

Intimate tower

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Background.

Here is some material which sets the background for intimate tower.

I came to a great plain which led down to the sea. On the seashore I saw a figure standing and I realised that it was the Lord. I went and stood beside him and together we gazed at the beauty of the sunset, the gentle waves lapping, the peace. My mind was calmed. "Is there anything you need to know?" asked the Lord. I gazed at the beauty before me – his beauty, his stillness, his peace and it entered into me. "No," I replied "As long as I can stand here with you." He put his arm around me and together we gazed into eternity.

I saw a river, a very deep river, flowing gently in its bed. This river had a name. "The intimacy of his blessing." Silently, and with great tenderness the river flowed into me. It touched every part of me, and I knew and I was known. Unity was complete, and everything in him became me, and everything in me became him. I was held, and I never wanted to let go.

I came to a deep lake. Nothing moved - not around it, or above it, or inside it. It was deep, cool and still. All I wanted to do was to fall into this lake, sink down into it, and absorb all its stillness.

I sank down into the deepest stillness I had ever known, yet there was activity within the stillness. Even though nothing moved, currents of the Spirit swept past me, in me and through me. Yet through it all, I was completely enfolded in stillness.

*Into my heart he spoke.
"Come deeper."*

*Deeper I came, and deeper
until I was so deep
I could not breathe.*

I cried out "Help me! I am lost."

*He spoke again.
"There's more."*

Introduction

it's quite easy to define "love" in words but not so easy to define the emotion and what it does. I have found the same when trying to describe the intimate tower. It's an emotional feeling and putting it into words is not so easy. I have made an attempt so that those intercessors that come into this tower have something to help understand what they are to do. What I've written here are guidelines. There is much more to learn and I do not have the total picture. Others must add to it as we grow together.

Entygchano

The Greek word for "intimate" is "Entygchano." This is also the word used in Hebrews 7 to describe the Lord's ministry –

But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Intercession is a deeply intimate experience of the Lord. Inside this tower the intercessors will have to feel the Lord's heart for all the destruction which is around him, and then having felt it, bring it to him in intimate prayer.

To put it another way, in this tower the intercessors are intimate with the Lord. They have to bear the burden of the cross and understand the sacrifice that the Father made in sending his Son. This testimony will be an unshakable testimony,

Intercessors here will be people of a gentle spirit who will suffer quietly with the Lord they love. They have little to say but much to bear.

The history of this tower

When the war between Israel and Gaza in 2023/4 broke out, I was working on my mission base in Ghana. I held a four-session prayer time over a month for this war. About 10 people joined me online and 35 on catchup. As the prayer times began, I became aware that something unusual was happening during them and especially at the last one.

During that prayer time the Lord told us that he was going to stand in the middle of the conflict area and asked which of us would stand with him. "We need a tower of intercession," I said. "Who will occupy it with the Lord?" As so often in intercession I did not know what I was really asking for.

Some of the group said they would stand in the tower. I thought that was the end of it. I was soon to discover it was far from the end of it.

During the subsequent weeks the Lord began to show me that a tower of intercession was a very strong spiritual presence, and that the tower in the Middle East would last until he returned.

I asked him if there were any other such towers, and quickly he showed me the ones I have listed below. Each one had a specific name reflecting its function. I know where some of them are but not all. I know that as of this moment I haven't identified all of them.

Rooms in the intimate tower

As I have studied the towers and have tried to understand their character I have used the picture of rooms. Teresa of Avila also did this in her book "The interior castle."

The door of the tower

On the door are written these words - **"The greatest of these is love."**

The intercessors in this tower need a great capacity to love the Lord. In this they are following in the footsteps of Mary of Magdala. Only deep love within intimacy can release the chains which surround the nations around this tower.

Here's my vision which goes with these words on the door.

I saw a path - a narrow path, covered with thorns. As I looked, in the distance I saw a figure walking. His feet were broken and cut by the thorns, but still he walked on. I cried out - "Who are you? Why do you walk this way? Why do you carry on?" He turned, and I heard his voice.

"Love"

I wanted to follow, but I was afraid of the thorns and the pain, the sacrifice and the cost. I wanted to follow, but if I started, could I carry on? I didn't have his courage, but I could hear his voice. "Love." Could I love enough to walk on thorns? Did I love enough to make the sacrifice, and keep making it? Could I enter the tower, and could I stay there?

Costly love

Intimate tower is a tough place to be and the cost is made clear at the very outset. Only the deepest love can help the intercessors here in their task of breaking the satanic strategies and releasing the area from such pain. Soft love, nice though it is will not work here. Sacrificial love will be the key.

*Knowing the pain of rejection,
He does not reject.
Unworthiness demands for me
a crown of shame,
yet he only wants to love.
He wears the thorns
so that I need not.
In the presence of such love
what can I say?
I see only the emptiness of my own life
and grieve for the waste.*

*He touches me.
Love too deep for words
fills me.
"I'll try and carry on," I said.
"Good enough," he replied.*

The room of identification

**"Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil."
(Hebrews 2:14)**

Intercessors have to be deeply identified with the Lord and his feelings. They cannot stand outside looking in. Most intercessors know this but intimate tower takes things much deeper.

Here is my vision inside this room -

I saw a woman come to the cross. She was filthy and covered in dust and maggots. She smelt very bad, and her whole life was in ruins. "I wrecked my own life," she said. "I have no excuse and no hope."

I came close to the woman, and saw her ugliness and filth, not just in her body, but also in her soul. Compassion filled me and I reached out and touched her. Suddenly, to my horror, I became her. Filth was all over me. Maggots ate my wounds, and I smelt of hell. But my soul was also filthy, corrupted and broken.

Difficult room

This is a difficult vision and this is a difficult room. To intercede in the intimacy of the Lord's presence the intercessors must become that which is before them. And what is before them in the Middle East? Violence, anger, despair, destruction and a cultural pain which will last for generations. It is not possible for intercessors to look on all this emotion. They have to absorb it - to become it in that they may intercede for it.

This is very challenging. It means intercessors will experience the pain of violence, of abuse, of destruction and of anger within their own emotions. The Lord became intimate with his intercessors and if they are going to be intimate with him they have to be intimate into the situations for which they are interceding.

Some, maybe many intercessors turn back at this point and the Lord understands that. He only calls on those who can bear this terrible burden of identification. It has to be a personal choice.

*I never thought
it would be like this.
Crucifixion - yes,
his, but not mine.
I never asked for this.*

The room of the cross

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." (Mark 8:34)

Any deep intimacy with the Lord will bring intercessors to the cross. Intercessors enter this room having been through the room of identification. Now they have to absorb the cross. This just seems to get harder and harder doesn't it? There is no other way however to intercede in this tower but to pass through these rooms.

In this room I heard these words. They have had to become my words and they will have to become the words of all who want to intercede in this tower. Only a deep love for the Lord can equip intercessors to bear these words.

"You must join me on the cross. You must share my pain, make it your pain and suffer with me. Then together, we can turn to my creation, and allow its agony to become ours.

For the suffering we must suffer. For the broken we must break. For the crushed we must be crushed. For the angry we must release love. For the arrogant we must yield humility. For the desperate we must hope. For the sick we must release healing. For the dying we must die.

For the confusion of the world we must share the confusion. For the violence of the world, we must absorb. For the spite of the world we must sooth. For the prisoners we must offer release.

The agony of the cross will be the healing, but only if we are able to face and absorb creation's agony. This is what I invite you into. This is the path of thorns. This is the invitation – the invitation to crucifixion. Few take it."

Entering into these words will bring the intercessors to a deep identification with the Lord. As the words reveal the cost of that identification is almost beyond words. Yet those called to this tower will not find them beyond words. Their character has been formed by the Lord over the decades to be able to accept them.

*I want to help,
But the cost is so high
And I am so weak.
Oh God, how much more of this can I stand?
Remember my humanity.*

*"No," he said
Remember my love."
Oh God, this is too hard for me.
"For me too," he said
and showed me his broken hands.*

The room of Compassion

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. (Matthew 9)

Looking out from intimate tower there is so much destruction, so much hurt and pain. This room pours compassion into the hearts of those who would intercede.

This is my vision inside this room -

I saw ahead of me on the path a man – a broken man with his face stained with tears. His was a face that had known pain. He was bent over with suffering. In his arms he held broken and bleeding child, and he grieved over the pain the child had known.

As he cried, his tears fell onto the child, and I saw a flicker of life flow. I came up to the broken man, and shared his agony. "Can I share your burden?" I asked. He looked at me with sorrow. "But can you?" he said.

How deep?

Yet more challenges for the intercessors of intimate tower. How deep are they prepared to let their compassion go? There is no limit to the Lord's compassion but this vision suggests that intercessions might set their own limit to compassion. If any Intercessor is tempted to this I suggest they go back to the room of the cross and think again.

*His arms of compassion
enfolded me as they
enfolded the world he loved.*

*The path was not unknown
to him, nor was the cross.*

The room of forgiveness

“Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” (Luke 23:34)

Love, identification, the cross, compassion - these lead inevitably the next room. Here is my vision -

I saw the lamps of many churches being taken away. Those churches lost their power. As I watched, I saw the Lord standing in the room where I was praying. He was holding a lamp with a different light inside it. The light was called **“forgiveness and the broken heart.”** I saw many angels also standing, holding the lamps.

We all waited quietly, and then one person stepped forward and took one of the lamps with the flame of forgiveness and the broken heart. They placed the lamp on the ground and a few people gathered round it. The light shone, and the people began to feel the brokenness of the world.

One by one they came forward, and the light of forgiveness burnt into them, and they were in pain. They laid things before the lamp – things which had to be released before the light of forgiveness could begin to burn in them.

Tears poured down and became a small trickle which ran towards the feet of Jesus. His tears ran and mixed with the tears of the people. He began to intercede.

Ask for forgiveness for myself?

There's a lot going on in this vision and it will repay careful study. For the intercessors of intimate tower the message is the same as from the other rooms. To release forgiveness into the area around the tower requires the intercessors to seek for forgiveness for themselves. It is as if the unforgiveness in the surrounding spiritual environment has to become part of the intercessor and that process begins by seeking for forgiveness themselves.

Intercessors who can accept the need for forgiveness in their own hearts and for the surrounding spiritual area brings them very closely in line with the Lord's intercession for his world and with his sacrifice to make it possible. It is the very heart and desire of every intercessor to be in this flow.

*I am your song,
the song of beauty to value,
the song of touch to cherish,
the song of life to create.*

*I am your song,
the song of forgiveness to release me,
the song of creation to restore me,
the song of peace to calm me.*

*Love of my love,
I am your song.
Sing me.*

The room of healing

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

This is the final room for the intercessors before they move out onto the tower to intercede. The heart of the intercessor is that the situation around them should be healed. Here is a vision which might help.

I saw a broken dam. It was empty."

What is this?" I asked the Lord. "Who broke the dam?" Tears streamed down the Lord's face, but he gave me no answer. Then I knew that his people, had broken this dam and lost the life-giving water. As I watched a few people came with old tools and began to try and rebuild the dam.

It was a slow job, because they were few and their tools were old. But they were strong old tools which had been used many times in the past for this job. As they worked, they were filled with sorrow at the loss of the water and the destruction of the dam.

What they did not see as they worked was tiny drops of rain beginning to fall, forming a tiny lake in the reservoir. This reservoir had a name. "Healing." The vision changed. I saw a mighty torrent of water, rushing across the land. It was tearing up trees and breaking down walls. It was flowing fast and with great determination. The intercessors were in the water and was being swept along by it. They were not afraid.

Never easy

Intercessors can easily be deceived into thinking that this is an easy room. After all healing is joyful isn't it? This tower is all about identification and being part of what is needed to break the enemy and healing is no different. You just have to bear the pain have to begin the forgiveness and the healing? Here is something I have been reflecting on -

"Who will bear the agony of the nations to my cross so I can heal them?" asked the Lord. I knew that such great pain was too much for me to bear. "How can I bear such a burden?" I asked. "I only ask you to bear it to me," he said. "Then my blood can heal." "Only?" I said. "It will crush me." "That's the risk we have to take," he replied.

Reflection

If these are the rooms in the intimate tower, then intimate intercession is going to be one of the most costly forms of intercession the Lord has ever called anybody to experience. Yet it does make some kind of sense. If intercessors are going to be intimate, then like him they have to become that for which they interceded. He became flesh to be able to offer him his intercession. He only asks the same of intercessors in this tower.

I realise how incredibly costly it must look to intercessors contemplating this tower. However I do not think there is any other way to reach the top to intercede for the situation in the Middle East but to pass through these challenging rooms. I wish there was an easier way - I don't think there is an easier way.

The top

So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.
(Acts 12:5)

So at last intercession can begin. What will it be like? Here is my vision -

I came to a fence, and beyond it was a house. I crossed the fence, and looked into the house. I saw people praying, but praying with an intensity that I had never seen before. They were in an agony of prayer. Their bodies were twisted up and they were crying out with such anguish.

They were hurting, being hurt, broken and being broken by the intensity of their prayer. Standing in the middle of the group I saw the Lord. Their prayer was flowing into him, and out of him into them. This went on and on and on. Each time the wave of prayer swept into or out of the Lord, there was such an agony.

The Lord said - "These are the ones who pray for the nations. They bear the damage to me, and I bear it with them, and then I return the burden surrounded by my sacrificial blood, so that they can bear some more." It is a terrifying agony to watch and yet it felt right in my heart.

Even harder

Everything I write seems to be harder than what I've already written! Even from the top the intercession is very painful and costly. But I saw this and I was encouraged -

On the upper floor the Invisible Church were on their knees praying. Intercessors of the intimate tower who have passed through the challenging rooms were ready to join them.

The prophetic framework of intimate tower

Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. (2 Kings 6:17)

Towers do not exist in isolation from the spiritual framework which is around them. Intercessors need to know this framework because it will help them set their intercession in the right way. What is the framework around intimate tower? The answer to this is to be found in Jerusalem and Babylon.

Jerusalem is a place of intense holiness - holiness which has been there for thousands of years. I was suddenly aware of the majesty and glory of the Lord in a very powerful way. Then the Lord spoke:

"This is the gateway of the world. Here, I reign. Nothing moves through here without my command. Here, my sovereignty is supreme. Here I hold the creation in my hand. When I speak, it is done."

Babylon is the exact opposite.

The Old Testament period saw the rise of the evil Kingdom of Babylon, almost an evil copy of Jerusalem. One was the throne of David, and the place where God had chosen to put his light, and the other was a foreshadowing of Satan's throne, an evil and dark place, determined to destroy the people of God, and raise a throne for the evil dark powers.

In the New Testament times, the physical place of Babylon no longer existed. But as a spiritual evil reality, its power was very prominent, aggressive and committed to the same programme as Babylon of old - to dominate, to destroy God's kingdom, and to rule as God. These truths are seen at their clearest in the Book of Revelation.

"Babylon" is summed up like this: - There is a focus for the dark spiritual forces which oppose the will of God and seek to rule and ruin His creation. The growth in power of this force marks a vital point in the spiritual history of our world.

Intimate tower exists within this struggle. Babylon has fallen but is still dangerous and Satan is doing all he can to tear down Jerusalem. Intimate tower is caught up in this battle.

Here are two contrasting visions to help intercessors in intimate tower understand this.

Babylon -

I saw a great stadium, full of people. Everything was gold, but there was a throne in the middle which was of the purest gold I had ever seen. It was surrounded by figures dressed in white and gold. Satan came into the Stadium and took his seat on the throne. One of the figures was holding a crown of pure gold, He went forward and placed it on the head of Satan. "Victory is mine," was shouted from the throne.

Jerusalem -

I saw light reaching out into the dark places of the spiritual world. Wherever it shone, it showed up the darkness. The light confronted the enemy, confronted the darkness, and showed who was the Victor and who were the vanquished.

This confronts the accusation of Satan, that men have chosen darkness. This is his lie. Not all of them have “chosen” it, but many cannot tell the difference, because the god of this world has blinded their eyes. From Jerusalem the Lord is refuting the accusations, and challenging the lie of darkness.

Intimate - Our intercessors, totally identified with the intimate Lord must learn to fight within this framework that the darkness may be dispelled and the better future may come. It may take a long time but Satan shall not be free to claim - “Victory is mine.” Intimate tower will not allow it.

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