

Brennan Manning on connecting to Jesus

“What makes authentic disciples is not visions, ecstasies, biblical mastery of chapter and verse or spectacular success in the ministry, but a capacity for faithfulness. Buffeted by the fickle winds of failure, battered by their own unruly emotions, and bruised by rejection and ridicule, authentic disciples may have stumbled and frequently fallen, endured lapses and relapses, gotten handcuffed to the fleshpots and wandered into a far county. **Yet, they kept coming back to Jesus.**” –Brennan Manning, *The Ragamuffin Gospel*