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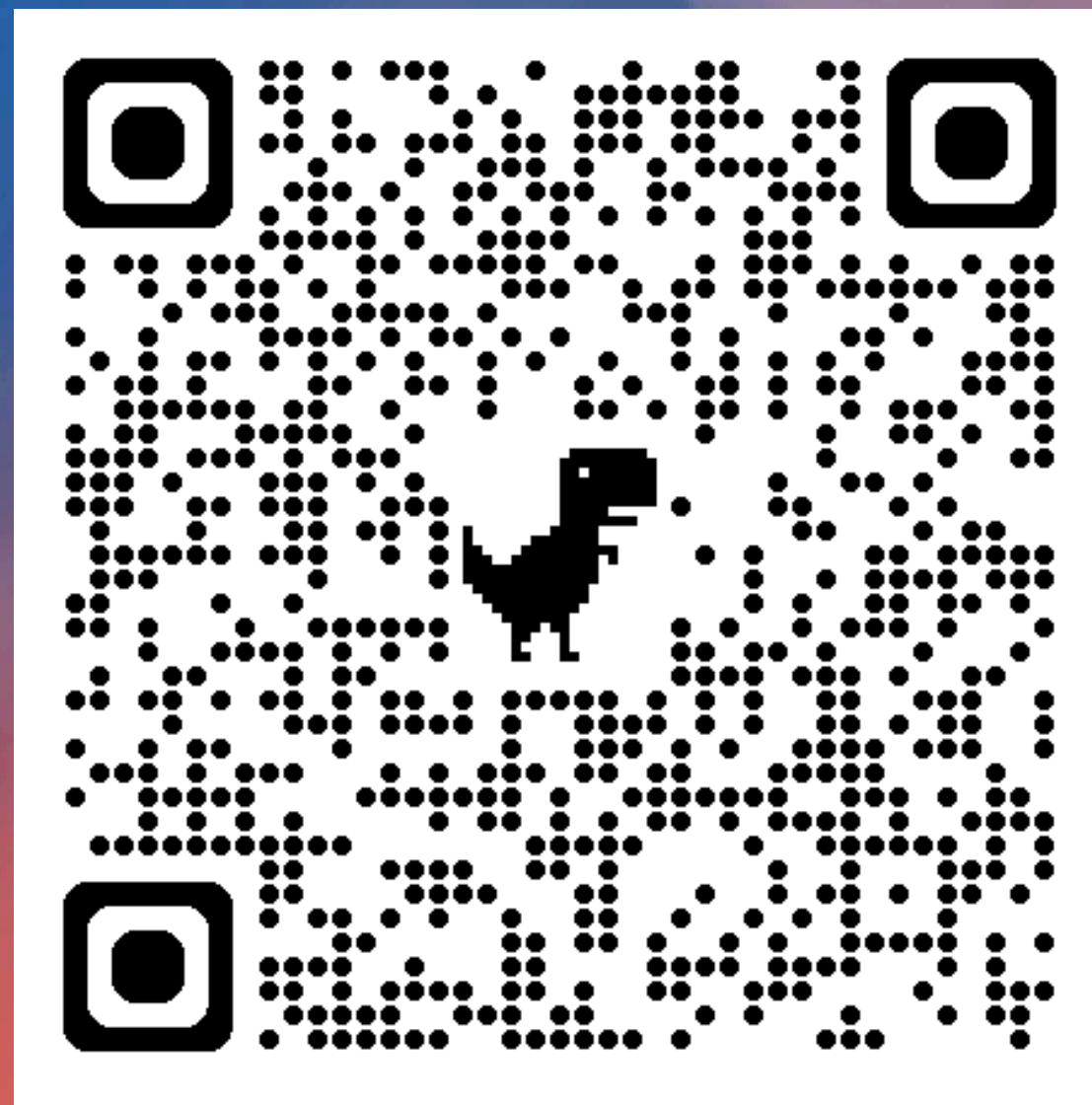
JOHN 4: 23-24



Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin, and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on Earth.

JOHN WESLEY

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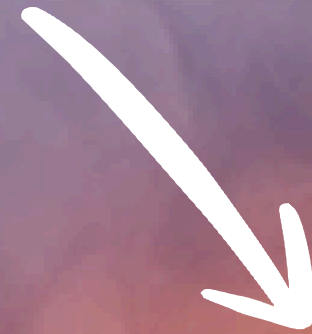


ON SAFEGUARDING THE HUMAN PERSON
IN THE TIME OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



ROOTED IN HIS PRESENCE
RELEASED FOR HIS PURPOSE

2 ORDERS IN THE SCRIPTURES



Creative order

Redemptive order



**Greatest
Commandment**

**Great
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JOHN 15:4-5

***Love the Lord your God with
all your heart and with all your
soul and with all your strength.***

DEUTERONOMY 6:5

³⁷ Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: “Love your neighbour as yourself.”

MATTHEW 22:37–39

⁴³ 'You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbour and hate your enemy."⁴⁴
But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven...

MATTHEW 5:43-45A



INTIMACY WITH GOD

*One thing I ask from the Lord,
this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.*

PSALM 27:4

***WE BECOME WHAT
WE CONSUME***

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:5

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**Intimacy with God is a
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all of humanity**

1 TIMOTHY 2:3-6A • ROMANS 8:38-39

OBSERVATION #2

God delights in intimacy with us and He is the One who continually invites us to it

HEBREWS 12:1-2

OBSERVATION #3

***Intimacy takes trust and not
just time***

PROVERBS 3:5-6

OBSERVATION #4

**Intimacy with God results in
redemptive acts of love**

JOHN 13:34-35

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3 BARRIERS TO BREAKTHROUGH

BARRIER #1:

*We stop short at **behaviour modification** and don't push for **TRANSFORMATION***

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
the new creation has come: the
old has gone, the new is here!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

JOHN 15:1-2

Pursue intimacy with God

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BARRIER #2

*We live **unyielded** lives
with **unresolved** baggage*

If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned

JOHN 15:6

Find the point of departure

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BARRIER #3

***We we undermine, discount
or misunderstand the role
of the Body***

This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

JOHN 15:8

Saw into the Body

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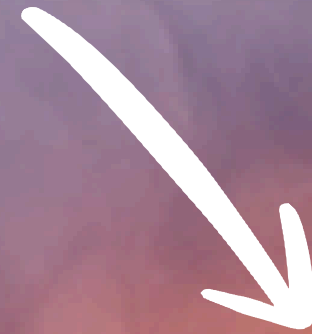
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if you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

ROMANS 10:9

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But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

ROMANS 5:8,10



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