

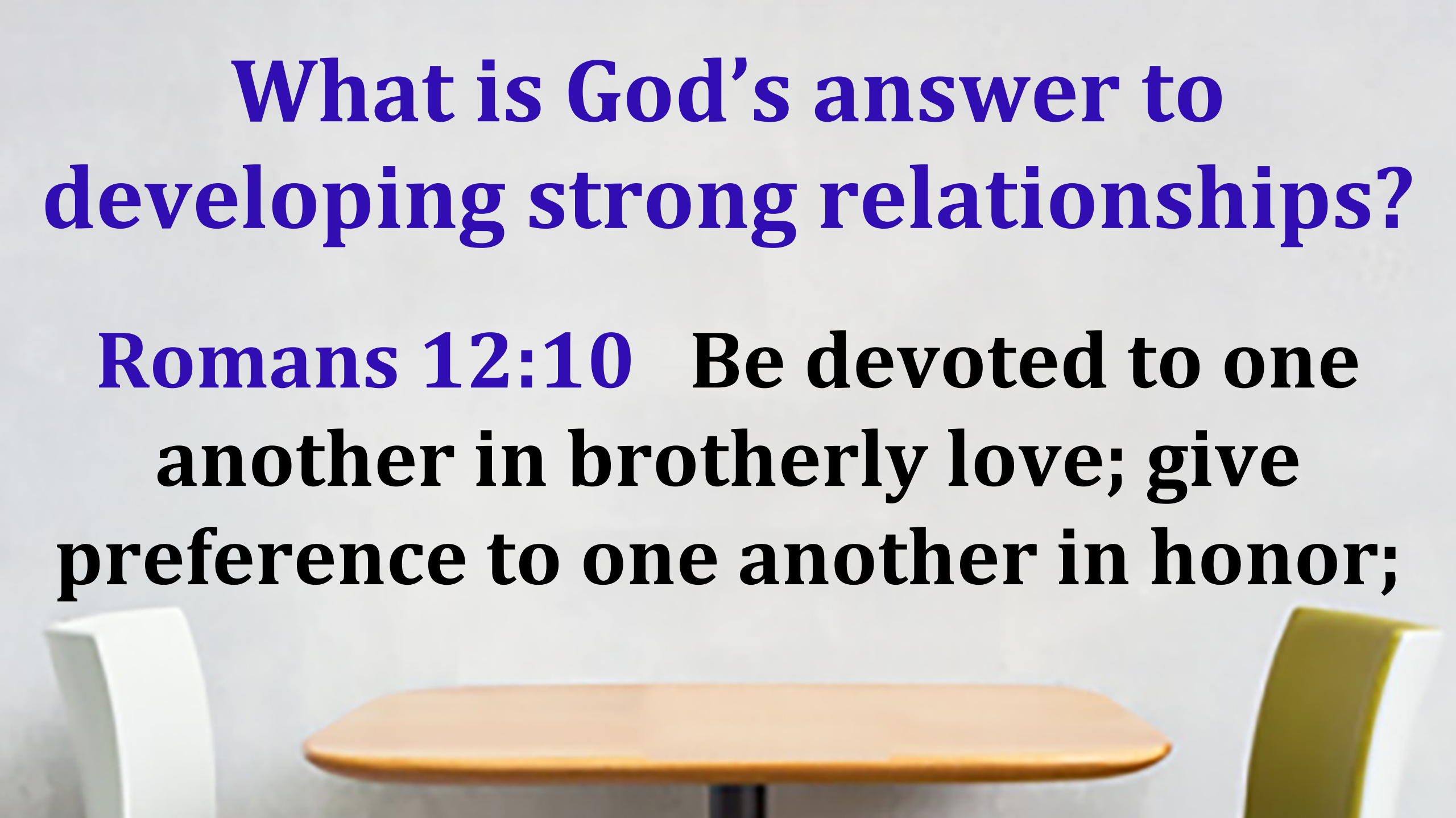
Healthy Relationships

**I John 4:19 We love because
He first loved us.**



**What is God's answer to
developing strong relationships?**

**Romans 12:10 Be devoted to one
another in brotherly love; give
preference to one another in honor;**



But someone has to make the first move right? Who should that be?

God established that men are to take the lead and be the leaders in the home.

Husbands should set the pace to “out-serve” their mate.

John 13:17 If you know these things
you are blessed if you do them.

**Do you want to be blessed in your
relationships? Then start living this
way...it's that simple!**

Show Video “Tell Her”



Acts 2:1-4 On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. 2 Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting.

**3 Then, what looked like flames or
tongues of fire appeared and settled
on each of them. 4 And everyone
present was filled with the Holy
Spirit and began speaking in other
languages, as the Holy Spirit gave
them this ability. (NLT)**

Proverbs 18:21 The tongue can
bring death or life; those who
love to talk will reap the
consequences. (NLT)



Men's Love Needs: Needs:

1. Unconditional Love
2. Intimacy – “SEX”
3. Companionship
4. Encouragement
5. Spiritual Connection

Women's Love

1. Unconditional Love
2. Intimacy – “TALK”
3. Spiritual Intimacy
4. Encouragement
5. Friendship

Romans 12:10 Be devoted to
one another in brotherly love;
give preference to one
another in honor;



1 Peter 3:7 In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together.



**She may be weaker than you are,
but she is your equal partner in
God's gift of new life. Treat her as
you should so your prayers will
not be hindered. (NLT)**



Weaker vessel = more fragile

**Be understanding of this and
honor women with love
and respect.**

So how do we do this men?

Intimacy for a woman = TALK

**-we have to recognize this, and
become intentional in creating
times to talk**

4 Opportunities to Connect Each Day

Mornings – preparing for the day

Leaving for work – express your love
for one another



Returning home from work – “the take zone”

**-develop a strategy of success for
your family!**

**Right before bed at night – express
your love for one another!**



**Those are good times to connect,
but HOW do you connect?**

Eph. 5:33 So again I say, each man
must love his wife as he loves
himself, and the wife must respect
her husband. (NLT)

A woman experiences love when you:

- 1. Connect to her feelings.**
- 2. Connect to her ideas.**
- 3. Connect to solutions.**

How do women connect with men?

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must love his wife as he loves
himself, and the wife must respect
her husband. (NLT)

A woman will connect with her man when she:

- 1. Connects to his thoughts.**
- 2. Connects to his feelings.**
- 3. Connects to his needs.**

**I am yours and you
are mine!**

**Every couple must have an
unconditional commitment to
one another!**



**My mate is not my
enemy!**

**Make the relationship far
more important than the
issue!**

**Eph. 4:26 Be angry, but
don't sin.**

**Positive anger = righteous
indignation (focused on
helping others)**

**Negative anger = defense
mechanism used to escape
dealing with emotions
(focused on helping self)**

**Some people will hide
behind anger.**

**As followers of Christ, we have a
divine call to be God with skin on!**

**Our focus is always on serving the
other person, and helping them
carry whatever burden they are
trying to carry!**

**We can love others
because God first
loved us!**

