

Making the Connection Part 4  
Outside Connections  
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What is intimacy?

Have you ever had a relationship with someone where you wanted to have a deeper connection with them but they weren't interested?

Jim said "The Bible presents God as one who desperately longs for a deep, intimate relationship - an intimate connection with his creation, but over and over again creation holds him at arm's length." Have you ever done this? In what way? Why did you do it?

"We are lonesome animals. We spend all our life trying to be less lonesome."  
Do you agree? Why or why not?

Revelation 3:20

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Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

If Jesus wants connection with us and he is all powerful, why does he stand outside? Why doesn't he let himself in?

Jim said Jesus isn't the only one knocking on our door. What other things are knocking on your door?

John 7:37-38

[37](#)Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. [38](#)"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'"

John 4:14

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but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

What did Jim say are the three basic requirements for any intimate relationship?

Time. Transparency. Mutual Submission.

What does it look like to have time with God?

How can you be transparent with him?

What can you do to have Mutual Submission in your relationship with God?

How would your life be different if you had a more intimate relationship with God? What is holding you back from doing that?

What is one step you can take in your relationship with God this week to make it more intimate?