

My Notes:

Following Jesus: “On the road learning to WAJW”

4th Conversation: Intimacy

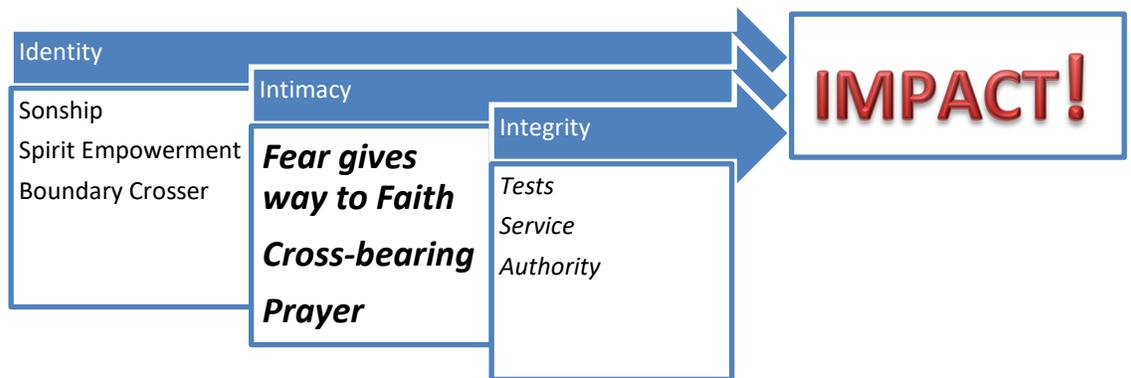
Review: Let’s Just Be Sure...

Our Identity in Christ includes:

Sonship: Delighted in, Chosen, Called **Romans 8:14-17**

Spirit Empowerment: The Holy Spirit lives within us! **Romans 8:5-13**

Boundary Crosser: God has called us to join his mission to carry the gospel to all people groups – that makes crossing boundaries NECESSARY! **Acts 1:8**



Fear gives way to Faith:

Read Luke 8:49-56. In verse 50, Jesus said, “Don’t be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed.” He said this in the face of a very fearful and hopeless situation. Jairus was being asked to believe the Truth. Jesus had said he was the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Look back at **Luke 8:25**...Jesus challenges his disciples with the question, “where is your faith?” The reality is that it is fear that so often keeps us from moving forward into faith. What are some of these fears? Fear of: the unknown, losing control, losing freedom, being called crazy or radical...

2 Thessalonians 2:10 “They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.” What is the difference between knowing the truth and loving the truth? **James 2:14-19; 1 John 2:4-5**

Cross-bearing: Read **Luke 9:21-27** and **Luke 14:25-34**. What does Jesus mean when he says we must take up our cross? Self-denial, complete dedication, and willing obedience—this is to be truly like Christ. **Luke 23:26** – Simon carried Jesus’ cross for him for part of the way. I would say this probably marked him for life.

What does, “take up your cross” really mean? How does **Philippians 3:10** help us understand the call to take up our cross and follow Jesus? How does this verse express the intimacy we experience with Jesus when we truly desire to follow him?

Prayer: The language of intimacy with God is prayer. Record what you learn from the following verses about prayer through Jesus’ example and teaching:

Mark 1:35 (Luke 4:42)

Luke 5:16

Luke 9:28

Luke 11:1-13

Read Romans 8:26-27. Describe the intimacy a believer experiences with the Spirit of God through prayer:

Discussion Questions:

1. What words would you use to describe your relationship with the Father?
2. What are the fears that have limited your intimacy with the Father?
3. Have you had any “faith crises” that have moved you deeper in your relationship with the Father? Describe one.
4. What will you do to enhance or deepen your prayer life?