

Intimacy with God

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WHAT IS INTIMACY?

1. The giving and receiving of Love

約翰一書 3:

你看父賜給我們是何等的慈愛，使我們得稱為神的兒女；我們也真是他的兒女。世人所以不認識我們，是因未曾認識他

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1. The giving and receiving of Love

1 Jn 3:1

The Father has loved us so much that we are called children of God. And we really are his children. The reason the people in the world do not know us is that they have not known him.

I am God's Son or Daughter...

God wants us to know Him as our heavenly Daddy...

This means relationship... Relationship is something that you have with someone...

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1. The giving and receiving of Love

1 Jn 3:1 **The Father has loved us so much that we are called children of God. And we really are his children. The reason the people in the world do not know us is that they have not known him. We are God's Children...**

1. Christianity is not primarily a religion
2. Christianity is not primarily about going to heaven
3. Christianity is not primarily about how you can get a better job be a better person

The Bible was written with the goal of helping us to have a relationship with God... That is the foundation of all that God does.

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2. Becoming one with the Spirit of God

約翰一書 4:13-16

13 神将他的灵赐给我们，从此就知道我们是住在他里面，他也住在我们里面。

14 父差子作世人的救主；这是我们所看见且作见证的。

15 凡认耶稣为神儿子的，神就住在他里面，他也住在神里面。

16 神爱我们的心，我们也知道也信。神就是爱；住在爱里面的，就是住在神里面，神也住在他里面。

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2. Becoming one with the Spirit of God

A. God has given us life.

B. God has given us intimacy

Everyone who confesses that Jesus is God's Son participates continuously in an intimate relationship with God.

C. We have embraced it heart and soul.

We know it so well, we've embraced it heart and soul, this love that comes from God.

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2. Becoming one with the Spirit of God

1 Jn 4:13-16

This is how we know we're living steadily and deeply in him, and he in us: He's given us life from his life, from his very own Spirit. Also, we've seen for ourselves and continue to state openly that the Father sent his Son as Savior of the world. **Everyone who confesses that Jesus is God's Son participates continuously in an intimate relationship with God.** We know it so well, we've embraced it heart and soul, this love that comes from God.

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1. The giving and receiving of Love

The Father has loved us so much that we are called children of God

What Kinds of Fathers are there?

1. Angry fathers
2. Performance based fathers
3. Absent fathers
4. Authoritarian fathers
5. Passive or Absent fathers

God wants us to know Him as our heavenly Daddy...

This means relationship... Relationship is something that you have

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2. Becoming one with the Spirit of God

約翰一書 4:17-18

17 这样，爱在我们里面得以完全，我们就可以在审判的日子坦然无惧。因为他如何，我们在这世上也如何。

18 爱里没有惧怕；爱既完全，就把惧怕除去。因为惧怕里含着刑罚，惧怕的人在爱里未得完全。

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2. Becoming one with the Spirit of God

1 Jn 4:17-18

God is love. When we take up permanent residence in a life of love, we live in God and God lives in us. This way, love has the run of the house, becomes at home and mature in us, so that we're free of worry on Judgment Day—our standing in the world is identical with Christ's. ***There is no room in love for fear. Well-formed love banishes fear.*** Since fear is crippling, a fearful life—fear of death, fear of judgment—is one not yet fully formed in love.

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2. Becoming one with the Spirit of God 1 Jn 4:17-18

1. Intimacy is living with God

God is love. When we take up permanent residence in a life of love, we live in God and God lives in us.

2. Intimacy will set you free from fear

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WHAT IS INTIMACY?

Five means of knowing God...

Yada, yada, yada Seinfeld

Many are familiar with the phrase "yada, yada, yada," made popular by the long time sit-com, Seinfeld. In the context of the show, the catchy phrase is used to imply, "O.K., enough already, get on with it, get to the point," and is usually accompanied with one's head tilted back and eyes rolling up for dramatic effect. It refers to people being redundant, monotonous, or verbose. It is also used as a fill in the blank phrase for details that are either unimportant or obvious to everyone. That is how most of us have come to know the term "yada."

1. Know something in detail – Waldo encounters!
2. Know something technically
3. Know something by personal experience
4. Know someone by face-to-face encounter
5. Knowing someone in an intimate relationship

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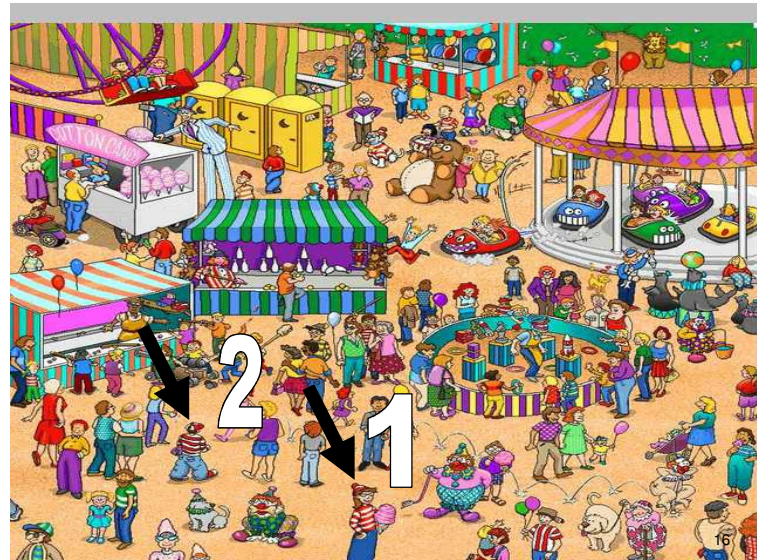
Game

How many Waldos can you find?

Look at the picture and find someone with a red hat and a striped shirt...

How many can you find?

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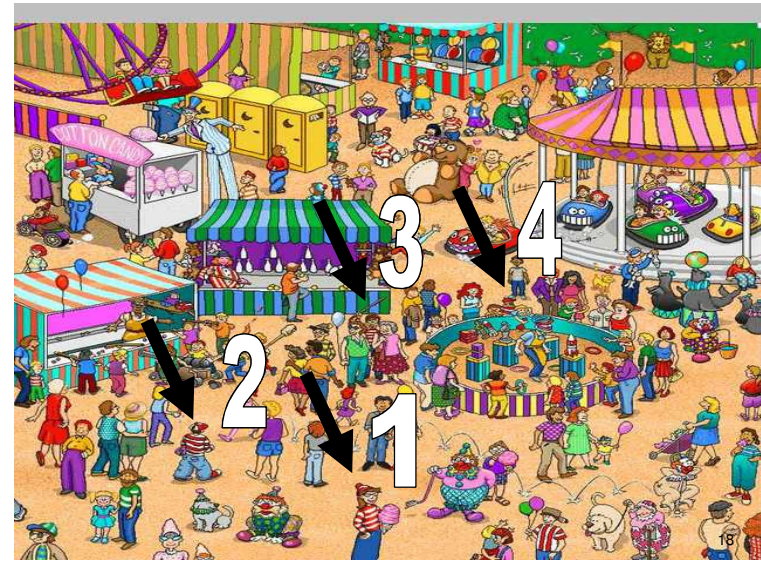
1. Waldo encounters with God – Knowing details about God

以弗所書 1:17 求我們主耶穌基督的神，榮耀的父，將那賜人智慧和啟示的靈賞給你們，使你們真知道他，

that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him,

Method = mind

Tools = observation, study



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God wants us to know Him

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First dimension of Yada is knowing something in complete detail...

- STUDY, INVESTIGATE, ANALYZE to know something completely.
- DETECTIVE discovers clues to understand the details of a mystery.
- STUDY reveals to us God's nature, personality, attributes, and ways

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2. The second dimension of yada is to know something technically, how it works...

Exodus 33:13 If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."

出埃及記 33:13 我如今若在你眼前蒙恩，求你将你的道指示我，使我可以认识你，好在你眼前的蒙恩。求你想到这民是你的民。

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2. The second dimension of yada is to know something technically

teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you.

Method = Mind

Tools = observation, interaction

Not just details but:

How does God work?

How do we get answers to prayer?

Yada is being able to understand God's ways,

so that we can take out of Him what we need,

as well as putting back into Him the things He desires from us to further our relationship. Yada, yada, yada.

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3. THE THIRD DIMENSION OF YADA IS TO KNOW SOMETHING BY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

John 8:31,32 Jesus turned to the Jews who had claimed to believe in him. "If you stick with this, living out what I tell you, you are my disciples for sure. Then you will experience for yourselves the truth, and the truth will free you."

約翰福音 8:32 你们必晓得真理，真理必叫你们得以自由

Method = mind, heart and emotions

Tools = observation, interaction, experience

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3. The third dimension of yada is to know God by experience...

Then you will experience for yourselves the truth, and the truth will free you."

Examples:

Flying an airplane

Learning a language

To Airplane: How many people would like to Encounter God! A lot of people know about God, but God wants us to know Him through encounters in which we personally experience His presence.

Flying a plane – by the manual or by experience

Learning a language

God wants us to have an encounter, a personal experience with God.

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3. The third dimension of yada is to know God by experience...

Then you will experience for yourselves the truth, and the truth will free you."

Habakkuk 2:14 But the time is coming when the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

哈巴谷書 2:14 认识耶和華榮耀的知識要充滿遍地，好像水充滿洋海一般。

When you have an experience with God you are changed... Something of God is inside of you! You are filled with God's Glory... God's Glory lives in you and others see it and are drawn to God

Yada is experiencing a personal encounter with God, so we become a habitation of His presence, and then "leaking" His presence to others around us through signs and wonders, miracles, healings, and prophetic insights from His heart, so that they have a personal encounter with His presence.

God wants us to personally experience His glory in our lives.

He wants us to have a personal Waldo encounter. Yada, Yada, Yada 25

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4. The fourth dimension of yada is to have a face-to-face encounter, or an ongoing personal relationship with God

Isaiah 55:6 Seek the Lord while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near.

以賽亞書 55:6 當趁耶和華可尋找的時候尋找他，相近的時候求告他。

James 4:8 Come close to God and He will come close to you.

雅各書 4:8 你們親近神，神就必親近你們。

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5. The fifth and final dimension of yada is intimacy.

約翰福音 15:5

我是葡萄樹，你們是枝子。常在我里面的，我也常在他里面，这人就多结果子；因为离了我，你们就不能做甚麽。

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John 14: 5-8 I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can't produce a thing. Anyone who separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and thrown on the bonfire. But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon. This is how my Father shows who he is—when you produce grapes, when you mature as my disciples.

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5. The fifth and final dimension of yada is intimacy.

God's goal in YADA is intimacy...

Song of Solomon husband and wife compared to christ and the church

God so loved the world God yearns for intimacy for you the way a husband yearns for intimacy with his wife

Just as Adam knew (yada) Eve and she became fruitful, bearing a son, so too, God desires us to be fruitful in bearing spiritual children. Fruitfulness, however, is born out of intimacy. That intimacy is born out of knowing God in detail and technical wisdom, leading to a personal face-to-face encounter.

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Steps To Help You In Your Walk With God

1. Get a Bible and read it each day.
2. Begin to cultivate "talking to God" in prayer each day.
3. Go to a church that believes, teaches the Bible, and stresses cultivating a relationship with Christ.
4. Share your decision with a close friend

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HEARING GOD'S VOICE SEMINARS

Mark Virkler's seminars on hearing God's voice (also known as Communion With God) are some of the most popular teachings here at TACF. Mark has been teaching on the subject for many years, and has a great number of insights on the subject both from revelation he has been given by God, and by his personal experiences.

Learn the Biblical basis for hearing God's voice, make journaling part of your lifestyle, and become proficient at hearing and discerning words.

The seminars will take place on the following dates:

Friday, March 6th - 7:00pm - 10:00pm

Saturday, March 7th - 9:00am - 5:00pm

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- 1. 1727 77 people met for prayer
- 2. 200 people sent missionaries around the world
- 3. Prayer meeting 100 years
- 4. People came from all over Europe to get renewed saved, filled with the Holy Spirit
- 5. Transformed the churches of their day, Wesley, Whitfield.

- 1739
- This love feast at Fetter Lane was a memorable one. Besides about sixty Moravians, there were present not fewer than seven of the Oxford Methodists, namely John and Charles Wesley, George Whitefield, Wesley Hall, Benjamin Ingham, Charles Kinchin and Richards Hitchins, all of the ordained clergymen of the Church of England. Wesley writes: "About three in the morning, as we were continuing instant in prayer, the power of God came mightily upon us, insomuch that many cried for exceeding joy, and many fell to the ground. As soon as we were recovered a little from that awe and amazement at the presence of His Majesty, we broke out with one voice "We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord!"

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