

A Culture of Intimacy | John 21:1-23

THE PLUNGING MAN

John 21:10

When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tied his outer garment around him (for he was stripped) and plunged into the sea.

People who like to be in control of things can have a hard time with intimacy. Intimacy is anarchic and mutual and definitely incompatible with control.

I noticed, when we spoke on the phone, that he'd begun to tell me he loved me, and I suddenly felt, on my side, that I didn't have to work so hard to make him laugh or to prove that I was smart.

—Jonathan Franzen, *Farther Away*

THE COOKING LORD

John 21:8-10

The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards[a] off. 9 When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. 10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.

Intimacy is God's invitation into oneness & wholeness.

Revelation 3

I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were cold or hot. 16 So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I am going to vomit you out of My mouth. 17 Because you say, 'I'm rich; I have become wealthy and need nothing,' and you don't know that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked, 20 Listen! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and have dinner with him, and he with Me.

HOW WE DINE WITH HIM

VULNERABILITY

Courage is borne out of vulnerability, not strength.

—Brene Brown

INTIMACY REQUIRES INTENTIONALITY

With Jesus the order was solitude, community, ministry.

—Henri Nouwen

There are intentional ways for intimacy

Gratitude

Silence

Lectio Divina (Scripture Mediation)

The Daily Office

The Prayer of Examen

Sabbath Keeping

You can't live at warp speed without warping your soul.