

Road Signs for Relationships

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“Merging Traffic: Dealing With Relational Mergers”

A relational “merger” is anytime you have to make room for someone else on your life’s journey.

Types Of Relational Mergers:

Marriage
Children
Siblings
Blended Families
Roommates
Caring for relative/friend
Staff expansion
Adding people to your group

Five Thoughts About Relational Mergers:

As much as possible, _____
for the oncoming relationship.

Smart drivers start moving BEFORE traffic hits!

“Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty.” – Proverbs 21:5 (NLT)

Recognize that some relationships
will need the _____!

There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. – John 15:13 (NLT)

Over-communicate so you don’t _____!

Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, “Why are you thinking these things in your hearts?”
– Luke 5:22 (NIV)

Ask often: “How are we doing?”

Give yourself permission to _____,
but remind yourself of the _____!

Sometimes relational mergers are so frustrating
that we forget they can also be wonderfully fulfilling!

“Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God.”
– Philippians 1:3 (NLT)

Look for what God
wants to teach you about _____!

“As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.”
– Proverbs 27:17 (NLT)

Relationships are God’s best schools of self-discovery!