

April 6 - Deeper Still – Part 1: *Developing Deeper Intimacy Requires Vulnerability*

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Psalms 27:4 One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever..

The invitation has never stopped to cultivate a deeper more intimate relationship between God and man and to experience God's glory here on earth.

Religion Alone ,going to church , helping in ministry wont do much for us unless we truly know Intimately the God behind it.

And It is in this state that religion truly becomes a relationship

Hebrews 4:15 tells us For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are yet without sin , (Jesus knows and cares)

Psalms 91:1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the almighty

God wants to be known by his people again.

Revelation 3:20 is the invitation “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.

Intimacy with God is not about following a set of rules or religious rituals

Intimacy with God requires time, intentionality, and openness.

Developing deeper Intimacy with God means moving beyond surface-level faith and stepping into a place of trust, honesty, and deep communion with Jesus

It's found in quiet moments of prayer, in reading His Word with a heart open to transformation,

James 4:8 says theres a promise that if we draw near to God , God will draw near to us.

This journey isn't about perfection, but it's about pursuing a genuine connection with God.

Jeremiah 29-13 If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

The more we seek Him, the more we experience the peace, joy, and purpose that comes from knowing Him deeply

So, how do we take steps toward this kind of closeness with God?

It begins with an honest open heart, a willingness to share and listen, and a desire to walk and talk with God daily

Vulnerability is Required Before we embark on the journey to develop a deeper relationship with God, it is essential to note that having true intimacy without vulnerability is impossible.

To be vulnerable means to open yourself up—emotionally, mentally, and spiritually— It requires honesty, courage, and a willingness to share your true thoughts, feelings, struggles, and fears,

Vulnerability is not weakness; rather, it is a sign of strength

vulnerability creates deeper trust and intimacy

Intimacy is described as a deep knowing or familiarity. We often invite God only to the parts we find comfort in sharing.

God won't heal what you don't reveal.

Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus said "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Being vulnerable fosters greater intimacy because it removes barriers to genuine connection. 1. Authenticity Builds Trust 2. Removes Emotional Walls 3. Invites Compassion and Understanding 4. Strengthens Emotional and Spiritual Growth 5. Deepens Love and Acceptance

In your relationship with God, vulnerability is key to experiencing His presence in a real way.

1 Peter 5:7 tells us to Cast all our cares on Him because He cares for us.

What moment(s) of intimacy with God are you missing out on because you won't take the step to be vulnerable or open up to God?

When we respond and take a step towards God : 1. Increased Awareness of His Presence 2. Conviction and Transformation 3. Renewed Strength and Joy 5. Guidance and Direction 6. Spiritual Authority and Boldness

Our Response Matters