

ANCHORED PEOPLE

INTIMACY I part1

"..to know and be known"

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intro:

God uses ordinary things for extraordinary purposes.. **'POTENTIAL'**

HOPE | a feeling of expectation

TRUST | Can not trust someone you don't know

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2. INTIMACY

A life with God



2.1 Defined:

[Latin root **intim(us)** a close friend]

1.the state of being intimate. 2.a **close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship** with another person or group. 3.a close association with or detailed knowledge or deep understanding... 4.an act or expression serving as a token of familiarity, affection, or the like: to allow the intimacy of using first names. 5.an amorously familiar act; liberty. 6.sexual intercourse ** 7.**the quality of being comfortable, warm, or familiar**



INTIMACY Close relationships are part of God's will for human life. Scripture speaks of:

Jesus Christ's intimate relationship with his Father

God's intimate relationship with his people

Images of God's desire for intimacy with His people; And between people

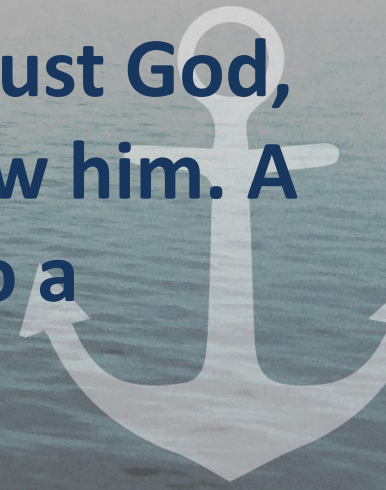
- **God as a father**
- **Christ as a groom and His bride**



Heart of Intimacy with God

JOHN BLOOM

It is as true in our relationship with God as it is in our relationships with other human beings. Our experience of God's nearness or distance is not a description of His actual proximity to us, but of our experience of intimacy with Him. Scripture shows us that God is intimate with those who trust him. The more we trust God, the more intimately we come to know him. A felt distance from God is often due to a disruption in trust, such as a sin or disappointment.



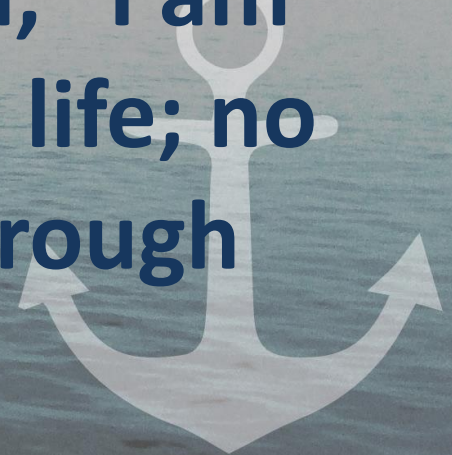
3. Keys on 'intimacy with God' to take home:

Two foundational elements first -

3.1 Key I One Door to Intimacy:

JESUS

#1 John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."



FRIENDSHIP

#2 John 15:15

**I do not call you slaves anymore,
because a slave doesn't know what his
master is doing. I have called you
friends, because I have made known to
you everything I have heard from My
Father.**



3.2 Heart, heart, heart:

Heart connection – meeting of the hearts

[STRONGS] kardía – heart; mind, character, inner self, will, intention, center.

"the affective center of our being"

"desire-producer that makes us tick"

....that establish who we really are.

- ✓ Marriage as example
- ✓ Religion [negative dead works def] and relationship



**“You will seek me and find me
when you seek me with all your
heart.”**

Jeremiah 29:13



3.3 Desire intimacy with God:

He is not a priority; he is the priority.

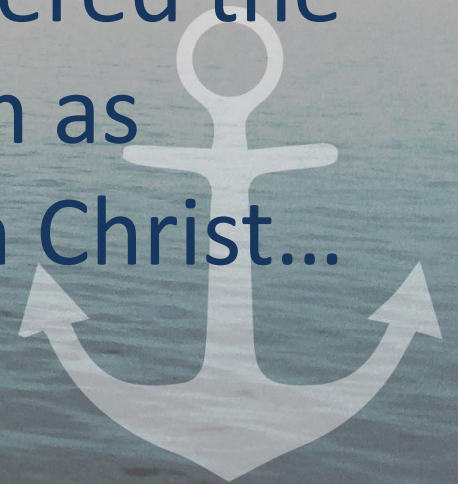
“One thing I ask of the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple”

David wrote in Psalm 27:4 (NIV)



Philippians 3:7-8

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ...



Hunger for it?

[DESIRE]

Why do you want to have an intimate relationship with God and do you want to grow in intimacy with Him?

[Extracts/translations of some messages.. Everybody said yes, want to grow]

Listen with me to the heart and desire...



Why no hunger [desire] ?

1. You have not really tasted before;

2. You are having [intimate with] other stuff.



Psalm 34:8 (HCSB)

**Taste and see that the LORD is good.
How happy is the man who takes refuge in
Him!**

“Trying to know God and serve Him before
we come to love Him is exhausting.”

— Beth Moore

Reminder | Ephesians 2:8 **GRACE**



PRAYER

MINISTRY TIME

