

The Tabernacle Tour



Face to Face with God

A Handbook on
Heart Transformation

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The Tabernacle Tour: Face to Face with God is a handbook on how to change your heart for God. I would be presumptuous to suggest that your heart should change before I addressed the issues of my own heart. My heart needed and needs to be changed.

My discovery is as old as time. God desires for us to be in a vital, living relationship with Him. That is why He created us. In love, He desires intimacy with each one of us. He desires our hearts to be full of love for Him and enjoy His presence. But, He has determined the way to that life in and through Jesus Christ.

If a man sees a woman and desires to meet and even marry her, there is a courtship process or protocol for him to follow. He can't just go up and ask her to marry him when he first sees her. Every culture has a courtship plan for a man in order to win a woman's heart.

I have known my wife for 43 years. I saw her 44 years ago. I was walking through the halls in our high school when I saw this lovely girl. In the old movies this would be the part where trains collide, lights flash and bells ring. Bells rang for me and my heart was smitten. I schemed for a whole year before I was to actually meet her. Her one "hi" to me in the hallway kept me going for a year.

Even though I knew I would marry Gina Knutzen right after we graduated from high school, it was two more years before we were married. Now, if I would have asked her to marry me the first day I saw her, she would have recoiled and fled. Three years of courtship brought our hearts together and we were married.

God has a method and means for us to get to know Him. Truly, He wants us to be in a close, intimate relationship with Him. But, we can't just go to God with our old life and expect Him to accept us. We can't go into the presence of a holy, righteous God with the filthy rags of our sin. God made the way. God provided a protocol for us to come to Him. He paid the price and courts us with His love. His protocol is outlined in The Tabernacle and led by His High Priest. This Tour is a description of God's plan for approaching and knowing Him.

The bottom line purpose of this Tour is to get our hearts changed. A message prepared in the mind will reach a mind. This message is prepared in the heart of God to reach our heart. God will change our heart as we come before Him by the way He prescribed and provided. My passion in life is to get my heart and keep my heart in love with God. God's passion for us runs deeper and stronger even than ours for Him.

Join me on the Tour of seeking God with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. He will change us as we spend time in His presence.

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