

Say What?

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The Touch

Touch Communication is the Door Way to Intimacy

Genesis 4:1 Knowing is Half the Battle

And the man **knew** Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man with *the help of Jehovah*.

- > Hebrew word “yada” to know
 - > Yada has the depth of meaning based on a covenant relationship.
 - > A deeply intimate knowing that reflects oneness with each other > not just head knowledge.
- > Non-sexual: God says to Jeremiah “Before I formed you I yada (knew) you. Jer 1:5
Jesus said Many will say Lord Lord...I will tell them:
“I never knew you” Matt 7:22-23
- > Sexual: Knowing is an action that moves us towards intimacy and love making. The intimacy is a result of the day to day knowing that a couple shares with each other and then expresses in intimacy.

- > Both men and women want to be known in the protection of their covenant. In fact they have an expectation of being able to be known within their marriage relationship.

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Words from the Song of Solomon....sort of.

<http://www.videosurf.com/video/baby-why-not-me-by-mark-lowry-music-video-52881423>

What is the bottom line here? Men? Women?

What would you have to change to practice this principle in 2010?

Testimony: From IMC 2010

Matthew 23:11 The Servants Touch Communication

The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹² For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

- > Humility in communication allows you to touch each other heart to heart.
- > A servant asks;” how may I serve you?” Pride says: “serve me!”
- > Washing feet and washing dishes and life words that touch the heart. Intimacy begins with words spoken and actions that follow.

James 4:10 Why You Can't Touch Him/Her With Your Words.

¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

- > When you feel rejected in any relationship, take the humble route and not an attitude of pride. You are lifted up when you are cleansed and teachable for His purpose.
- > God wants you to embrace the intimacy of you marriage spiritually, emotionally, intellectually, and physically. Words of life make that happen.



Language that Touches the Intimacy of Marriage

In repentance we turn from:

We turn to:

Sin: "That is just the way I am and I won't change"

Surrender: "My way is hurting you and offending the Lord, I desire to change"

Self: "I have needs, wants, and hurts. Unless I get them met, you get nothing"

Christ: "Christ has a plan for me and you. I am leaning daily how to put Him on the throne."

Alienation: "I need my time alone. I'll let you know when I am ready to talk and listen to you."

Relationship: "I know God is working on me. I want to grow closer to you as I grow in Him."

Division: "You never listen to me. You are not trying as hard as I am"

Unity: "Thanks for hearing my heart. Let me pray with you that our hearts will be in unity."

Affliction: "You don't care about me at all. I hate you!"

Healing: "I want you to know that I now realize the hurt I have caused you and my desire to change and minister life by....."

INTIMACY> IN TO ME SEE....IN TO ME SAY...IN TO ME STAY.....

The examples above are just a sample of building an "in to me" level of communication:

Key principles to grow in:

- Servant hood Releases selfless ministry
- Covering Releases selfless protection
- Covenant Releases God dependency
- Forgiveness Releases healing
- Grace Releases vision

Trust Releases intimacy.



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