unlocked a ton of mysteries for them! "And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself." Not only did Jesus expound the Scriptures on that short walk, but He indicated that He was willing to keep going! (Luke 24:27-28)

This willingness reminds students of Scripture of the immense grace and lovingkindness of His heart. You can see God's confession of willingness to lovingly go above and beyond with David. Speaking through the prophet Nathan, God told David after his blunder with Bathsheba, "I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. **And if that had been too little, I also would have given you much more!**" (2 Samuel 12:7-9) Wow, do you think God doesn't want to pour out His grace on you? All you have to do is open the Bible to see His goodness.

Maybe there's times when even God's love seem like a mystery to you. The purpose of The Mystery Mountain is to obtain His wisdom and embrace His willingness to pour out His lovingkindness as He teaches the meanings and Mysteries of Himself and the promises in His Word to you.