

“How to Have Amazing Relationships”

John 14:7-14

For God So Loved the World – John, Part 2

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_____ **relationships!** Relationships that are satisfying and fulfilling are a huge part of what makes life worth living.

- Eccl 4:9-12; Heb 10:24-25; Prov 27:17; Rom 12:10
- Which relationship would you like to improve upon so it's at “amazing relationship” status? Circle one: spouse, son, child, grandchild, dad, mom, sibling, best friend, coworker, neighbor, school mate, ? - _____
(name)

“**Hmm. Define ‘amazing relationship’ status.** Then, give me some tips on how to achieve that because I want that!”

- Sure. Let's explore how the Bible defines this by looking at *the most amazing relationship ever*.

John 14:7-14... Check out v 9 - _____ you and your friends hanging out with a guy who said the things Jesus said!

- “The more you get to know Me, the more you get to know God. I _____ God in human form! (Jn 1:14; Phil 2:5-8)

Here's what I'm building up to: Jesus in His humanity _____ *the most amazing relationship ever* with His Father.

- But in what ways? Let's explore three of them.
 1. _____ - A specific example is that of Jesus trusting that His Heavenly Father would provide. (Mk 6:38-44)
 - a. Jesus's Heavenly Father is also ours! (Jn 3:3-6; 1 Pet 1:23) *How well do you trust in Him? (Prov 3:5-6)*
 2. _____ - This is completely open and free communication. (Mk 1:35)
 - a. Like Jesus did, we also communicate to our Heavenly Father through prayer. *How's your prayer life? (Phil 4:6-7)*
 3. _____ - Jesus was intimate with His Heavenly Father in a way never before conveyed. (Mk 14:36)
 - a. Jesus modeled intimacy with the Father. *How intimate is your relationship with Him? (Jas 4:7-10)*

Not only should we _____ upon these ways... to develop our relationship with our Father, but we should also improve upon these ways to achieve “amazing relationship” status with _____.
(name)

Below are three ways to achieve “amazing relationship” status. Turn this note sheet over and circle one textbook answer per way. Then, commit to following through this week!

- If trust is an issue, how specifically will you build TRUST in your relationship?
- How about COMMUNICATION? How to improve on that?
- Is there room for improvement regarding INTIMACY? If yes, how will you become more intimate?

TURN OVER FOR SOME TEXTBOOK ANSWERS AND THE GOING DEEPER QUESTIONS.

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Building TRUST involves being honest, reliable, and consistent. How specifically will you build trust? Circle one of the textbook answers below.

- * Say what you mean and mean what you say
- * Follow through with a commitment you made
- * Always be on time
- * Establish boundaries and respect them
- * When you mess up, apologize
- * Communicate how you feel

Open and free COMMUNICATION requires intentionality. How specifically will you become a better communicator? Circle one of the textbook answers below.

- * Understand deeply what someone is saying
- * Be clear and to the point
- * Don't react, respond
- * Don't sweat the small stuff but don't sweep things under the rug
- * Pick the right time to talk and set aside time to talk regularly

God wired us for INTIMACY. How enriching will your life be by becoming more intimate? And not just with your spouse, but in all familial relationships and deep friendships. Circle one of the textbook answers below.

- * Become more vulnerable
- * Talk about how much you appreciate them
- * Dole out complements generously
- * Make time for those you are close to
- * Do something new together
- * Reminisce about the good times together

Finally... How specifically will your life be more blessed by following through with intentionality? How will the lives of others be blessed? (Be specific in your answer.) _____

GOING DEEPER QUESTIONS FOR “HOW TO HAVE AMAZING RELATIONSHIPS” – 05/26/24

Go through this note sheet and discuss with your growth group and/or your family at the dinner table. Seek opportunities to also share this with your friends, relatives, coworkers, neighbors, and/or school mates. Bring this note sheet to your work and discuss it with your workmate over lunch. Bring it to school and discuss it with your schoolmate over lunch. Read the main passage and look up all of the supporting verses on the other side of this note sheet. Pray with one another.

1. At the beginning of the message, you were encouraged to circle one of the examples of a relationship that you would like to improve upon. Also, you were encouraged to write down the name of the person.
 - a. For obvious reasons please do not share the name of the person. But DO share the #1 textbook answer for each way trust/communication/intimacy) that you will follow through with so as to improve the relationship.
 - b. Also, share WHY you chose that one textbook answer for each way.
2. What's your biggest takeaway from the main passage and why?
3. This message can be divided into two areas: 1) Improving our relationship with our Heavenly Father, and 2) Improving our relationship with the person whose name we wrote down.
 - a. Regarding the former, which of the three areas do you need the most work on regarding your relationship with your Heavenly Father and why?
4. On a scale of 1-5, how motivated are you to improve your relationship with the person whose name you wrote down? ___/5 If you didn't score a 5, what could you do to improve that score?