

## CouplesInBloom.com – Intimacy And Freedom

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How much time do you regularly spend silently waiting on God? If zero or little, you have **relational poverty**, depriving God and yourself of intimate two-way communication. God did make life livable *without* mandating intimacy with Him to verify if our free will responds to His love without using any forceful tactics. This is one reason why religiosity instead of relationship with God is sin. **Waiting is a relational test** people needlessly fail.

God wants us blessed more than we do. Since He prioritizes intimacy with us as the best blessing, we can block His blessings for us by wanting *them* more than *Him*. This is true and obvious in any intimate relationship: it is hard to give our best to someone who wants our best more than they want us. For instance: if we give God a limited amount of time to answer our prayer then give up praying, we are lusting His gifts, not loving Him.

Amos 8:5 ⇨ describes a time where economic gain is most important, literally naming marketing strategies of lesser product, higher prices, and deceptive packaging. Amos 8:11 gives God's response ⇨ "Behold, the days come, says the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD." In Hebrew: Lord and GOD refer to **personal relationship** and LORD (all caps) refers to **exclusive sovereignty**. The **true God's voice** has to be **desired personally**.

**Now connect all this to help yourself:** **quality of life equals quality of intimacy** with God... and also with spouse (patterned same way). We have **freedom of intimacy** to bless God... and that **intimacy allows us freedom** to be blessed. Here are some absolutes:

**EVERYONE HAS TRIALS** but **EVERYONE WHO HAS INTIMACY ALSO HAS A HIGHER AND AN OVERCOMING QUALITY OF LIFE**, even during their trials.

Those with intimacy are so blessed that they are blessed even before they are blessed. They have freedom even before they are free. **READING THIS:** you either know exactly what this means *or* you think it is **nonsense...** because you have no ownership of the power and freedom of supernatural intimacy. God's supernatural intimacy lets us feel the end in part before it exists ⇨ Isaiah 43:13-19... **but only for those intimate with Him**.

**You ask**, "Is that **it?!?** Is that what having that kind of life requires?!" Yes, but realize **it** is **your entire intimacy now...** regardless of your past guilt, which Jesus died to wash away. God repeatedly tells us that **intimacy** is what this **freedom** requires ⇨ Mark 1:35; Deuteronomy 4:29; Jeremiah 29:13. Think of the phrase, "Sold Out." It means fullness is now complete; no room for anything else. But we must believe this is actually true.

I sadly laughed when a popular anti-Christian sex "expert" declared masturbation was better than intercourse. Worldly wisdom made them a "fool" ⇨ Romans 1:21-22 and their rejection of intimacy with God **limited** them to such **relational poverty**. That fool, or any of us, can instead increasingly **own the best** only by growing in **intimacy** God's way.

If God is calling your heart, **get intimate** with Him **now**; do not delay ⇨ Psalm 95. Life itself and Heaven eternally are all centered on this **intimacy and freedom**. The cost is everything but in return the results are **the best that exist**. God does call so no one will have an excuse that they didn't know ⇨ John 15:22; Romans 1:20. Respond & be free. ♥