

Intimacy

Part 5 – The Empty Chair

Intro/Review

Jesus sought out the lost & broken, not the good people
Status & sense of superiority will keep you from experiencing
the grace & love of God
Jesus looks at enemies with compassion
God's compassion leads Him to enter our experience & suffering
We don't get/stay close to God by performing, but by grace.
Connecting through grace & mercy will then change us.

Intimacy

Exodus 33:11 – God deals with Moses as a friend, face
to face (Moses weak & imperfect.)

Romans 8:12-17

Not under obligation to live by flesh
Spirit puts to death need for “deeds”
Led by Spirit, no slavery leading to fear again
Adoption- Abba Father, “Daddy” intimate

Galatians 4:3-7

Not slaves but sons
Abba Father

Psalm 23 – Intimacy, no fear, being led and being cared
for.

The Empty Chair (Application)

We have often turned our “walk” into slavery &
obligation w/fear
“Am I being a ‘good’ Christian?”

We are adopted into an intimate relationship where
God becomes Daddy
children, not slaves

Jesus tells us to approach Him like children Matthew
18:3-4

We tend to formalize the relationship
-meeting God becomes performance review
-spiritual “grading”
-“enter into the throne room” rather than a face to
face meeting w/Daddy

The Empty Chair

Daily take time-not to discuss your performance
but to focus/dwell on:
His performance-for you
His presence-always with you
His power-through your weakness