



THE ULTIMATE RELATIONSHIP





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- Relationships Vs will of God in our lives
- Staying close to God will bring out the best in us



The world knows the value of relationships

“You have to have consistency in your relationships” ...

Consistency breeds TRUST...

TRUST breeds **RELATIONSHIPS**...

Relationships Drive EVERYTHING !!!

Peter Drucker-
Considered the father of modern business



Definition of *relationship*

- The state of being related or interrelated studied the relationship between the variables
- The relation connecting or binding participants in a relationship: such as
 - a : kinship
 - b : a specific instance or type of kinship
- State of affairs existing between those having relations or dealings had a good relationship with his family
 - a romantic or passionate attachment



He called us friend....John 15;12-17

“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full. ¹² This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, that you love one another.



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How wild to think the Son of God calls us friends. A designation of “friend” details closeness, a very personal relationship. And why does he call us friends? The answer centers on...

Communication

Jesus lifted the fog of uncertainty. He shared everything he heard from his Father – with us. With our Father's words, he offered hope and direction. Wisdom keeps that nugget of knowledge in view for our own friendships. Are we sharing the hope and words of our Father amid them?

When frustration rises, do we circle back and recall our Savior's offer of friendship?



If I am a friend... Why Me ???



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ROMANS 8:28, 31

AND WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS
WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THEM
THAT LOVE GOD, TO THEM WHO ARE
THE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS
PURPOSE. WHAT SHALL WE THEN SAY
TO THESE THINGS? IF GOD BE FOR US,
WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?



The gospel of Jesus Christ is not just supposed to be your ticket into heaven: It is to be an entirely new basis for how we **relate** to God, Ourselves, and others

- It must be the Source from which everything flows.....What's your source?
- The goal of the gospel is to produce a type of people consumed with PASSION for God and love for others
- Not the MGM Lion....Tamed, fed by trainers, compliant, not as dangerous, and neutered
- We are to be ALIVE with the love of God and love of others.
 - All the rest of our Christian life falls naturally in place at Matt:22:37 says “ love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind.
 - You have to have the MIND to want to be a good friend and a passion for excellence in God



Friendship is a Bond

The Gospel of Jesus Christ and our relationship with him, is in itself a miracle. It produces an obedience that is powered by **Desire**

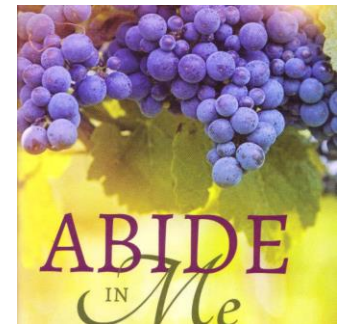
John 15:6

³Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. ⁶If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

Our part= Dependence

Gods Part= Supply

Abide= To remain





Friendship is a Bond

The kind of relationship and spiritual joy is not and cannot be produced in us by a simple resolution to obey...

It comes by being SATURATED in the gospel





Are we friends of Jesus?....Lazurus was

John 11; 1-44

- “Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick”
- “Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus”
- “Jesus wept”



The Will of God in our lives

Jesus knew what Lazarus was facing and already knew the end !!!!

Jeremiah 29;11

“For I know the thoughts that I think towards you” saith the Lord, Thoughts of Peace and not of evil...**TO GIVE YOU AN EXPECTED END**

The will of God was working in Lazarus life, YET, he still had to die !!!

Thought:

Dying is a process, yet we try to avoid it, but with death in God, there has to be a resurrection!!!!

The resurrection is to a new you, a new life, a second, third, and in some cases a millionth chance.



A GOOD Friend

“This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby” John 11:4

Have you ever been sick unto death or in a situation that seemed incomprehensible at the time.... No way seemed possible to get out?

We call in favors and ask people of position to help through our relationships

The times where we feel like the doors were closing the tomb being secured shut with you inside?

But....

If thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God.

Jesus said **“TAKE AWAY THE STONE”**





Your Relationships Vs. The Will of God

- Do they match up with his will?
- Are they for your glory or God's glory?
- Does it have do with money and why?
- Are they profitable
- Is there a common walking point? Amos 3:3
- Have you given up already?
- Are they just relational dreams?
- **ARE YOU JUST DEAD????????**



Complacency in the relationship

When we have a relationship with Jesus and begin to see the beauty of God, the relationship and the weight of his majestic power in our soul, sins power over will be broken.

Our hopes and dreams and fulfilling lives were strong and growing at one point, Then we got busy, we failed or got sick and have become **complacent**. We got weary in well doing. Some were and are dying and some died.

- Abundance to Complacency
- Complacency to Dependency
- Dependency to Bondage

Jesus is groaning in the spirit for us...

- Our hopes
- The visions
- The dreams
- The obedience...





Conclusion

- Get your Spiritual swagger back.
- Build the relationship again with the lord of your life through his friendship.
- Communicate with him, your best friend
- Desire, passion and commitment...true commitment requires consistency



For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Romans 8:38-39 New King James Version (NKJV) 38



Q&A

THANK YOU