

Title: "IA Story About Jesus and Jonathan Roumie"

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Greetings all,

A lot of you are fans of *The Chosen*. Wanted to share a recent email I received that might help with a possible problem related to Jonathan Roumie:

"A lady from my new church today was trying the Immanuel Approach for the first time. She was very excited about it all, and seemed to be connecting well with Jesus. Only she claimed that she couldn't see his face. This really bothered her, so I said she could ask Jesus what was getting in the way. Finally, she told me that whenever she tried to see Jesus' face, it was the face of the Jesus character in *The Chosen*, so she knew it couldn't be Jesus' face.

The idea popped into my head to have her go back to the memory of watching *The Chosen*, and invite Jesus into it. She did, and soon reported that He was sitting by her on the couch. She reported that Jesus was saying that the man playing Him definitely was not His exact look alike. Jesus was laughing, she was laughing with him, and she could see the crinkles in the corners of his eyes from his joy and the joy and funniness they were sharing. After that she never seemed worried again about not being able to see his face."

This short Immanuel story illustrates one of the simplest and most important IA interventions: Whenever the recipient encounters a problem, help her to focus/articulate the problem, help her talk directly to Jesus about the problem, and help her to ask Him for help. And if there is a concrete context associated with the problem, it is especially effective to help the person to perceive Jesus with them in the context, and then to help them engage directly with Jesus regarding the problem *within the context of the problem*.

Blessings,

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