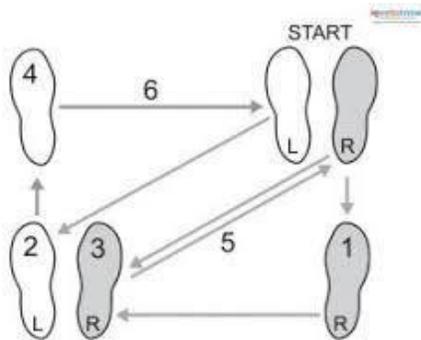


Our Love Dance with God

“...for in Him we live and move and have our being,” Acts 17:28 NKJV



We have all seen a dance number diagram that demonstrates how to move on the dance floor. Usually, the man leads in a close dance that engenders intimacy. However, a spectator would never know who was leading as both partners move gracefully together. Jesus said it best, “I and My Father are one; if you have seen Me, you have seen the Father.”

God to Man – Man to God – God to Man – Man to Man

Similarly, when we gracefully yield to God’s leading in our love dance with Him, we create intimacy. Intimacy in the natural realm produces offspring. It is the same with God. Intimacy with God produces spiritual fruit in our sphere of influence.

HE FIRST LOVED US
GOD to MAN
His majesty and goodness requires a response. He draws us to repent.



AS WE CHOOSE TO ABIDE
GOD to MAN
God speaks to our hearts—we’re transformed in His presence. He affirms us, He anoints us, He imparts His character, He gives us the ability (enables us) to exhibit His character.



OUR RESPONSE TO HIS LOVE
MAN to GOD
We acknowledge Him, worship Him, abide in Him, and yield to His calling



“Out of our bellies will flow rivers of living water”

MAN to MAN
We tell others what we have seen and experienced; we exhibit God’s character (fruits of the Spirit). In Jesus’ name we bind up the broken hearted, set the captives free, and offer liberty to the oppressed.

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Another way to visualize this is: As we choose to abide in the Vine, He gives us everything we need to bear fruit. The fruit we bear is His way to reach people through us. He desires that none should perish, so as we abide in Him, He uses us to seek and save the lost for His glory.

Let's Pray and ask God to Work This Truth into Our Lives

Heavenly Father, thank You for loving me first. You looked ahead in time and knew that I would need a savior. You drew me and wooed me to turn toward you. Your Word says that it was Your goodness that drew me to repentance, so thank You for Your goodness. You gave me Jesus so I could know You!

LORD, I'm undone in Your presence and must worship You. I bow low and bend my knee to surrender my heart to Your will; from this moment forward, it is Your will and not mine that I will submit to. I yield to Your calling on my life.

LORD, I hear your voice calling me ever higher. Transform me with Your touch, take me from glory to glory as You impart Your character and change me from the inside out. Create in me a new heart that loves people as You do. I receive Your Word that says out of my belly will flow rivers of living water.

LORD, give me the desire and ability to see people with Your eyes. I ask for the courage to tell others about Your love and to exhibit the fruits of the Spirit in Your power. I ask for boldness to go into the harvest field to set the captives free, to mend the brokenhearted and to proclaim that today is the day of salvation in the Lord.

LORD, I want to be a doer of Your Word and not a hearer only, so I ask these things in Your name and proclaim the power of Your Word in my life in Jesus' name. Amen.

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