

"INTIMACY WITH GOD"

SERIES BREAK



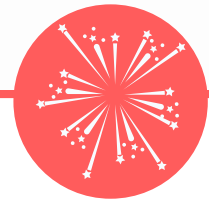
WORD

"And Solomon, my son, learn to know the God of your ancestors intimately. Worship and serve him with your whole heart and a willing mind. For the Lord sees every heart and knows every plan and thought. If you seek him, you will find him. But if you forsake him, he will reject you forever. 10 So take this seriously. The Lord has chosen you to build a Temple as his sanctuary. Be strong, and do the work."

1 Chronicles 28:9-10 NLT

for them to enjoy it. They have access to all kinds of food to nourish and satisfy them. All the books in OT and NT are pointing out how God always made known His ways to men. Just like Moses, Daniel, Jonah, Noah, Jacob, David and many more, they set time to seek, talk, listen and obey God. Specifically like David, well known as the man after God's own heart because of his commitment to seek and follow God (Psalms 63:1-8). David knows the importance of being serious to love God and have an intimacy with God. In his last days being the king of Israel, he gave a charge to Solomon his son. (also in 1 Kings 2:1-4)

Let us learn from David when he shared his heart and value to Solomon before David passed the throne to Solomon to govern over Israel.



SPARKS

- What is the best conversation you ever had with your father or with your mother?
- Every family has values they kept and passed on to the next generation, what values your grandparents and/or parents still have on you?

Familiarity or intimacy is essential to every parent-child and husband-wife relationship even with our relationship with God. It involves trust and setting up enough time to communicate. If we look back from the beginning of creation in Genesis, after God created heaven and the earth, He created man and woman with the ultimate purpose to know Him and have fellowship with Him. God provided all their needs, a safe place to live surrounded by God's beautiful creation

1. THE INSTRUCTION/COMMAND.

1Chronicles 28:9-10 NLT

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In these two verses David gave the following instruction or command to Solomon as his duties first and foremost being the new king of Israel; Learn to know God intimately, worship and serve Him, seek Him, take this seriously, be strong and do the work.

In worldly standards this kind of instruction will not make sense but all through David's life- he came against his enemy, his fight and battle not with sword or spear but in the name of the Lord Almighty(1 Samuel 17:45-47). David had tasted victories and experienced the wonders and faithfulness of God in his life when God delivered him out of many troubles many times (1 Kings 1:29), that is why he trusted God, knowing He alone can help him. Therefore, he also imparted to Solomon the way to have intimacy with God. Have you ever experienced God delivering you out of trouble, or sickness, or danger? Will you trust Him and make an effort to know him more and have intimacy with Him?

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2. THE TRADE.

1Chronicles 28:9b NLT

*Worship and serve him with your **whole heart and a willing mind.***

David knows that a half hearted and a mind that is not fully submitted to God will never be connected and aligned to God's plans. Intimacy with God is a divine exchange or trade when followers of Christ worship and serve God with whole heart and willing mind.

Could you say you had traded your whole heart and submitted your mind to God? It would mean surrendering your plans, dreams and trusting it all to His hands allowing Him to do what He wanted to do in your life in accord to His will for you.

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3. THE PROMISE- YOU WILL FIND HIM

1Chronicles 28:9d-10a NLT

*If you seek him, **you will find him.** But if you forsake him, he will reject you forever. 10 So take this seriously.*

David instruction includes to seek Him and take this seriously because setting yourself to take it seriously will lead to a promise that you will find Him. Finding God is finding blessing, shelter, protection, healing, favors, success, salvation, peace - all that complete and satisfy our inner being(Ecclesiastes 3:11). The more you hear from the Lord, the more guidance, strength, and victory you will experience.

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LIVE IT!

- Have you made a serious decision to set each day a quiet time to know God? Now is the time to start a good habit and discipline to read the bible, seek Him and make it a lifestyle.
- Use the one-year guide bible reading.
- Take it seriously. Take down notes of instructions and the promises you receive while reading the bible. (Is there a sin, instructions, or promise?)



PRAYER

- Give thanks to God for loving us and giving His son Jesus, the only way to be reconciled to God.
- Invite the Holy Spirit to guide and give wisdom as we embark in this journey to have an intimacy with God.
- Pray for strength and courage to take this commitment seriously to build a personal dwelling place of the presence of God in your own personal quiet time, in your family, in your J-Group and your community.

