

## **Relationships- Family #4**

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### **Monday:**

God has given us everything. In fact, He promises it in His Word. He just proves Himself over and over and over again that we have everything we need, all things that pertain to life and godliness.

Something is happening. Can you feel it? Something is happening in the world, around you, and if you're paying attention, something is happening with you. I think you need to start looking for it.

We are entering a season where the opportunities for ministry to plant the seed of the kingdom are unlimited. This message is something to help you see and feel and sense the spirit, or a door open in someone's life that a lot of times just manifests as someone tells you their problems.

When they do that, they extend to you a level of trust. One, I would be really mature in how I handle that, and two, they are asking you for help.

Proverbs 18:10 says, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower. The righteous run to it and are safe". This is the time for the church to be the church. The clock is ticking. The kingdom is coming, with you without you. I'm believing for you, with you. It's all about the heart.

Everything is connected in the kingdom- your job, your life, your relationships, your money, your problems, everything is connected.

Absolutely nothing but good can come if you're following the rules of the kingdom. It's impossible for truth and good to not prevail. It can feel kind of dangerous at times, but throw the doors open on your heart. It's all about your heart. "Lord, fix me according to your will". God only cares that your heart become like Jesus.

If your heart is not brought under His headship and the authority of someone greater than you, your heart will wander off.

### **Tuesday:**

What are you going to do with what you are hearing today? Is it just going to be another one of those things that you stick in your pocket and wait for it to just happen? I think the time was yesterday. Don't miss what God is doing.

Make it a point to pray for leaders. As the shepherds go, so goes the sheep. Real kingdom leaders rule from the bottom up. We lead by serving the Father and serving you.

People have kind of limited themselves to hearing God on the run, but it's not the same as stopping and spending quality time with Him, just listening and paying attention and getting in His presence.

You need to get into a place where you become aware of Him. When you take that time with the Father, you can't miss. If you will do that, you can't miss His love for you.

When you have that personal, intimate time with God, it calibrates your heart and gets you where you are supposed to be.

Sometimes, after finishing spending time with the Father, I don't feel like I heard anything. There are other times where God brings so much.

I'm really concerned about how we talk about this stuff (spending quality time with the Father) and how few people actually do it. If you are going to be an agent of positive change in this move of God, it's going to require your whole heart. That's why some of you are going through such intense times.

You should be in the best place of anybody I know of, anywhere, to carry out the will and purpose that God has put before this household. Is it okay for me to expect that of you? Are you up for it?

### **Wednesday:**

God is doing something very deep, very profound, very eternal in you, preparing you for this thing that we're talking about. Look at the challenges you have, and start to throw out a lot of thank yous to the Father.

Pay attention to your heart, the deepest part of you, the spirit part of you, the part of you that's going to live forever. Listen to what God is saying to you and walk it out. *"Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it springs the issues of life"*. Everything that's important in life comes out of your heart.

The kingdom life has everything-- excitement, danger, mountains, valleys, warfare, spiritual battles, battles of the mind, victories, all that.

**Love needs a target. Love needs a destination. Love needs a home. Love must be expressed.**

God has called us into these things that we call relationships so that we can experience the richness and fullness of what God Himself experiences.

Genesis 2:24-25 says, *"Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and they were not ashamed"*.

The spiritual key is to become that way with one another. Not talking about in the natural, but in a transparent way, transparency. Transparency in relationships breeds a level of trust that can't be achieved any other way. If you're receiving this word, I expect you'll get tested in it.

Transparency opens the door wide for us to have the depth and richness in relationship the Father has intended.

### **Thursday:**

When I think of all the ways He's blessed me, my mind immediately goes to my family, then my

friends and the people who I've met and gotten to know along the way. At the end of our earthly run, we'll see it clearer than ever. **The things that have made our lives rich are not fame and fortune or some other empty thing. It's the people we've encountered day in and day out, in the journey of life.**

I call these the "one-anothers":

- *Be kindly affectionate to one another*      *Give preference to one another*      *Don't judge one another*  
*Be of the same mind toward one another*      *Receive one another*      *Admonish one another*  
*Greet one another with a holy kiss*      *Love one another*      *Do not deprive one another*  
*Don't provoke one another*      *Don't grumble toward one another*      *Wait for one another*  
*Care for one another*      *Serve one another*      *Bear with one another*      *Be kind to one another*  
*Submit to one another*      *Comfort one another*      *Edify one another*      *Exhort one another*  
*Be hospitable to one another*      *Consider one another*      *Have compassion toward one another*  
*Pray for one another*      *Send gifts to one another*      *Be tender hearted toward one another*  
*Forgive one another*      *Live in harmony with one another*      *Spur one another on to good works*  
*Teach one another*      *Confess your sins to one another*

God Himself initiated these things that we call relationships, so that we can interact with one another in ways that bless both parties.

For someone who really doesn't have, and is not working on relationships, using "brother" or "sister" as a greeting comes across as pretty superficial. It doesn't really mean much. I personally don't like to be greeted like that, because it means something a lot deeper than what you hear around the church today.

You are only in the presence of these people here because God Himself designed that and orchestrated it. And if He's got your heart, you end up being around the people and with the people that God wants you to be with. It's a supernatural thing, if you cooperate with Him.

God never puts two people or entities of any kind together just for what one can benefit from the other. You may think you don't have anything to offer this particular relationship, but you have something that God wants to use in his life. He has something that God wants to use in your life. It works both ways and is a win-win situation.

Give yourself to the relationship. Any kind of interaction you have with someone (call, text, email), you are building relational equity. That way, when a problem comes, you have too much equity built up to ever walk away.

### **Friday:**

What significant things does this person bring to the table that adds to the fabric of your life? That's why we must pay attention to the people that God brings across your path.

Hebrews 4:12 says, "*My sheep know me, and they hear my voice*". Your ability to hear God is directly connected to, and proportionate to, your desire to hear God. **You want to hear Him better? Then put some time in.** Start to shut your mind down, and be aware of His presence.

Hebrews 4:12 says, "*For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-*

*edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart”.*

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER:** Get this one right, and the rest of the “One-Anothers” will come naturally, but they might not come easily. Some of it’s going to be really, really challenging to you.

Roy said, “Love is the master key”. John 13:34 says, “*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you*”.

**For starters, you have to be in a place where you’re able to receive the love that God has for you. So, draw yourself away from the crowd, from the noise, and you just get quiet before the Lord. This calibrates your heart and gets your heart where it is supposed to be.**

If you decide you’re going to be a lover of people, of life, and of the Father, He will help you and work with you through any and every situation to see it fulfilled.

As kingdom people, we should love extravagantly. That’s the thing that people should notice about us. God has given us as individuals and the church that responsibility. Start here. Work out from that. Think individually, think globally, but act one on one.

Love extravagantly—love is abandonment. Jesus said that we are supposed to love one another like that.

### **Saturday:**

It’s more blessed to give than it is to receive. At the end of your life, talking about love, don’t have any love left on the table. Give it all! But remember, you can’t give away something that you haven’t received.

Real love gives, expecting nothing in return. To love is the only really sure guarantee that it’s going to come back to you in proportion, for with the same measure you love.

**Be kindly affectionate to one another:** Be kind hearted, compassionate, gentle, caring, thoughtful, gracious, considerate, generous, supportive, tender, patient, and selfless. It’s living out the love you have received from the Father.

**Give preference to one another:** Put others before yourself. Be respectful, honor, be accommodating, be courteous, be humble, be yielding to others. Work toward unity, harmony, to be in sync, to be like-minded, to be agreeable. Unity is not everybody believing in the same thing. Endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit.

**Don’t judge one another:** Your resolve to not judge others is in direct proportion to the level of grace you’ve already received and are learning to walk in.

When you sit down across the table with someone, you gotta assume that they know something you don’t know. Their life experiences and their orientation in life is different from yours, and vice versa.

Until there is a healthy, productive communication between black and white, rich and poor, men and women, Baptist and Pentecostal, Republican and Democrat, sitting across the table and

making love the issue, not much is going to change.

There's going to be people that you know, that you're friends with, who don't think about spiritual things like you do. We all have different perspectives, so don't allow any room for a judgmental spirit to take root.

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