

- Two Questions:
  - “Have I given my LIFE to Jesus Christ?”, and therefore have my head leaning on the Father’s breast?
  - “Have I set my HEART on the Father’s breast?”, so that I can learn HIS HEART?”

## 2. Learn From The Father’s Heart

- Intimacy – Who Is My Heavenly Father?
- Identity – Who Am I?
  - Colossians 3:1,3 NIV – *(1) Since, then, you have been raised with Christ ... (3) For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.*
- Authority – What Has God Given Me?
  - Ephesians 1:18, NIV – *(18) I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know ... the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.*
- Everything You Need Is Revealed By Father’s Heart

## 3. Choose To Live Each Day From The Father’s Heart

- Mark 10:35-40, NIV – *(35) Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.” (36) “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. (37) They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.” ... (40) “but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”*

# FOUNDATIONS FOR NEXT-LEVEL LIVING

## Part 5 - Intimacy

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### REVIEW

- Faithfulness
- Perseverance
- Experiential Revelations: Authority-Identity-Intimacy**
  - Authority From Christ
  - Identity In Christ
  - Intimacy With Christ

### THE CORE FOUNDATION OF INTIMACY

#### 1. Old Testament Intimacy - Moses

- Exodus 33:13, NIV – *(13) If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you.*
- Exodus 33:11, NIV – *(11) The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend. ...*

#### 2. New Testament Intimacy - Jesus

- John 17:3, NIV – *(3) Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.*
- John 17:21, NIV – *(21) ... Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.*
- John 17:24-26, NIV – *(24) Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. ... (26) I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”*

- Supernatural - “I want them to be with me where I am”
- Emotional - “The love that you have for me may be in them”
- Experiential - “I myself may be in them”

## CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION: RULES OR RELATIONSHIP?

### 1. Historical Faith = Theology And Works

#### a) Theology (Believing)

- Believe this, don't believe that

#### b) Works (Doing)

- Do this, don't do that

### 2. Biblical Faith = Intimacy And Identity

- 1 Corinthians 15:46, NIV – “*The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual.*”

### 3. Reaching Your Natural Destiny

- Intimacy – Identity – Authority – Prosperity

### 4. Reaching Your Spiritual Destiny

- Intimacy – Identity – Authority – Prosperity

### 5. The Weakness Of Rules

- Romans 3:20, NIV – “... *through the law we become conscious of sin.*”
- Colossians 2:21-23, NIV – (21) “*Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!*”? (22) *These are all destined to perish with use, because they are based on human commands and teachings.* (23) *Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.*

## WHAT IS THE KEY TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE? – KNOW GOD’S HEART!

### 1. Set Your Heart, On God’s Heart

- Colossians 3:1, NIV – (1) *Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.* (2) *Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.* (3) *For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.* (4) *When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

#### a) “Set Your Hearts”

#### b) Set Your Hearts “On Things Above”

#### c) Set Your Hearts On “Where Christ Is Seated”

#### d) Set Your Hearts On What Is Happening Where Christ Is Seated

#### e) What Is Jesus Doing On The Throne?

- Romans 8:34, NIV – (34) ... *Christ Jesus, who died -- more than that, who was raised to life -- is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.*

- John 13:23, NIV – “*There was reclining on Jesus’ breast one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.*”

- John 5:19, NIV – “*I tell you the truth, the Son can ... do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.*”

#### f) Set Your Hearts On The Father’s Heart

- Colossians 3:3, NIV – (3) *For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.*