

- 1 **Chapter 5:
The Sacred Room of Intimacy**
- 2 **Sacred rooms of Intimacy**
 - ☞ We have reservoirs in our hearts with the different capacities and purposes to house love.
 - ☞ God's purpose in relationships are distinct - with boundaries and varying levels of intimacy
 - ☞ We can't deny or switch the relational rooms. They exist for a purpose and have a spiritual law of cause and effect attached to them.
 - ☞ What Jesus can do in these rooms is immense
- 3 **A Temple for Intimacy**
 - ☞ The OT temple was designed to restore people to mankind – but it created a system that highlighted the distinction between holiness and sin.
 - ☞ The three levels of the temple reflected the varying levels of intimacy requirements – what needed to occur to be in God's presence.
 - ☞ Blood sacrifice was required to atone for sins – this was one of the main temple functions
 - ☞ The exacting nature of the processes and laws of OT demonstrate the fierceness of God's holiness
 - ☞ The OT temple was replaced by the heart of the Believing Christian. We now house a spiritual temple where God can manifest Himself in our lives.
- 4 **Holiest of holies**
 - ☞ The temple had a holy and reserved area called the Holy of Holies that offered God an actual dwelling place where He can manifest His "Shekinah Glory".
 - ☞ It was the closest thing on earth of experiencing and encountering God. However, because it was so holy, it could only be entered by the High Priest who had performed a variety of purification rituals.
 - ☞ In our lives, the Holy of Holies is located within our hearts. When this room is filled with God, we have the opportunity experience His actual presence.
- 5 **Intimacy with God**
 - ☞ What does that look like?
 - ☞ Living intimately is a merging; we develop the same affections, desires, interests, plans dreams and goals, yet we are uniquely and totally two separate people.
 - ☞ In our merging together with the heart of Jesus, we in no way lose our unique and personalized thumbprint.
 - ☞ Purification is the essential ingredient of all forms of intimacy because sin always brings separation. There is necessity in the 24/7 cleansing process available to us – it maintains intimacy
- 6 **Faulty Intimacy Styles with God**
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 - ☞ We misunderstood God's expectations – we saw our Christian "functions" as intimacy
 - ☞ Since we had never experienced anything deeper, we honestly believed that we were doing our part.
 - ☞ God didn't want us to "do" for Him (law) ,but to know Him (grace.)
- 7 **Intimacy with God**
 - ☞ Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ

Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead! Philippians 3:7-10

8 **How God Knows Us**

☞ Psalm 139 – we are known intimately, meticulously, and with the awe and affection of the God that actually designed us by His own hand. He knows our days, our thoughts, our feelings, our burdens, our violations, sorrow – He has shared in everything we have gone through.

☞ The battle isn't ever how God actually sees us, but how we see ourselves and perceive He sees us.