

It's Complicated: Intimacy with Jesus

Chantalle Alfero

Questions: What has been your experience with horses? Have you ever taught something that you didn't do yourself? Have you ever felt like what you know about God is not what you are experiencing?

We've become content with what we weren't meant to crave... I think we call intimacy what is merely information, both about each other and God...Information about God is a really poor substitute for a relationship with God.

Lisa Harper

- **Intimacy with Jesus changes every other relationship you have, because it changes you!**

Read Philippians 3:6-10

Until what is in your head has been experienced and embodied, it's just passive rumour that is powerless to shape you. It's powerless to heal your past. It's powerless to free your true self. Powerless to give you forgiveness at the gut level. Powerless to renew your mind. Belief is buying into theory, but knowledge is to personally, vulnerably, experientially trust the theory that you already believe.

Tyler Staton

Read John 4:6-19

Questions: What insights really stand out for you from the account of this Samaritan woman? What is personal to you?

We have thought that our performance activates intimacy with Jesus, but it doesn't.... It's His kindness that closes the gap. He pursues us. What it takes to have intimacy with Jesus is just recognizing you can't make it by yourself

Lisa Harper

Jesus needs to be experienced, not explained.

Andy Stanley

Read John 4:34-39

Questions: How can you take a step towards Jesus this week? How can you nurture a more intimate relationship with Jesus? What are you most hungry for and how can you get it from Jesus first?

