

Hindrances to Experiencing

1. Flippant with the Father

- Flippant = unserious or disrespectful attitude

2. Familiar with the Father

- John 14:8-9
- Proximity doesn't equal intimacy
- Familiarity kills the Fire

3. Forfeiting sonship for servanthood

- Luke 15:29-31
- You can be in God's HOUSE but miss God's EMBRACE
- Intimacy doesn't come by SERVICE, it comes by SURRENDER
- Galatians 5:4
- Your revelation of your identity is the bottleneck to experiencing the father.

4. Fearful of the Father

- Adam & Eve were ashamed of nakedness through sin and Immediately fearful of God
- Ironically, when you don't "fear the lord" you begin to "fear the lord"
- Roman 8:15
- 1 John 4:18
- Realizing your sonship prepares you to be perfected in Love

Keys to Open your Heart to Intimacy

- 1. Become aware of your need for intimacy
 - Romans 8:19
- 2. Embrace your responsibility for intimacy
 - Intimacy is made available, not made automatic
 - Show picture of JFK and son
- 3. Redefine your self image before God
 - Romans 12:2
 - A wife who THINKS she is a girlfriend will never feel secure no matter how much her man proves his love for her.

