

Spiritual Authority

"Spiritual authority is rooted in identity, expanded in intimacy and activated by faith."

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Exodus 3: The story of Moses

Wrong question: Who am I? Right question: Who is God?

"The problem with shame, makes it too much about ourselves."

Developing Spiritual Authority:

Rooted in Identity

Self-life: False self.

Your self-life is most strongly formed in our greatest area of our childhood wounding.

When God goes to dismantle your self-life he brings something into your adult life that is very similar to your childhood wounding. He is inviting you to die to self, so that Christ can be formed in you.

Expanded in intimacy

- 1. Persist in pursuit of God's presence John 15
- 2. Embrace the testing -- Often, it's the testing that gives us the capacity for more of the presence of God

Activated by Faith

Faith on a continuum:

Hope Expectancy Certainty

- 1. Find/Listen to what the Father is doing and join him
- 2. Take risks "Your next level with God lays beyond the boundary of your current experience."
- 3. Feed your faith
- 4. Expand your experience

Soul Awareness Exercise for Spiritual Authority:

- 1. Think about your self-life. Your self-life is most strongly formed in greatest area of childhood wounding. What was the repeat, most difficult, childhood wounding?
 - a. How did it form self in you?
 - b. Where are you self-protected? Self- defending? Self- reliant? Self- dependent?
 - c. Where is God currently, bringing you opportunities for self to die and where Christ can be formed in you?
- 2. Think about your personal experience of intimacy with God. What is the Lord asking you to do to expand your intimacy?
- 3. How do you need to develop your faith?
 - a. What books do you need to read? What experiences do you need to add to your life?
 - b. Look at your faith on the continuum, where does there need to be development?