



The Father Heart Of God | Inviting Intimacy | Galatians 3:23-4:7

1. How would you rate the intimacy level, 0-10, between yourself of God? Explain the reason for your answer.
2. Have you ever wrestled with the perceived disparity between God of The Old Testament and God of The New Testament? Describe any wrestles that you might have had with yourself or others on this theme.
3. Which metaphor best describes how you relate to God (e.g. Shepherd, Potter, Protector, etc.)? Explain why you chose the metaphor you did.

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4. Does anything strike you afresh or particularly stand out as you read these verses of Scripture? Share why.
5. Which metaphors does Paul use to describe our relationship with God in our Scripture reading?
6. Do you feel you are able to relate to God as 'Abba/Daddy'...? Why? Why not? Does your relationship with God as 'Father' feel more 'Coronation Street' (harsh, stern, God) or 'Quality Street' (loving, compassionate, God)...?
7. Can you try and make sense of all that The Apostle Paul says about 'the law' in Galatians 3:23-29?
8. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in enabling us to relate to God intimately? See Galatians 4:6 & Romans 8:15. Is this your felt reality today? Has there been a season in your life where you have felt like the description in Galatians 4:7? Is Galatians 4:7 your permanent reality?
9. What does it mean to be 'an heir' and 'joint heir' with Jesus? What makes this possible? These promises are even more mind-blowing in the knowledge that we are adopted into the family. Discuss.
10. Chris said, "I know who I am because I know whose I am." Discuss how an ever-deepening understanding of who you are might practically change the way you live and relate to the world.