

What Kind of Relationship?

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It seems sometimes that God is pulling all the strings in our lives without really letting us know what's going on. And the question I've asked Him is, "Is this really what You mean by a relationship?" In my sense of being "in the dark" about what's happening in life, I've charged Him with being impersonal — with only *saying* He wants a relationship with His people but not really meaning it.

What I'm coming to realize is that God does want a relationship with us, but it first needs to be a relationship of trust before it's a relationship of understanding — that He shares specific information with us and unveils His heart more readily with those who have already learned to trust Him. So the desire I have to understand what He's doing is, in fact, a valid part of the relationship; but it's secondary to the need to trust what He's doing. Trust and understanding are both vital aspects of a real relationship. But in our relationship with God, trust has to take precedence.