

2023 DANIEL FAST

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Relationships Everyone's Always Looking for

DAY 3

Galatians 4:4-7 [New Living Translation] *"But when the right time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. ⁵ God sent Him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that He could adopt us as His very own children. ⁶ And because we are His children, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, 'Abba, Father.' ⁷ Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are His child, God has made you, His heir."*

God wants a relationship with us. God desires true intimacy with His children. He wants us to understand the infinite depths of His love. He wants us to cry out to Him, "Abba!" (Daddy!).

Relationship with God is more than praying, giving, serving, fasting, obeying His Word, etc. All of those and more are important, but there is something beyond them. God wants intimacy with us as His Sons and Daughters, His children. I heard a preacher many years ago that used the word, intimacy, in a way that I have never forgotten. He said intimacy with God is, "in...to me...see." God wants to know your "in," what is inside of you. Your thoughts, dreams, imaginations, hurts, disappointments, struggles, etc. "To me" goes beyond the superficial of most relationships. God made you and He knows you. He wants to know the "me" of you. God also wants you to know that He always sees the "see" of you. He sees, you! Intimacy with God is what allows us to become intimate in our relationships with others. To know them, to see them, to help them, to be there for them.

God desires intimacy with you and me. Intimacy with God is the foundation of all healthy relationships we have with others, our family, and our friends. Open your heart and be intimate with God.

It's time to build Relationships Everyone's Always Looking for!

Worship Song:

"Jesus I Need You" – Hillsong Worship

<https://youtu.be/lKM-8CZRplI>

Scripture Readings:

Luke 11:1-2 [NIV] *One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."*² *He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be Your name.'"*

Romans 8:12-15 [God's Word] *"So, brothers and sisters, we have no obligation to live the way our corrupt nature wants us to live."*¹³ *If you live by your corrupt nature, you are going to die. But if you use your spiritual nature to put to death the evil activities of the body, you will live."*¹⁴ *Certainly, all who are guided by God's Spirit are God's children."*¹⁵ *You haven't received the spirit of slaves that leads you into fear again. Instead, you have received the spirit of God's adopted children by which we call out, "Abba! Father!"*

Jeremiah 1:5 [New Living Translation] *"I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb."*

Prayer:

Father, I want to know You as *"Abba...Daddy!"* I want there to be an intimacy between us that I have never experienced before where our relationship is concerned. I want to be transparent with You. I no longer want to *"hide"* from you as Adam and Eve did when they sinned. I believe that you unconditionally love me as Your child. I know You desire intimacy with me. I want our relationship to be as close as possible between You as my Father and me as Your child. This is my heartfelt prayer. In the Name of Jesus I pray, amen!

Today, I need to pray for:

What is God telling me today?
