

Jerry: As far as people are concerned, I, in a sense, like being around people, but I only like to go up to a certain point. Then from there I don't like to get too close to people. For example, if I got to know you Carl, better, at least the way I feel now...then I wouldn't want to get to know you too well, and, when you say "well why do you feel like this?" I, I can't say. Maybe it's because I don't...I can't truthfully say it's because I don't want to be bothered. And yet it may be because, as Roz says, that you get up to a certain point and...I feel if you get to know me too well you will reject me, I guess.

Carl: And you've realised very keenly that whatever shuts other people away from you shuts you away from the other person. And you want desperately for that to disappear.

Jerry: Well I don't know, it's very difficult to communicate, which is one of my problems, truly communicating, and I find myself still not a part of this group somehow. There's not too many...I can't think of anybody in this...except for Beth, that really affects me. And she affects me because she seems so much like me. I look at myself with strangeness because I have no friends for example. And I don't seem to require any friends.

Carl: Here?

Jerry: Any place. And I really mean friends. I have not one friend. I don't seem to need any, yet in my own area i'm fairly well, I assume, liked. At least I haven't found anything different than that. I don't seem to...this is a shocking thing because I feel i'm all wrong, that I do need people and yet I don't seem to at this point need any of you.

Carl: You say you have not a single friend. Is there no-one you feel close to or whom you feel you would let come close to you? No-one?

Jerry: Well my parents...outside of my wife of course. But that's a different relationship. If you mean somebody that I would have to confide in, and felt that I just had to do it, that would be...

Roz: But you wanted to do it, rather than had to.

Carl: I think he's kind of saying, or at least the way I understand it, "if I was desperate, maybe I would go to my parents" but then Roz is saying isn't there anybody you'd like to share yourself with?

Jerry: No.

Roz: I'm like Charlie Brown, I need all the friends I can get. It's a marvel how you can really feel you don't need people. And I need everyone of you. And I don't know how to give to you if you need me and this bugs me. And I don't care if it sounds like a tinkling bell or what, but it really bothers me because i'm very critical and I don't want to be this way. And how can I be loved if I don't love.

Jerry: Are you saying you need us because you like us, not the other way round?

Roz: Yes I like you and I want to like you really more than I know how. And I need you to like me. And how can you not need people?

Jerry: Well as I said, I feel that's a wrong thing but I'm trying to be honest at this point and I don't know if i'm honest even in saying it. But that's the way I feel, not only in this group, but in any area. And it's a mystery because people seem to need other people. Not seem to do but they do and yet I can't seem to realise this or really feel it, rather, is what I'm saying. And there's a slight feeling that at this session there's something wrong with this feeling.

Roz: Maybe if he sees too much of me he'll see these things about me that *I* don't like, and *he* won't like. And by his

not liking it, he just makes it that much clearer to myself. But I don't know where the change comes...or how it came, but perhaps I have a little more courage, but I am not satisfied with these relationships that end just there. And I would like to really have enough love in *me* to see the person all the way through and see certain things about him that I don't like, but I still like *all* of him...To have enough love there for these people and to find this love in return for me that with all my limitations, all my faults, all my shortcomings, that I can be really loved. Then I think it will be a fulfilling relationship. After a while its, you know, this type of relationship that you said you form...it's just not enough. And in this group I hope that I can love every one of you and have every one of you love me. I don't know whether I can...