

What are my dreams and desires in my relationships?



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MESSAGE NOTES**

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What are the expectations that are hurting my relationships

Mark 10:2-12 (NIV)

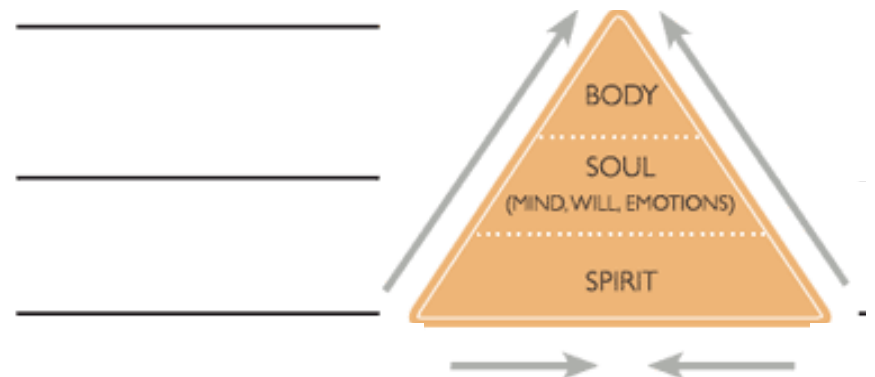
Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

³ *"What did Moses command you?" he replied.*

⁴ *They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away."*

⁵ *"It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. ⁶ "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' ⁷ 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, ⁸ and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."*

¹⁰ *When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. ¹¹ He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. ¹² And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery."*





Going Deeper

Galatians 4:4 (MSG) *But when the time arrived that was set by God the Father, God sent his Son, born among us of a woman, born under the conditions of the law so that he might redeem those of us who have been kidnapped by the law. Thus we have been set free to experience our rightful heritage. You can tell for sure that you are now fully adopted as his own children because God sent the Spirit of his Son into our lives crying out, "Papa! Father!" Doesn't that privilege of intimate conversation with God make it plain that you are not a slave, but a child? And if you are a child, you're also an heir, with complete access to the inheritance.*

Personal Reflection:

1. How does it make you feel to know that the God who created this universe wants to have an intimate relationship with you?
2. We are no longer "slaves to sin" but "children of God" not because of what we have done but because of what He has done for us reveals a the kind of intimacy God is looking to have with us. Think about your relationship with God right now. How would you rate it? Acquaintance of God, Friend of God, Servant of God, Child of God and why?
3. How does level of intimacy in our relationship with God affect the level of intimacy we have in our relationships with those we love?
4. What are some of the key differences between intimate relationships and companionships?

Books

Desire: The Journey We Must Take to Find the Life God Offers John Eldredge Thomas Nelson / 2007 / Trade Paperback

Men: Wild at Heart: Discovering the Secret of a Man's Soul John Eldredge Thomas Nelson / Hardcover

Women: Captivating: Unveiling the Mystery of a Woman's Soul John Eldredge, Stasi Eldredge Thomas Nelson

Desire: The Journey We Must Take to Find the Life God Offers John Eldredge/ Thomas Nelson / 2007

Walking with God John Eldredge Thomas Nelson / 2008

Web Sites

<http://www.allaboutprayer.org/gods-call-for-intimacy.htm>

<http://www.allaboutreflections.org/intimacy-with-god.htm>

<http://www.discipleshiptools.org/pages.asp?pageid=64815>

Small Groups

Men: Blueprint – Man By God's Design

Time: Wednesday Night 7 pm

Location: Auditorium

Contact Leader: Pastor Mike email: mconaway@pccoinline.tv

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Women: Believing God

Start Date: February 15, 2010

Time: Monday 7pm

Location: Auditorium

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