

Relationships- Family #5

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Monday:

A word for this house from Rope Myers:

Stand up and spread your wings out wide. The King of Heaven is King in that six foot radius around those arms and if you will let the King of Heaven be King in you, in all that you do today, the Kingdom of Heaven comes everywhere you go. Just imagine the family of God walking out of here as Kingdom children, knowing that the six foot circle that surrounds them is the Kingdom of Heaven, taking the ground all around us. You just imagine the places you guys are going to go today.

Allow the King of Heaven to be King in you- where you go today, in your decisions, in your families, in the relationships and the people you meet.

Andy:

This morning I felt like I have a word for the house, also: When you hear the Lord, you just think you heard Him, until you kind of follow that out. This is a word for right now. It was like I could feel it Kingdom-wide, that God's people have hit a place where they are going to be really, really tempted to relax.

Tuesday:

This is a warning not to relax. The test for God's people will be to keep the focus on. If you feel like evil has taken a day off, it hasn't!

Here is the good news. This is a time of great favor from the Lord. It's a space of time- a month, a year, five years. I don't know, but it's a space of time where God has given extreme favor, and the people of God will have plenty of battles and all that, but you're going to find yourself, if you're cooperating with the Lord, to be more effective and more productive, especially in Kingdom things.

It's a time of great blessing. There has been a shift in the heavenlies, and we are entering a higher form of kingdom life. We will just have to follow this out and see what all that means, but there will be a greater revelation of the Kingdom of God. *"The Kingdom is the new frontier"*.

You will have a richer experience with the things that you experience with the Father in your relationship with Him. Now, this is contingent upon you leaning into what God wants to do. It's probably not going to just happen. Again, it's based on your cooperation. The Father is going to blow your mind as to how effective and productive you'll be. And that starts now.

I believe that this generation is living in a time where you're going to see the greatest expression of the Kingdom of God that the world has ever seen. Are you in for something like that?

Wednesday:

You can have relationship, but not have any fellowship. It starts with relationship, then there's fellowship, then there's communion, where the two of you begin to share life together, and last, where His thoughts start to become your thoughts.

At the start, Adam and God walked together in the cool of the day. Jesus and the 12 were able to walk, talk, interact, listen to, hand in hand, heart to heart. **The Father wants you to have the depth and the richness of relationship that Adam had in the cool of the day in the garden, and the 12 had with Jesus.**

That only comes through fellowship and intimacy with Him. He's made every provision for you to have this.

With all the time that we have been talking about the importance of having a relationship with the Father and taking the time to be with Him, it really concerns me of how few people actually do it.

Thursday:

Practical instructions for enjoying the presence of the Lord (A):

- **Time** seems to be the hardest part. It's the part that most people neglect, because of the time factor. So, if you're going to do it, it's going to take some time. Start slow with a few minutes. Psalms 46:10 says, *"Be still, and know that I'm God"*.
- **Distractions** are going to be an issue, especially on the front end. It's really, really normal for your mind to wander. There's nothing wrong with you. That's just what the mind's used to doing. When you start doing this, I'm teasing, kind of, but don't come running to me, *"Well, you know, I took that five minutes and I didn't hear anything from the Lord"*. Don't come running to me with that kind of stuff. Work your way through it. **I hear from the Father because I want to.**
- **Meditation** is a Biblical thing, which we need to recapture. I do it. There is an app called Calm. It will guide you on how to get present in the moment, and help you deal with distractions. It costs, but if it's beneficial to you, it's cheap, probably 6-7 dollars a month. During meditation, take a couple of deep breaths, follow your breath in, follow your breath out. Just kind of get in the moment.
- **Expectation versus Expectancy.** Expectations are specific outcomes we anticipate or believe should happen, often tied to a particular result. Expectancy, on the other hand, is a state of hopeful anticipation without attachment to specific outcome, focusing on openness to possibilities and trust in the unfolding process. While expectations are rigid and result driven, expectancy is flexible and faith driven. Drop your expectations, and have some expectancy about what's going to happen.
- **Friday:**
- Practical instructions for enjoying the presence of the Lord (B):
- **No agenda.** I'm going to the Lord now with no agenda, but I have an expectancy.

There's plenty of things I need to hear the Lord on, but I just put those things aside.

- **Gratitude.** If I'm going to say anything to the Lord with no agenda, it's nearly always this; "*God, You are so good to me. You have always been so good to me*". There's a scientific thing behind gratitude, that all kinds of positive physical scientific stuff happens in your physical body, when you express gratitude, especially in your gratitude to the Father.

Expectancy and being aware of the presence of God, there's just nothing like it. The worst thing that could ever happen to me in my life right now is to have the presence of God withdrawn.

One thing I always get from the Lord is how much He loves me. When you do this, you will be more aware of the love that God has for you. That's the thing that fixes us.

The things that God says to you form you and shape you into who you are really supposed to be, into your true identity. That's why it's just another reason that we really need to hear the Lord.

So, go with no agenda, and then listen.

Saturday:

Sometimes people will put on soft worship music. I would prefer instrumental, something worshipful, but it's up to you. But again, I don't want anything to distract me, so words could be a distraction.

You also might meditate on a verse of scripture. I always think about Proverbs 3:5-6, "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean no on your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path*". Trust in the Lord. What does trust mean to you?

You might have a note book for notes as to what the Father might say if He chooses to. He hardly ever tells me what to do. Most of the time He's talking to me about me.

Your heart is calibrated in His presence. It gets your heart where it is supposed to be.

God is never pushy. He's always gentle, loving, kind, gracious... always.

Don't try too hard to make something happen. The prize is not the things that God chooses to speak to you about yourself or someone else, **the prize is just His presence.** If you'll do it, you will know what I'm talking about.

Worship also calibrates your heart. On Sunday mornings, it can either be a song service, or it can be a worship service where you actually connect with the Father.