



# TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

## Mentoring – Lesson 5

### Intimacy With God

#### Study Questions

- 1) The first, very important point we need to understand is that God doesn't just love me, he actually \_\_\_\_\_ me, too!
- 2) When you understand that God craves \_\_\_\_\_ with you, you will run to Him, sit in His lap and enjoy Him.
- 3) The more accurate translation of Psalm 139:24 is not "see if there is any *sinful* or *evil* way in me." Rather, it is "see if there is any \_\_\_\_\_ way in me."
- 4) The most difficult thing to surrender to is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) Intimacy is when you become totally \_\_\_\_\_ to someone or something that is like oxygen in your lungs.
- 6) In marriage, it is difficult to give ourselves over completely to our spouse, because there is a deep desire to be in \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7) At what point did Jesus give himself for the Church?  
  
On the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8) Even though the Church was spitting at Jesus, cursing him, and crying out, "Crucify him," Jesus understood the power of unrelenting \_\_\_\_\_, and that one day, because of that love, they would call him, Jesus, the King of kings and Lord of lords.
- 9) We need to have, deep down in our \_\_\_\_\_, the power of intimacy and love.

- 10) Why is it so hard for us to live in intimacy? Because of the fear of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11) Instead of abandoning ourselves to full intimacy, we \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves – with rules and disciplines, and put up walls.
- 12) Jesus stood in the gap by dying on the cross so that the world would know that God the Father loves it \_\_\_\_\_.
- 13) The fact that God knows every word, every act, every thought, every action, and he knows us intimately, is very disturbing, BUT God chooses to \_\_\_\_\_ us all around, indicating that he wants to hug us and be close to us (Psalm 139:5).
- 14) What illustration did Ed share to help us better understand the picture depicted in Psalm 139:5?
- 15) God looks at you and says, “I love you and there is \_\_\_\_\_ you can do about it!”
- 16) It’s not about us reaching up to God, or attaining to a certain level. It’s about \_\_\_\_\_ reaching out to us, coming down to us.
- 17) God says that he loved us when we were sinners and how much more does He love us, now, that we are his \_\_\_\_\_.
- 18) In Psalm 139:6, David was wrong in his understanding in that he thought it was about \_\_\_\_\_ measuring up to God; about \_\_\_\_\_ attaining it; about \_\_\_\_\_ measuring up; about \_\_\_\_\_ doing something to qualify. (the answer is the same for each blank)
- 19) God is so hungry and thirsty for \_\_\_\_\_ with us that he is like the father in the story of the Prodigal Son – he accepts us even though we may be unclean, filthy, dirty, and smelly, like the Prodigal Son.
- 20) God says, “You can never \_\_\_\_\_ away from me.”
- 21) In this Psalm, David comes to the conclusion that if God did such a marvelous job with my body, he \_\_\_\_\_ have done a corresponding job with my soul.
- 22) Your soul is not the \_\_\_\_\_ of who you are.
- 23) Jesus promised that we would never be \_\_\_\_\_ in discipling nations. He will *always* be with us even to the end of the age.
- 24) The most vulnerable part of a man’s life is his \_\_\_\_\_.
- 25) Legalism tells you to do this and not do that. \_\_\_\_\_ is to know how to choose between right and wrong and good and evil.
- 26) It was not sinful things, but \_\_\_\_\_ thoughts that were undermining David’s identity.
- 27) We are lost, and therefore, cannot find God so he can rescue us out of our own troubles. Rather, it is \_\_\_\_\_ who finds and rescues us.

- 28) God \_\_\_\_\_ our hearts, not to accuse us or to point the finger, but to say, “You are my son/daughter who has come home (like the Prodigal Son), and you will sit at the table where I will provide a banquet for you.”
- 29) What are the hurtful ways in your life? Renounce them now, on your own.
- 30) Describe how the story of Ed’s grandfather and the bull that “escaped” has impacted your life (how did God speak to you through that story?) (from “God’s Faith in You” link to blog)
- 31) When it comes to faith in God, we are often buffeted by feelings of \_\_\_\_\_ because we mistakenly root our faith in our capacity to believe.
- 32) We often end up discouraged because we fail to factor in how much \_\_\_\_\_ God has in us.
- 33) God has a better \_\_\_\_\_ of us than the opinion we have of ourselves.
- 34) God’s opinion of us, like Ed’s grandpa’s was of him, is determined by \_\_\_\_\_ still in the future.
- 35) Our assessment of our own \_\_\_\_\_ (or lack thereof) is shaped by past \_\_\_\_\_ and by what we have not done.
- 36) Like the Israel of those days, many Christians today often become \_\_\_\_\_ in caves of resignation and fear.
- 37) God has tremendous faith in us because He \_\_\_\_\_ what we are capable of, and to that effect He is willing and eager to \_\_\_\_\_ in us.
- 38) The enemy of faith is not \_\_\_\_\_, it is \_\_\_\_\_, because negative memories bind us to the past, whereas faith reveals all the positive things that are yet to happen (*Hebrews 11:1*).
- 39) *Why?* Is the question \_\_\_\_\_ likes to resort to when we are immersed in a deep personal crisis.
- 40) The more we fixate on this question, the more prone we become to \_\_\_\_\_ the power of God and the reality of miracles, which are precisely what we \_\_\_\_\_ to get out of our predicament.
- 41) Gideon had hardly any strength left, and whatever strength he had was \_\_\_\_\_ to save himself, much less the nation.
- 42) God was telling Gideon, “Stop thinking about personal survival and \_\_\_\_\_ Me for something that will save you and everything around you.”

- 43) If we remain fixated on mere \_\_\_\_\_, struggling to come up with well-meaning (albeit temporary), short-serving solutions, then we will never reach our \_\_\_\_\_. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the report of the Lord instead of a report that is the sum of our fears and doubts.
- 44) Your true destiny awaits you at the end of a path guarded by menacing giants, and \_\_\_\_\_ is one of them. You must press on, knowing that God has a very \_\_\_\_\_ opinion of you and He is commanding you to shift from survival mode to \_\_\_\_\_ mode.
- 45) God will cause your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to develop a better opinion of you than you think is possible.
- 46) God will make your \_\_\_\_\_ develop a better opinion of you!
- 47) But for this to happen you need to go to the enemy's camp. That is where that type of divine \_\_\_\_\_ is bestowed.
- 48) Summarize the teaching in 4 or 5 sentences.
- 49) How has this teaching on intimacy affected your life?
- 50) Describe the steps you will take to implement what you've learned.
- 51) Hear God say to you, "**Saddle up and go get 'em!**" Believe that He has a better opinion of you than the one you have of yourself, because *He knows what you are capable of and He knows the victories that are in store for you!*

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- 1) likes
- 2) intimacy
- 3) hurtful
- 4) intimacy
- 5) surrendered
- 6) control
- 7) cross
- 8) love
- 9) hearts
- 10) rejection
- 11) distance
- 12) unconditionally
- 13) enclose
- 14) the baby chick when Ed was a child
- 15) nothing
- 16) God
- 17) child
- 18) us
- 19) intimacy
- 20) run
- 21) must
- 22) totality
- 23) alone
- 24) emotions
- 25) Maturity
- 26) hurtful
- 27) God
- 28) searches
- 29) renounce on your own
- 30) write your own answer
- 31) inadequacy
- 32) faith
- 33) opinion
- 34) victories
- 35) capabilities,
- 36) failures
- 37) prisoners
- 38) sees, invest
- 39) unbelief, memory
- 40) Satan
- 41) doubt
- 42) need
- 43) inadequate
- 44) trust
- 45) survival, destiny, believe
- 46) fear, positive, conquering
- 47) family, elders
- 48) enemies
- 49) revelation