

LIFE IS ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS
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“Life is about Relationships, the rest is just details.” -Gary Smalley

36 “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” 37 Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ Matthew 22:36-39

THREE TYPES OF RELATIONSHIPS THAT WERE A PRIORITY FOR JESUS.

1. THE FIRST RELATIONSHIP THAT WAS A PRIORITY FOR JESUS WAS HIS OWN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

It was dynamic, active, personal and intimate. This was His foundation.

But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. Luke 5:16

At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth... Luke 10:21

If our relationship with God is not our first priority our lives will be fruitless.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5

2. THE SECOND RELATIONSHIP THAT WAS A PRIORITY FOR JESUS WAS HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS DISCIPLES.

Jesus loved His disciples.

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. John 17:20-23

Koinonia (κοινωνία) “Fellowship,” the idealized state of fellowship and unity that should exist within the Christian church, the Body of Christ.

We must make fellowship with each other as brothers and sisters in Christ a priority.

3. THE THIRD RELATIONSHIP THAT WAS A PRIORITY TO JESUS WAS HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH “SINNERS.”

When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” Mark 2:16

Jesus genuinely cared for those who were lost. He ate with them, went to their homes, and welcomed them into His presence.

He was not a “Friend of Sinners” as the Pharisees imagined. He didn’t join in their sin, but was with them and available to them. All for the purpose of their salvation.

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Matthew 9:36-38