Week 2: Counting Every Blessing – The Blessing of Relationships

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

9 Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor; 10 for if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up! 11 Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm *alone*? 12 And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three *strands* is not quickly torn apart.

Relationships Reflect God's _____ and _____

Galatians 6:2

2 Bear one another's burdens and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

Relationships Help Us _____ _____ _____ _____

Proverbs 27:17

17As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Relationships Build _____ Up in _____

John 17:11-12

11 I am no longer *going to be* in the world; and *yet* they themselves are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, *the name* which You have given Me, so that they may be one just as We *are*. 12 While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name, which You have given Me; and I guarded them, and not one of them perished except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.

John 19:25-27

[25] Now beside the cross of Jesus stood His mother, His mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. [26] So when Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He *said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"[27] Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her into his own *household*.

<u>Three Practical Points of Application in Living Out The Blessing of Relationships</u>:

1. **_____ _____ for your relationships**
2. **Be _____ in bearing burdens**
3. **Build up others in _____**

<u>John 15:12-17</u>

[12] "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.[13] Greater love has no one than this, that a person will lay down his life for his friends.[14] You are My friends if you do what I command you. [15] No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, because all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. [16] You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you. [17] This I command you, that you love one another.

Love God, Love One Another…