



Intimacy with God

What is Intimacy?

“Intimacy in a relationship is a feeling of being close, and emotionally connected and supported. It means being able to share a whole range of thoughts, feelings and experiences that we have as human beings. It involves being open and talking through your thoughts and emotions, letting your guard down (being vulnerable), and showing someone else how you feel and what your hopes and dreams are.”

Better Health Channel

YOU HAVE MADE US FOR YOURSELF,
AND OUR HEARTS ARE RESTLESS,
UNTIL THEY CAN FIND REST IN YOU.

Augustine of Hippo



The Invitation to Intimacy

“Come near to God and he will come near to you.”

James 4:8

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

John 15:5

Our Spiritual Guide: The Holy Spirit

“No one’s ever seen or heard anything like this,
Never so much as imagined anything quite like it—
What God has arranged for those who love him.
But you’ve seen and heard it because God by his Spirit
has brought it all out into the open before you. The
Spirit, not content to flit around on the surface, dives
into the depths of God, and brings out what God
planned all along.”

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (The Message)

The Personal Nature of the Holy Spirit

“The Holy Spirit is not an impersonal power or an ethereal, abstract energy. The Spirit is personal in every sense of the term. He has a mind and thinks (Isa.11:2; Rom. 8:27). The Spirit has a will and makes choices regarding what is best for God’s people and what will most glorify the Son (Acts 16:7; 1 Cor. 2:11). The Spirit, no less so than the Father and the Son, enters into a vibrant and intimate relationship with all whom he indwells (2 Cor. 13:14)...His primary role in us...is to direct our attention to the person of Christ and to awaken in us heartfelt affection for and devotion to the Savior (John 14:26; 16:12-15).”

Sam Storms, The New City Catechism

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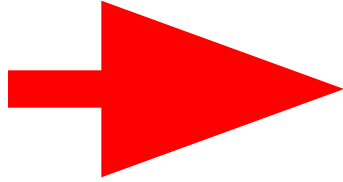


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Time Alone With God: Jesus' Place

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.”

Mark 1:35

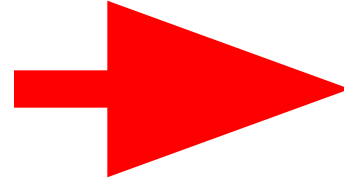




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“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”

1 Peter 5:7

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:9

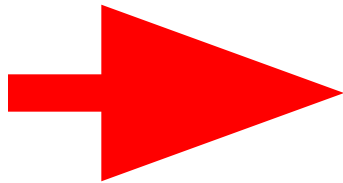
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- Sing
 - Meditate on Hymnal
 - Play worship songs
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PRAISE (Jack Hayford)

P - Present Yourself to God

R - Raise Your Hands

A - Adore God

I - Invite His Presence

S - Sing to Him

E - Expect Him to Respond



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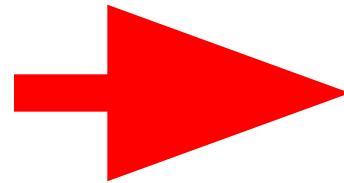
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Ps 91:1
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Ecc 2:11
Ps 111

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“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.”

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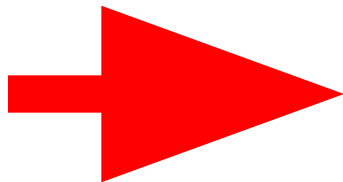
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Practice

Listening to God

“The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.”

Isaiah 50:4



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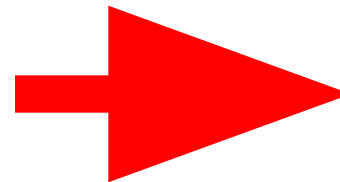
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Practice: Walk It Out!

“Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.”

John 14:23

“Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”

Galatians 5:25

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