

Developing Intimacy with God – Dan Mohler

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A personal relationship with Christ is the foundation for true identity, love, and fulfillment, and that understanding God's love and acceptance through Jesus Christ can transform one's life, relationships, and interactions with others.

- [00:00](#) † True identity, love, and fulfillment come from a personal relationship with Christ, not others, and are rooted in understanding God's love and acceptance through Jesus Christ.
 - God wants to get us clean and reckoned dead to sin, not through striving for perfection, but through knowing Him and understanding our right standing and acceptance in His beloved.
 - Loving others is impossible without intimately knowing God, as humans were created to reflect God's image of love, and separation from Him leads to misplaced searches for love.
 - True identity and fulfillment come from a personal relationship with Christ, not from others, and only from this place can we have healthy relationships and walk in love, mercy, and forgiveness.
 - Your motivations for doing spiritual things determine the outcome, and you'll never rise above your "why", which is the underlying reason driving your actions.
 - The goal of the Christian life is to be restored to God's image through love, which is patient, kind, and not needy, and can be accessed by getting alone with God.
 - God's love for us is not found through life's circumstances, but is already established through the cross of Jesus Christ, and we must get rooted and grounded in this truth to have faith.
- [14:45](#) † Dan Mohler emphasizes the importance of understanding God's love and one's identity in Him to overcome feelings of inadequacy and live a life walking in the light, free from self-centeredness.
 - Religion often teaches that we can't achieve perfection or walk in the light as God is in the light, producing unbelief, but Dan argues that if the Bible says to walk in the light, it must be possible.

- We can all qualify to run the race, be loved, and accepted in Christ, and have the spirit of God, and it's time to believe and live in that reality rather than feelings of loneliness or inadequacy.
- Knowing God's love and having a deep understanding of one's identity in Him is more important than feelings, and can bring a sense of security and comfort that isn't dependent on emotional experiences.
- To walk with God, one must examine their heart and motives, shifting from a self-centered pursuit of what God can do for them to a genuine desire to become like Him.
- Dan Mohler shares his personal testimony of being in a self-centered and unloving marriage for 13 years, treating his wife as a servant, until he got saved and gained a new understanding of love and relationships.
- The pursuit of relationships is sometimes driven by vanity, a desire for a fresh face and excitement, rather than a genuine need for connection.
- [22:58](#) † Dan Mohler shares stories of transformation, highlighting the importance of being healed and whole before entering relationships, and how God's love and grace can instantly free people from pain and lead to newfound peace and understanding.
 - A man's wife walked away from God and him after 13 years of praying for change, only for him to have a life-changing encounter with God five months later.
 - Dan reflects on past relationships and societal norms, noting how people, especially women, are often attracted to older men and how this dynamic can be self-centered and problematic.
 - Rushing into relationships after a significant loss or emotional void can lead to unhealthy attachments and damage, as people often try to fill their own emotional emptiness without being healed or whole.
 - God created us to be love, and a woman, deceived and confused by life and lies, encountered Jesus in a powerful, undeniable way, transforming her life.
 - God's love and grace can instantly free someone from years of pain, delusion, and unresolved conflict, allowing them to see and experience newfound peace and understanding.
 - A woman's self-centered prayers for her husband's change were unanswered because she only prayed out of pain and not out of love or mercy, until she had a revelation and apologized to her husband, breaking down the barriers in their relationship.
- [35:12](#) † Dan Mohler shares that encountering Christ enables us to love others by forming His character in us, and that a Christian marriage should be based on serving and loving one another through God's unfailing love.

- When we encounter Christ, He changes our perspective and enables us to love others, including those we've hurt or who have hurt us, by forming His character in us.
- Dan Mohler shares a personal story of transformation, where he moved from self-centeredness to seeking God's heart, and was able to genuinely love and renew his wedding vows to his wife after a messy and painful period in their marriage.
- To live a life of faith, one must be "all in" with God, yielding their individual self and commitment without reservation or looking back.
- A Christian marriage should not be based on a 50/50 give-and-take mentality, but rather on serving and loving one another through God's unfailing love.
- When a spouse struggles with identity issues, they need a revelation of Jesus, not a husband's frustration or attempts to control, in order to find their true self and escape the trap of comparing themselves to others.
- The idea that we can only take or handle so much is a theology that comes from men, not Jesus, and limits our ability to find grace and live beyond our own strength in Christ.
- [50:00](#) † When Christ is in us, we gain the ability to love, stand firm, and overcome life's challenges through faith and surrender.
 - When we make our experiences and relationships about ourselves, we become unstable and prone to crisis, but when Christ is in us, we gain the ability to love and stand firm.
 - A sincere vow, rooted in surrender and selflessness, is essential to accessing God's grace and power to fulfill one's commitments, especially in the face of life's challenges.
 - When faced with challenging circumstances, such as Dan Mohler's wife being in a coma, one must choose to believe God's promises and speak faith, rather than being moved by visible circumstances, in order to see breakthrough and increase.
 - Dan Mohler shares a miraculous story of his wife, who was severely brain damaged and on life support after a seizure, but made a sudden recovery with zero brain damage after a visit from God.
 - A woman who had been in a coma and was near death was revived, and her husband ministered to her, helping her to see that she was loved and valued, and that her thoughts of wanting to die were lies she had been believing.
 - We should enjoy the daily fight of living for Christ, being faithful and committed, because in the end, we will be like Him and won't have to struggle with faith and challenges.

- [01:01:14](#) † Christians must genuinely love and selflessly deny themselves, like Jesus, to shine Christ and express God's love, even in difficult situations.
 - When life squeezes a Christian, Christ should be what comes out, but often the enemy can squeeze believers and find they're not truly committed to or shining with Christ.
 - A doctor, overwhelmed with emotion, broke down and sobbed on Dan after being thanked and honored for his care, illustrating the power of love and appreciation to connect people and overcome spiritual lies.
 - God can use a person to express His love to someone, changing their life, when they are willing to genuinely love and not let go, even in difficult situations.
 - Selflessness and denying oneself, as Jesus taught, is essential to following Him, and a life of selfishness erases the story of serving and glorifying God.
 - Selflessness, like Jesus', allows one to endure mistreatment and see value in others, even when they seem flawed or are being destructive, because it understands having a covenant with them is more important than being personally vindicated.
 - Dan humorously comments on the lack of a clock in the spiritual house and playfully shifts the blame to the leadership.
- [01:10:47](#) † Christians can live transformed lives through intimacy with God, accepting their identity as beloved sons and manifesting Christ, rather than striving for acceptance through self-effort.
 - A pastor preached for 3 hours and 6 minutes without realizing the time, and the congregation was so engaged that they didn't notice the passage of time either, attributing the experience to a "God moment".
 - A 7-year-old girl remained engaged and enthusiastic during a 3-hour and 6-minute sermon, and her mom, who had been injured in a vehicle accident for 15 years, was completely healed after the service.
 - The goal of ministry is not to emulate Dan, but to foster a personal union and communion with the Lord that transforms one's life.
 - Many Christians miss out on intimacy with God because they don't believe they're worthy, but the blood of Jesus has cleansed and reconciled them to be holy, blameless, and above reproach in His sight.
 - Living with the daily awareness of being a beloved son, accepted and favored by God, can transform one's life, enabling them to live from a place of identity and intimacy rather than striving for acceptance.
 - Christians should focus on living and manifesting Christ in their daily lives, rather than just trying to do better or achieve spiritual growth through self-effort.

- [01:20:32](#) † Living in a genuine relationship with God transforms one's perspective, interactions, and evangelism, allowing for a natural expression of love and faith.
 - Living out of a genuine relationship with God makes evangelism a natural expression of love, free from pressure and mechanics, and transforms one's perspective and interactions with others.
 - A man's encounter with mice in a hotel room turned into an opportunity to share the gospel with the manager, illustrating the impact of a Christ-like attitude on others.
 - A police officer, who had previously vowed to never be a Christian after being wronged as a child, has his life transformed after witnessing a man's selfless and loving behavior at an accident scene, and later experiences it firsthand at a church service.
 - Stop living outside of God, and instead, get to know Him by approaching Him with your struggles, rather than condemning yourself, and cast down thoughts that rise above His knowledge.
 - To change, one must go to God not problem-driven but in conscious relationship, putting off fleshly attributes and putting on His image in faith and prayer.
 - Believing in God's love and living by faith is key to a purposeful life, and surrendering to Him through simple acts like lifting hands can activate that faith and release His grace.

Developing Intimacy with God

 **Q:** How can I deepen my relationship with God beyond just knowledge?

A: Focus on **knowing God personally**, not just accumulating facts about Him, through **daily devotion balanced with intimate relationship**.

 **Q:** What's the key to finding my true identity in Christ?

A: **Wake up every morning affirming you're accepted in the beloved, in Christ, and one with Him to find your value and identity in God**, not others, guiding your relationships and decisions.

Living a Life of Love

 **Q:** How can I cultivate a life of genuine love?

A: **Yield to God, give up who you are**, and approach Him for the **right reasons** - not for personal gain, but to **persevere and endure** in becoming like Him, even when circumstances are challenging.

 **Q:** How do I practice forgiveness and love towards those who've hurt me?

A: **Let go of need and disappointment** in others, instead **resting in God's unfailing love** and acceptance through Christ's blood, allowing this to guide your relationships rather than personal desires.

Overcoming Negative Thoughts

 **Q:** *How do I deal with self-doubt and negative thoughts?*

A: *Cast down every thought that contradicts God's truth, **acknowledging** they're not from you, and resist them through faith and prayer, as described in **2 Corinthians 10:5** and **1 Peter 5:8-9**.*