



Title: Personal Revival – Building Strong Relationships

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

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BOTTOM LINE: Cultivating a deep and intentional relationship with God is the key to building strong, meaningful relationships, in our life and family.

Our spiritual enemy knows that when he can disrupt the family, he can disrupt our faith from moving forward.

Family life is challenging, but it's a gift from God.

1. Families are imperfect because people are imperfect.
2. Your family's imperfections are not an indication of God's love for you.
3. If God doesn't use imperfect families, he doesn't use anyone.

Keys to Building Strong Relationships

1. LOVE YOUR GOD PERSONALLY

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

These two verses are known as the Shema and are called the cornerstone of Judaism. There is only one true God and the command is to love Him wholeheartedly.

The first step towards reviving our relationships is to have a personal revival in our own hearts.

It was vital that the people get this right because if the Israelites were going to survive and thrive in the promised land, the family unit would have to become the primary place where faith in and love for the Lord was modeled and transferred. – Tony Evans

Deuteronomy 6:5

Love God, your God, with your whole heart: love him with all that's in you, love him with all you've got! (The Message)

Above all else, God wants you to love with Him with your total being.

Our relationships are at their best when we choose to love others with God at the center, recognizing that God himself is love.

2. LEARN THE TRUTH INWARDLY

Deuteronomy 6:6

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

When you know God personally, you have to build on that foundation, to seek to grow and infuse His truths into your life.

We have to let the truth permeate our hearts before we pour it out into the hearts of our family and friends.

Colossians 3:16

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

The Word of God must be at home in you, welcome in every room of your heart. - Tony Evans

The Word of God I think of as a straight edge, which shows us our own crookedness. We can't really tell how crooked our thinking is until we line it up with the straight edge of scripture. – Elisabeth Elliot

We have to bring all areas of our life in alignment with the Word of God.

The Word of God provides a framework for living, offering wisdom, guidance, and instruction on how to build a strong and fulfilling life.

3. TEACH GOD'S WORD INTENTIONALLY

Deuteronomy 6:7

Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

On all occasions, and in all ways, intentionally teach your children the truth of God's Word.

Deuteronomy 6:8-9

8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

These written symbols were a daily reminder that the primary goal is to love God, learn His truths, and teach them to others.

The purpose of parenting is to pass on our faith to the next generation.

Your greatest contribution may not be something you do but someone you raise. – Andy Stanley

When we allow God to transform us from the inside out, invest in building strong relationships, and pass on the faith to the next generation, we create a culture of love and grace that can transform even the most broken situations.

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BOTTOM LINE: Cultivating a deep and intentional relationship with God is the key to building strong, meaningful relationships, in our life and family.



1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?



1. In what ways can you see the influence of culture impacting our families today?
2. What are your priorities? Is there anything that is hindering your ability to put God first in you and your family's life?
3. What are some practical ways you can prioritize learning God's Word and applying it to your life?



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Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that were studied. Try the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on blueletterbible.com or with their app.