

Am I Confusing God With The Higher Powers I Used To Have?

2nd Step – Lesson 2

Before God started us down the road of recovery, we were turning our will and our lives over to people and things that were destroying us. Now God has showed us his love and acceptance through his Son Jesus, and we're starting to "turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him."

But is our understanding of God mixed up with our understanding of the "higher powers" we used to turn our will and our lives over to? GOD IS NOT A DRUG! Don't expect him to act like one!

For instance:

- Unlike drugs, God doesn't exist to perform miracles at your convenience.
Mark 1:41-45—Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured. Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: "See that you don't tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them." Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.
- Unlike drugs, God wants you as his friend, not his slave.
John 15:13-15—Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.
- Unlike drugs, God wants to help you be your real self, not a clone of other addicts.
Isaiah 43:1—But now, this is what the LORD says—he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
- Unlike drugs, God doesn't abandon you when you don't pay up.
Matthew 28:20—"I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
- Are there other ways God has surprised you by treating you differently than your drug treated you?
- Are there ways you still expect God to treat you the way your drug treated you?