

Main Idea/ Purpose of Text: Relationships are meant to be mutual life giving exchange that ultimately reflected the kindness of God

Our relationships should be Marked by:

1. Sacrifice
2. Service
3. Presence

C.S. Lewis writes...

“Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art, like the universe itself (for God did not need to create). It has no survival value; rather it is one of those things which give value to survival”. We spend tens of hours a week on work because we would die without food and shelter. Friendship isn’t feeding the kids or paying the mortgage. But it can make parenting richer and more bearable, and make a home feel a lot more like home.”

Relationships are meant to be a mutual life giving exchange that is ultimately reflects God’s kindness and character of Jesus

God has strategically chosen to work his kindness and grace through our relationships

Sacrifice does not begin with what we do, but rather our hearts

There are alot of relationships that have been lost in name of being “right and wrong”, but in reality was because of selfishness

Sacrifice that comes from the heart views relationships as an opportunity to **consider** rather than an opportunity to **correct**..

This type of sacrifice looks at the most inconvenient and annoying person and says I want to consider you even if it means loses my right

if we do relationships where our sacrifice begins from just action and obligation, it will only lead to bitterness..

The foundation of my service has to come from my love for Christ and desire to reflect him.. That's when our service for others is in its purest form

No amount of works and service we do in our relationship can ever replace the presence we spend with others

You can't be a reservoir of God's love without first being a recipient of it