

## Teaching Notes

### Series: Forgotten God Week 5 Intimacy With God

**John 1:12-13 (NLT)** <sup>12</sup> But to all who believed (Jesus) him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. <sup>13</sup> They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

Emotional \_\_\_\_\_ can quickly become spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

Persistent love *can* remove callouses.

**NIV Matthew 3:17** And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

**NLT Romans 5:5** ... For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

**NLT Romans 8:35** Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or are hungry or cold or in danger or threatened with death?

**NLT Eph 2:4-6** <sup>4</sup> But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, <sup>5</sup> that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) <sup>6</sup> For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.

**God's motivation to extend grace and forgiveness and life to us was because of His love!!**

**NLT Eph 3:16-19** <sup>16</sup> I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. <sup>17</sup> Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. <sup>18</sup> And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. <sup>19</sup> May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

First:

Second:

**How can we *deepen* and *protect* our intimacy with God:**

Make \_\_\_\_\_ efforts.

Make \_\_\_\_\_ efforts.

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**Next Steps:**

- Reflect on the above Bible passages during the week.
- commit to attending the workshop next Sunday at 9:45am.
- ask God to help you remove callouses from your heart.

**Closing Song:** Love Knows No End *by Hillsong*