

## Lesson 0305

Video/CD Title: False Intimacy  
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**Introduction:** Real relationships are difficult. When the hurts of our past create fears and the enemy speaks to our fears, we often turn to false relationships, or false intimacy, to find relational fulfillment. With these hurts still affecting our lives we, as Christians, end up seeking our own kingdom made from fantasy and illusion instead of the Kingdom of God. We seek to protect ourselves from being hurt or rejected.

**Discussion 1:** One of the strongest messages in the Gospel is acceptance. That message is that we feel so total depraved and helpless that we can't come to God, so he comes to us. God accepts us at the deepest level but at the same time refuses to leave us in the state He finds us in.

### Drill Down 1:

- What, in your life, has made it the most difficult for you to believe that God's accepts you?

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- How can God be for you while at the same time desire to transform you? What is His motivation?

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### Drill Down 2:

- Please describe your three (3) most painful relationship woundings?

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- Share how these wounding events effected your willingness to trust others.

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- What has false intimacy looked like in your life? This may have sexual elements to it as well as non-sexual elements.

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**Discussion 3:** Those who commit a sexual offense or have poor sexual boundaries are masters of compartmentalizing their empathy (how they see others) and identity (how they see themselves). This compartmentalization can also play a part in unbiblical (though now socially acceptable) sexual boundaries. We cannot be both a spiritual man and sexually impure.

### Drill Down 3:

- What do you think about men who have come to New Name identifying themselves as Christians, perhaps even graduate from this program, and then move in with their girlfriend?

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- What kind of self-talk have you entertained since coming to New Name that could move you to making the same decision?

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- When entertaining this kind of self-talk, as a Christian, how have you compartmentalized your Christian identity from these unbiblical stand?

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