

# Chapter 5: A Real Relationship

## Forgotten God, Session 5

“When we are at our wit’s end for an answer, then the Holy Spirit can give us an answer. But how can He give us an answer when we are still well supplied with all sorts of answers of our own?” –Karl Barth

What is the difference between “knowing God” and “knowing about God”?

### Slaves or Sons?

“There’s nothing better than being absolutely sure that the most powerful Being in the universe adores you as His own child. This is precisely the confidence the Holy Spirit offers us” (103).

Galatians 4:1-11

Romans 8:12-17

### Forgotten God: Week 5 Video (notes)

#### Motivation ≠ Invitation

“Sometimes I waited a few days or even weeks before talking to Him because I wanted to have a period of proving myself. In doing this, I acted like a slave and obeyed as well as I could. I figured I could still serve Him even though I felt uncomfortable having a real relationship with Him. Have you ever felt this way?” (113)

The Inviter has the \_\_\_\_\_. He delights in spending time with us.

The \_\_\_\_\_ never changes, but who we are in the eyes of the Inviter defines who we are.

#### Comfort (Maybe Your Life Is Too Safe)

Korean Missionaries and the Taliban, 2007

### **Volume (Maybe Your Life is Too Loud)**

“Our lack of intimacy often is due to our refusal to unplug and shut off communication from all others so we can be alone with Him” (109).

For the sake of our relationship with God, what should we do...

Daily?

Weekly?

Quarterly?

Annually?

“No matter what your personality, it is a spiritual discipline to be still, to listen, and to cut out the distraction and din of our world. And as we practice this \_\_\_\_\_, this waiting, this being, it is then that we can experience deep intimacy and relationship with the Holy Spirit” (109).

Galatians 3:13-14

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“Because of Jesus, I have received this promise. And this Spirit is not a remote force. He takes us residence in our lives, in our very bodies and by doing so brings with Him a deep level of security. Again and again in the Scriptures, we read about being God’s children, being led by His Spirit, and how we have received the Spirit of adoption” (111).

### **Discussion Questions:**

How would you, honestly, describe your relationship with God? How does it feel to you? How do you maintain it?

Have you ever thought about why you need “another Comforter” (John 14:16-17)? How comfortable is your life, and in that comfort, how much do you really “need” God?

Homework: Read the extended discourse of John 14-16. How is the relationship deepened and enhanced through the promised Holy Spirit?