

# INTIMACY WITH GOD

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Intimacy has to do with closeness. Intimacy describes a level of relationship where the two people involved are very close to each other and are open to each other to the point that they don't have secrets - they know practically everything about each other.

Intimacy reveals that one is not far from each other, but understands each other's heart beat and feelings. In this case, God understands your heart (desires, vision, pursuits, frustrations and concerns) and you understand God's heart (desires, vision, pursuits, frustrations and concerns).

Intimacy is a proof that one is serious about his or her relationship.

Intimacy is leaving the gates, passing through the reception, going beyond the sitting room to the bedroom or inner chamber to enjoy fellowship with the one you love.

Intimacy is going beyond lips service to real acts of love, friendship, oneness, sharing of thoughts and feelings and working as a team.

Intimacy with God involves loving God with the whole heart, soul and body in practical terms.

Intimacy is the highest form of relationship a man can ever have with another. It is more than just an acquaintance, casual and hanging out together. It is real closeness as the hearts of the person's concerned blend and knit together in sincere and total commitment to each other. This is the kind of relationship God seeks with every of His child, especially you. He wants to work with you in an intimate level.

## MEN WHO WERE INTIMATE WITH GOD

### **ABRAHAM**

*James 2:23*

*23 And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend.*

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- You too can become God's friend. The door is always open for this kind of relationship with God. He is longing for it and calling on you today to be his friend.
- Trust, sincerity and obedience to all of God's instructions open the door for this level of friendship.

### **MOSES**

*Ex 33:11*

*11 The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent.*

*NIV*

- Intimacy removes barriers in communication. If God can relate with Moses under the Old Covenant, imagine what will happen in the New Covenant if only we can open up and come closer to Him. He wants to be your intimate friend.

- God's invitation and your willingness to follow open the door for intimacy of this nature. You must be sold out to God – become God's own completely and willing to go where He wants, do what He wants and sacrifice whatever is necessary to enjoy this level of intimacy.

### **ELIJAH**

*1 Kings 17:1*

*And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word."*

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- The history of Elijah's life is dwelling in the presence of God.
- *"As the LORD God of Israel lives, **before whom I stand**"*. He is always in the presence of God.
- Intimacy is staying in God's presence always. This means:
  - a. You live daily in the consciousness of God's presence.
  - b. You are constantly worshipping and communicating with God.
  - c. You are sensitive to Him and what He wants and quick to obey any and every instruction He will give you from time to time.
  - d. You keep away from sin and anything that can drive His presence and Spirit away from you.
  - e. You treasure His presence and fellowship.
  - f. You give adequate time to Him.
  - g. God matters most to you and you are not going to let anything disconnect you from Him.

### **KING DAVID**

*1 Sam 13:14*

*14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.*

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*Acts 13:22*

*22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will.*

KJV

- King David was a man after God's heart:
  - a. King David was a man after intimacy with God.
  - b. He was a man after the interest, glory and honour of God Almighty, the God of his fathers.
  - c. He was interested in promoting and honouring God and His kingdom here on earth.
- Be like King David.

### **JOHN**

*John 13:21-27*

21 After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "I tell you the truth, one of you is going to betray me." 22 His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. 23 One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. 24 Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him which one he means." 25 Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" 26 Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, son of Simon. 27 As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

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- All the Apostles and disciples of Jesus have equal opportunity to be very close to Jesus.
- Each man decides the level of intimacy to have with Jesus.
- Jesus never called John specially to be close to Him.
- John chose to be very close. He wanted to be His friend and not just His subject and follower.
- Intimacy is by choice.
- All are called, but only few choose to answer the call.
- Be among the few that have chosen to be very intimate with the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Make this choice today and pursue it aggressively to the glory of God.

**Conclusion:**

You can be intimate too with the Lord. It is a choice you have to make. All the men studied had to make the decision to be close to God. Apostle John had to choose to be very close to Jesus and it paid off. His closeness was visible for all other disciples to see. Intimacy with God will make you outstanding in the world. It will make your Christian life worth living and very exciting. God will become very real to you and you will always feel very safe and secure at all times and in all situations.

Don't just be a Christian, be intimate with the Lord and Saviour of your life and you will know true rest and success.