

# BUILT TO LAST

**RADIANT CHURCH**



# INTRODUCTION

## PASTORS GREG & CONNIE

Our hearts are full seeing you live in biblical community. God has created us to live in relationship with Him and His people. We are never supposed to live life alone.

We are excited about this new series called “Built to Last”; a series about relationships. Whether you are married or single, God’s word will strengthen and enrich every relationship you have when we put His word into action within our lives.

We challenge you during the next 5 weeks and after, to drink deeply from God’s word, to encourage each other and to never give up but instead, fight the fight, finish the course and keep the faith until the day of our Lord returns for each of us.

Please let us know how to serve you and your families best as we all own our faith in a life changing way!

Much Love,

*Greg & Connie*

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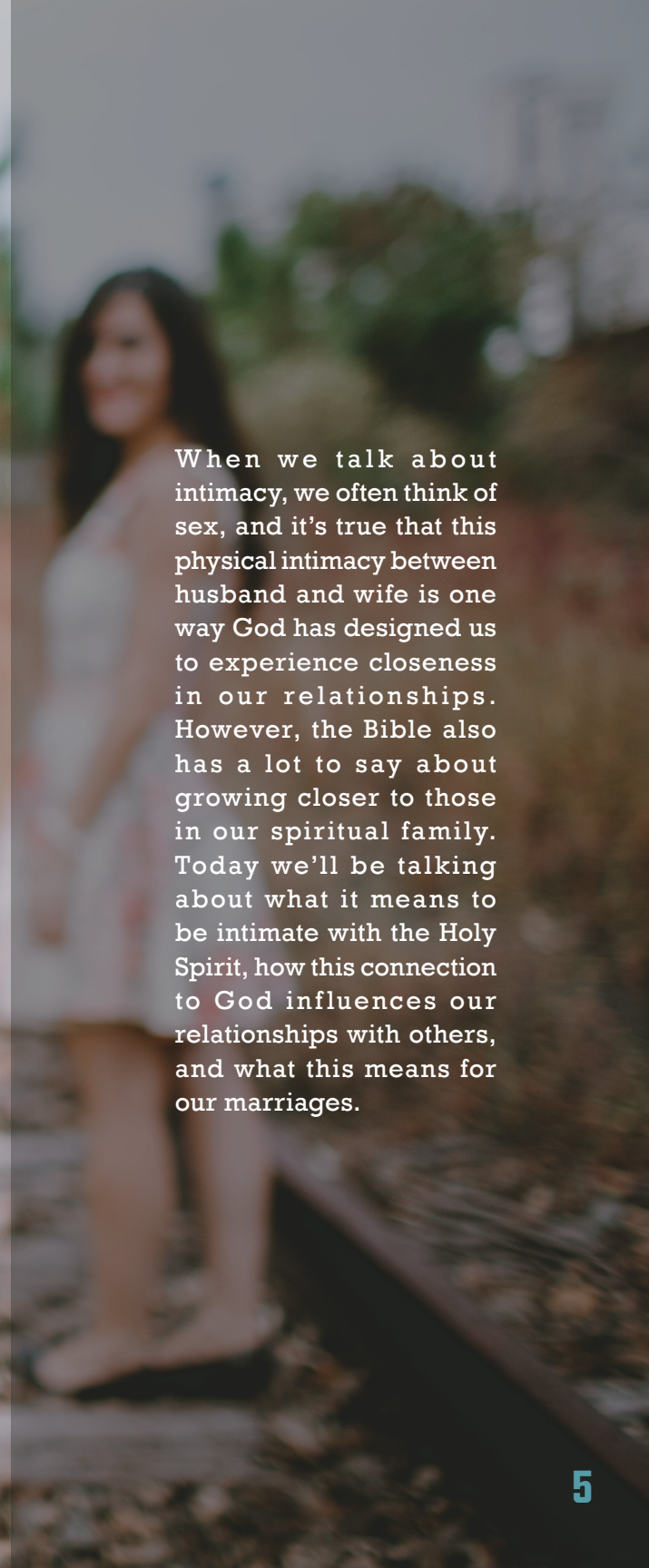


# SESSION 4

## THE INTIMACY

MAY YOUR FOUNTAIN BE BLESSED, AND MAY YOU REJOICE  
IN THE WIFE OF YOUR YOUTH.

PROVERBS 5:18



When we talk about intimacy, we often think of sex, and it's true that this physical intimacy between husband and wife is one way God has designed us to experience closeness in our relationships. However, the Bible also has a lot to say about growing closer to those in our spiritual family. Today we'll be talking about what it means to be intimate with the Holy Spirit, how this connection to God influences our relationships with others, and what this means for our marriages.



# SHARE YOUR STORY

Open your group with a brief prayer asking God for insight as you study. You can pray for specific requests at the end of the meeting, or stop momentarily to pray if a particular situation comes up during your discussion.

Then begin your time together by using the following questions and activities to get people talking:

- 1. If you're married, share briefly about how you and your spouse met.

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- 2. What did you learn from your Daily Devotions this past week?

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# HEAR GOD'S STORY

1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20

<sup>19</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup>you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.



1. Often we read this passage as directed at individuals, and it's true that the Spirit lives in each one of us. But in the Greek, this is written for a "plural you." Paul is saying that all of you, as the body of believers, are a temple for God. How does this affect your understanding of the passage?

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2. What does it mean that we were bought at a price?

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3. What are some ways we can honor God with our bodies?

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## CREATE A NEW STORY

In this section, talk about how you will apply the wisdom you've learned from the teaching and Scripture study. Then think about practical steps you can take in the coming week to live out what you've learned. study. Then think about practical steps you can take in the coming week to live out what you've learned.

1. How does growing closer to God help you grow closer to other people?

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2. What are some of the messages the Bible gives us about intimacy? How are these messages different from the messages in our culture?

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3. What is one action step you want to take this week because of what you've learned today?

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What steps will you take this week to grow in your relationship with God? If you've focused on prayer in past weeks, maybe you'll want to direct your attention to scripture this week. If you've been reading God's Word consistently, perhaps you'll want to take it deeper and try memorizing a verse. Tell the group what you plan to try this week, and talk about your progress and challenges when you meet next time.

**Give each person an opportunity to share prayer requests.**



**CLOSE YOUR MEETING WITH PRAYER.**

Thank God for the people in your group. Pray for each person, that they would be open to Jesus in a new way through this study. Also, pray for new people you could invite to join your group next week.





## FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

Take some time between now and our next meeting to dig into God's Word. Explore the Bible passages related to this session's theme on your own. Jot down your reflections in a journal or in this study guide. You may even want to use a Bible website or app to look up commentary on these passages. If you like, share what you learn with the group the next time you meet.

### READ 1 CORINTHIANS 7:3-5

1. Why does Paul call sex a "marital duty"?

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2. What does it mean that neither spouse's body belongs to him or her alone?

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3. The word for deprive in verse 5 also means "defraud." How does withholding sex from your spouse defraud or cheat them of something?

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**READ 1 THESSALONIANS 4:3-8**

1. Much like our own time, the Roman culture was full of promiscuity, prostitution, and adultery. How might they have reacted to this call for purity and self-control?

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2. How should we define sexual immorality? Is it only the physical act of sex, or are there other ways to violate the marriage covenant?

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3. How does premarital sex wrong or take advantage of someone? What about adultery?

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**DAILY DEVOTIONALS**

**DAY 1 • READ COLOSSIANS 3:5 (MSG)**

And that means killing off everything connected with that way of death: sexual promiscuity, impurity, lust, doing whatever you feel like whenever you feel like it, and grabbing whatever attracts your fancy. That's a life shaped by things and feelings instead of by God.

Reflect: How do things like lust and immorality lead us away from God? How do they destroy our closeness with other people?

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**DAY 2 • READ HEBREWS 13:4**

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

Reflect: How can you act in ways that will honor your marriage and/or the marriages of other people?

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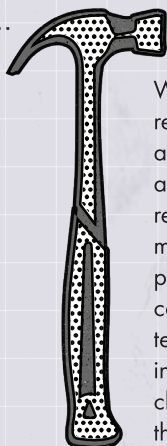
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# HOME sweet HOME



Whether we're single or married, young or old, we all have relationships that matter to us. In *Built to Last*, Pastor Greg and a team from Radiant Church share biblical teaching and practical insights that can help you develop healthy relationships with God and with others, build friendships and marriages on the solid ground of His word, manage conflict, pursue intimacy, and live with love. This five-week series combines video teaching from Pastor Greg, stories and testimonies from dozens of Radiant Church members, and an in-depth study guide to take your small group or Bible study class to the next level in growing and enjoying relationships that are built to last.

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