

Reaching for

*The Hem*

How to Develop Spiritual Intimacy with God



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## Lesson 1: Reconnecting With Your First Love

### Reflection Scripture

When you read Philippians 3:1, what is the first thing that comes to your mind?

*[For my determined purpose is]  
that I may know Him  
[that I may progressively become  
more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him,  
perceiving and recognizing and understanding  
the wonders of His Person  
more strongly and more clearly]*

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## Guided Notes:

Use these guided notes to guide you through this week's lesson.

### A Match Made in Heaven

- From the moment of man's creation, God's plan was always for us to have \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- But, because of \_\_\_\_\_, there was a rift created within the relationship between God and man.

### God's Love Made a Way

- God loved you too much to stay apart!
  - He refused to let that sin be the end of your love story with Him.
  - God devised a plan that would \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### God With Us...

- Jesus came to earth so that, once again, God could come and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### Is God With You?

- Do you always feel like God is with you?
- Even as a Christian, Satan does not want you to feel like the Lord is living with you.
  - He wants you to confine your spiritual walk to mere \_\_\_\_\_
  - Satan wants you to miss out on the on what Jesus died to give you... \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### Additional Notes

## God IS With You

- Satan's goal:
  - For you to be filled with a sense of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  - For you to feel like you've been left to go through your days all alone.
  - For you to think your \_\_\_\_\_  
are yours alone to bear.
- Why?
  - It leaves you \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  - It leaves the part of you created for \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ empty.
    - Most emotional pain is us \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Your Best Friend Is Waiting...

- God loves you
  - His desire is for \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  - You can have the relationship with Him that you have always longed for.

## The Holy Spirit – Your Best Friend

- The Holy Spirit has been sent \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - To be your \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  - To be your \_\_\_\_\_.
  - To ensure that you will never have to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Additional Notes

- Jesus said:
  - Though the people in the world can't recognize the Holy Spirit,
    - You, as a child of God, can!
  - “You know and \_\_\_\_\_ Him, for He lives with you [constantly] and will be \_\_\_\_\_.”(John 14:17 AMP)

Additional Notes

- That means that the Holy Spirit of God is living \_\_\_\_\_ right now.
  - He's waiting to develop that intimate relationship that you are seeking.
  - Building any relationship takes \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The first step is \_\_\_\_\_.

But, what exactly is a friend?

### Building a Friendship With God

- What is a friend?
  - Someone that you \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Someone you \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Someone you have spent \_\_\_\_\_, getting to know each other and building your relationship.
- 2 keys to becoming God's friend
  - Get to know \_\_\_\_\_
    - That will build your ability to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Him.
      - “... ‘Abraham \_\_\_\_\_ God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,’ and he was called God's friend.” (James 2:23)
  - Spend quality time \_\_\_\_\_.

**What's On Your Heart....**

## Reflection Questions

1. What are some of the reasons you have been taught that God created man? Why do you think He really did it? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Have you ever felt as if you were all alone and left to face the trials and tribulations of this life on your own? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Why do you think Satan likes to make us think we are all alone? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Have you ever doubted that God really wanted to have a relationship with you or that you could develop a relationship with His through His Spirit? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Making God's Word Your Own

*And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever. – John 14:16 (AMP)*

**Explain what the following roles of the Holy Spirit mean to you personally.**

1. Comforter: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Intercessor: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Advocate: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Strengthener: \_\_\_\_\_