



STAY HOT—HONEST, OPEN, AND TRANSPARENT

with Andy Brannum

▶ FOCUS VERSE

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.
Ephesians 4:25

▶ DISCUSSION

- 1. Discuss the note Andy's wife left for him one day that said "You will lose everything."**
 - a. What's the most you've ever stood to lose in your life, and what were the circumstances that led to that situation?
 - b. Did anyone give you the kind of warning that Andy's wife gave him?
 - c. How did you resolve it?
- 2. Andy mentions a couple of instances over the course of his spiritual journey when he openly challenged God.**
 - a. Did those stories resonate with you at all?
 - b. Have you ever expressed anger at God?
 - c. What caused that anger?



- 3. Continuing with the theme of the previous question, Andy recalls threatening to “give up” on his relationship with God during one of those critical moments, but he soon received what he interpreted as a sign to keep the faith.**
- a. When you’ve expressed anger with God, have you been open to hearing His response, or have you closed yourself off?

 - b. Did you ever find any resolution to your anger?
- 4. One of the challenges Andy encountered in ministry was working so hard at the men’s ministry that his marriage suffered.**
- a. Have you ever been in that situation, starting a job or even a hobby that seemed great at first but soon took on a life of its own?

 - b. Did you figure out a compromise, take a few months away from it like Andy did, or give it up entirely?
- 5. Would you say you’re “honest, open, and accountable” with your good friends?**
- a. If not, what are some of the things holding you back?

 - b. Is there anything you feel like you can’t talk about even with your closest friends?
- 6. Is your faith something you feel like you can have a serious conversation about with any of your male friends?**
- a. Who do you think would be more resistant to that kind of conversation—you or them?
- 7. The times you’ve decided to pursue a relationship with God or examine your faith more deeply, do you feel like you’ve been supported in those efforts?**
- a. What’s been the hardest part about trying to get to know God better?

 - b. What do you think would help you overcome those obstacles?

