

More Than SAVED

A FIVE-WEEK SERIES



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in the name of the Son of God,
that you may know
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By this
all people will know
that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.

JOHN 13:35



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THE 4 RELATIONSHIPS

1. Relationship with God

This is our greatest need.

- This is the only way to be full and complete.
- A "good day" always includes God.

JEREMIAH 9:23-24

Thus says the Lord: Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord.

3. Relationship with Self

Love God with all your heart, soul, and might.

- They felt no shame in themselves, even with others TRULY knowing and TRULY seeing them.
- A "good day" includes peace within yourself.

DEUTERONOMY 6:5

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

GENESIS 2:25

And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

2. Relationship with Others

Love your neighbor as yourself.

- Let us make man in OUR image...
- A "good day" includes others.

MARK 12:31

The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

GENESIS 2:18

Then the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.

4. Relationship with Creation

The created world is a divine backdrop evoking glory & gratitude.

- God has revealed Himself through his creative works.
- A "good day" includes enjoying/appreciating what God created.

ROMANS 1:20

For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

EZEKIEL 34:25-31

The Lord promises a covenant of peace across ALL creation: wild beasts are banished, people dwell securely, showers become blessings, trees and earth yield their fruit, oppression is broken, hunger and reproach end, and God's people know that he is with them and that they are the sheep of his pasture.



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Creation isn't tricking you— it is preaching.

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

Psalms 19:1-4



**Your conscience is not lying to you—
it is testifying.**

They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness.

Romans 2:15



14 For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires...

15 They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness...

ROMANS 2:14-15





**When everything
around us and within us
is testifying to God,
how could we possibly miss him?**



18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

ROMANS 1:18-23



21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

ROMANS 1:18-23



**Sin begins when we decide
God is not worth wanting
and seek from creation
what can only be found in
the Creator.**



ROMANS 1:18-32

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GOD'S WRATH ON UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

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²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

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²⁸ And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. ²⁹ They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³² Though they know God's righteous decree that those who



**GOD'S WRATH REGULARLY TAKES THE FORM OF
GIVING US EXACTLY WHAT WE DEMANDED.**

Your own evil will discipline you...

Jeremiah 2:19



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ROMANS 1:24-30



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32 Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

ROMANS 1:28-32

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I appeal to you therefore, brothers,
by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and
acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

2 Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that by testing you may discern what is the will of
God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

ROMANS 12:1-2



GOD GIVES US THE FREEDOM WE DEMAND:

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- TO REDEFINE WHAT WE THINK IS VALUABLE



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No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy will ever miss it. Those who seek find. Those who knock it is opened."

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7 Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

9 Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? 11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

MATTHEW 7:7-11



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