



MORE SERIES
Part Seven: "More Intimacy"
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"For my determined purpose is that I may know Him [that I may progressively become MORE deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person MORE strongly and MORE clearly]." Phil. 3:10 (AMP)

Definition of Intimacy: Close connection and experience; friendship and familiarity - in this case with the Person of Jesus Christ.

► The more _____ we develop with Jesus,
the more _____ our lives become.

PRINCIPLE VS. PERSON

Our greatest _____ is to grow
in our _____ with Jesus.

"Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends."
Revelation 3:20 (NLT)

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." John 14:6 (NLT)

Principles can only bring us life
in the context of a _____.

• **Intimacy with God builds** _____.

"I am suffering here in prison. But I am not ashamed of it, for I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until the day of his return." 2 Timothy 1:12 (NLT)

• **Intimacy with God restores** _____.

"I experience absolute joy in your presence; you always give me sheer delight." Psalm 16:11 (NET)

"Intimacy" (Cont'd)

• **Intimacy with God releases** _____.

"...The people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits." Daniel 11:32 (NKJV)

HOW TO DEVELOP MORE INTIMACY WITH GOD

1. **I know Him MORE when I** _____.

"Be still, and know that I am God..." Psalm 46:10 (NKJV)

_____ is one of the
greatest barriers to knowing God.

2. **I know Him MORE when I** _____.

"Have faith in me, and you will have life-giving water flowing from deep inside you..." John 7:38 (CEV)

People are like _____:
Most of our issues are beneath the surface.

"This is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." John 17:3 (NIV)

FATHER GOD, Thank you for knocking on my heart's door. I long for a more intimate relationship with you. I'm ready to open up and welcome you in. I ask for grace to slow down and look deep. I receive a fuller, freer and more joyful life today! Through Christ I pray, AMEN

THIS WEEK IN SMALL GROUPS

Icebreaker: Share an interesting "door knocking" experience you've had.

Scripture Focus: Let group members share a verse from this teaching -- one that impacted them personally. What does it mean for them?

Discussion Focus: I what ways do you think Jesus knocks on our door?

Prayer Focus: Pray for each one to develop a deeper intimacy with God.