



## God's intimate love for you

Matthew 10:30 - *"But the very hairs of your head are all numbered..."*

### Words of Ministry

In my years of ministry I have never really had problems with people not believing in God, but I have noticed that very few people believe in God's intimacy with them.

Love really can't survive without intimacy. Love is an intimate connection with another, and if anyone is intimately connected with us it is our wonderful Creator! As much as I love my children, I have never bothered to count the number of hairs on their heads. Have you? I don't have the time to do so and I doubt I would ever want to. I mean, I love them, but knowing exactly how many hairs are on their head each day is not exactly on my list of things to do from day to day.

And yet, the Bible tells us that God counts every hairs on our head! How much He must love us that He would take such intimate attention with even the most unimportant matter of our life. Every day we lose hair. The number is in daily flux yet God knows how many are there! He knows this because, like every matter in our life, from the biggest to the smallest detail, He bothers to be intimately acquainted with our ever-changing life. When it comes to you, God always has time for intimate relationship with every little thing about you. That's how much He loves you!

So when Jesus said, *"But the very hairs of your head are all numbered,"* He was not exaggerating. He was not trying to make a Hallmark Greeting card statement without substance. He means what He says and He says what He means. So for the Lord to say that the very hairs of your head are all numbered means that He wants you to know that He is very interested in you and has intimate knowledge about you — your body, your circumstances, your relationships... everything in your life! He loves everything about your life

because He is intimately intertwined with your very person. He is the Spirit living in your spirit (see Rom 8:16). And when He thinks about you, He thinks from *within* your life, from a place of underlying presence and grace.

There is nothing more important than for us to know the love God has for us -- and to take that love into our very mind, heart and will. One of the ways to take His love in is to become *aware* of His intimate presence in all the details of our life and to speak to Him about these things. If you are going grocery shopping, picking up the kids from school, preparing dinner... talk to the Lord! Be aware of His presence in these things. Ask Him to fellowship with you about what you are doing. Begin to be aware of what He is aware of in your life. I guarantee you... He IS interested about all of it. Hey, if He takes time to number the hairs on your head, don't you think that He has the time to be intimate with you in all the rest of it?

The Lord knows us from the inside out. He knows our thoughts, feelings, emotions -- not from some superficial distance over miles of dry theology and doctrine -- but from the every *inside* of our awareness of these things. His intimacy is *spirit-deep* with us. He knows the pain you have in your body. He is aware of the financial worry which you have been keeping from your family. He sees how your unkind boss is treating you at work. He understands the hurts you have been keeping in your heart that you are afraid to share with anyone. He hears your heart's cry to be loved. Beloved, **God is intimately connected to your very life.** Let His intimacy flow through your being and over your life with soul-renewing vigor.

God's love for you is and always will be an intimate thing. It can't be satisfied with the distances you've created. It wants to get "up close and personal" with every part of your life. The more you let His love get into your awareness the more connected you will feel with God. You will walk around with the sense of His Awareness living within all that you yourself are aware of. You will feel like God's eyes are upon you everywhere, in all circumstances... not to find fault with you but to saturate your heart with Unconditional love.

God knows you intimately. He knows every problem you are worried about and every single burden you have. And when you approach Him for help, He has all the time for you as if no one else exists. That is how valuable you are to Him and how absorbed He is in you! If you learn to understand anything in your life, Beloved, understand this: God is completely in love with you!