

Fear? NOT! Part Four

Fear of Intimacy



Man's Greatest Need

To _____ God and be _____ by Him.

(John 17:3) "Now this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only God and Jesus Christ..."

(Psalm 139:1) "O Lord, you have searched me and you know me..."

How Fear Works

(2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV) "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

- ✓ A _____ thought.
- ✓ A _____ reaction.
- ✓ A fear _____.
- ✓ A desire to _____.

Fear of Intimacy

- ✓ Comes from our _____

(Genesis 3:9-10) But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

(2 Corinthians 4:2 Message) "We refuse to wear masks and play games...Rather, we keep everything we do and say out in the open, the whole truth on display, so that those who want to can see..."

- ✓ Comes from our _____

(Proverbs 29:25) "Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe."

✓ Comes from our_____.

(Job 19:19) "All my intimate friends detest me; those I love have turned against me."

Overcoming the Fear of Intimacy

(Psalm 34:4) "I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears."

1. _____ God's forgiveness.

(Titus 3:3-7 NLT) "Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other. But when God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy...He declared us righteous and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life."

2. _____ my issues with people.

(1 John 4:18) "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear..."

(Romans 15:7) "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."

(Matthew 18:21-22) Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

3. _____ on my relationship with God.

(Matthew 22:37-39) "...Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind...And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Notes
