

SEEING RELATIONSHIPS AS GOD SEES THEM

Seeing Through God's Eyes – Part 4

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Two Truths About Relationships...

1. Relationships are messy.

Luke 2:48 (NIV) *"When His parents saw Him, they were astonished. His mother said to Him, 'Son, why have You treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for You.'"*

John 2:4 (NIV) *"'Woman, why do you involve me?'" Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.'"*

John 7:5 (NIV) *"For even His own brothers did not believe in Him."*

2. God created us to be in relationships.

1 John 3:11 (NIV) *"For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another."*

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV) *"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

1 Peter 1:22 (NIV) *"Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart."*

You move from surface to significance by SERVING!

Galatians 5:13 (NIV) *"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."*

Learning From The Relationships of Jesus...

1. Jesus served without recognition.

Serving others goes hand in hand with
being a follower of Jesus.

John 13:1, 4-5,15 (NLT) *“Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that His hour had come to leave this world and return to His Father. He now showed the disciples the full extent of His love. ⁴ So He got up from the table, took off His robe, wrapped a towel around His waist, ⁵ and poured water into a basin. Then He began to wash the disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel He had around Him. ¹⁵ I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.”*

Serving is giving life.

John 3:16a (NIV) *“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son.”*

2. Jesus served with compassion.

John 11:35 (NIV) *“Jesus wept.”*

We all need people who will receive our hurt.

3. Jesus served with truth.

Mark 8:33 (NLT) *“Jesus turned around and looked at His disciples, then reprimanded Peter. ‘Get away from me, Satan!’ He said. ‘You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God’s.’”*

Truth forces evaluation.

Luke 22:33 (NLT) *“Peter said, ‘Lord, I am ready to go to prison with You, and even to die with You.’”*

Luke 22:34 (NLT) *“But Jesus said, ‘Peter, let me tell you something. Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know Me.’”*

Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT) *“Jesus replied, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”*

**The deeper you go with God,
the deeper you can go with others.**

Don’t live life alone.