Building An Intimate Relationship with the Father

Psalms 139:1-3 (NAS)
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• RECAP

• 7 objectives for the Church
  1. Be Relevant
  2. Be Reachable
  3. Be Relatable
  4. Be Respectful
  5. Be Relational
  6. Be Relentless
  7. Be Real
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1. The Restoration of Relevance:
   ▪ The church must reclaim its Identity

2. Making God Reachable
   ▪ Do What He Did
   ▪ Say What He Said
   ▪ Live How He Lived
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3. Making the Gospel Relatable
   - By Preaching Jesus
   - Making SURE REPENTANCE is every PERSONS response to the message!!
   - Making sure to teach that there are No Other Alternatives

4. Honoring God
   - Making Respect and Honor of God a part of our lifestyle, Giving & Worship
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There are various levels of Relationships

- Acquaintances
- Friends
- Relatives
- Siblings
- Spousal
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Level of Degrees

Distance – Closeness - Intimacy
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Intimacy:

• A process in which an individual is willing to give themselves, expresses personal feelings and share exclusive information in order to be known, validated, and cared for and love from an intended recipient.
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Attributes of Intimacy

- Affection
- Warmth
- Self Disclosure
- Closeness
- Interdependence

Attributes of Distance

- Anger
- Insensitivity
- Criticism
- Resentment
- Inattention
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-Ps 139:1-3(NAS)

• O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and are intimately acquainted with all my ways.
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Intimacy Requires Certain Behaviors of Those Involved

- Intimacy Requires Commitment - Jos 24:14(MSG)
- Intimacy Requires Conversation - Gen 17:3(HSCB)
- Intimacy Requires Vulnerability - Ps 139:23(BBE)
- Intimacy Requires Honesty - 1 Chr 29:17(NIV)
- Intimacy Requires Time - Ex 33:11(NKJV)
- Intimacy Requires Sharing One's Heart - Ps 94:19(NRSV)
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The Benefits of Intimacy

• The Greater the Intimacy the Greater the Trust (Confidence)
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The Power of Intimacy

Intimacy gives power to know that God is ALWAYS WITH YOU
This Empowers the Believer to ACT in BOLDNESS in everything we are sent or called to do
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Gen 28:15 (NIV)
I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.

Isa 41:9-10
I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, ‘You are my servant’; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
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• Developing Intimacy

• Finding Quite Time
  • And in the morning, a long time before daylight, he got up and went out to a quiet place, and there he gave himself up to prayer.

• Sharing your Heart
  • My heart has heard you say, "Come and talk with me, O my people." And my heart responds, "Lord, I am coming."
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Personal Worship

Gen 12:7-8(GW)

• Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “I'm going to give this land to your descendants.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. 8 He moved on to the hills east of Bethel, and he put up his tent— with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. He also built an altar to the LORD there and worshiped the LORD.
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