



ReFocus on My Relationships

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Relationships **MATTER**

- In our lives, RELATIONSHIPS will provide most of our greatest JOY and our deepest PAIN
- Success in other areas of life does not compensate for the pain of RELATIONAL problems

Proverbs 17:1; 15:17

God **MADE US** for relationships

- With Himself *Acts 17:26-28*
- With other people *Genesis 2:18*
 - ◇ The Bible says that LONERS are FOOLISH *Proverbs 18:1*

Our first vital **RELATIONSHIP** is with **GOD**

- This one is THE KEY relationship *Matthew 22:37*
- No relationship can take priority over God
 - ◇ Choosing to love or serve someone above God is a form of IDOLATRY *Matthew 10:37*
- My relationship with God SIGNIFICANTLY impacts ALL my other relationships

Matthew 6:33; Mark 1:35

Other vital relationships

- Rather than PUNTING a difficult relationship...how about you hit the RESET BUTTON?
- Pick your FRIENDS, pick your FUTURE *Proverbs 13:20*
- Good friendships are SAFE
 - ◇ SERVE one another
 - ◇ Accept ONE ANOTHER
 - ◇ FORGIVE one another
 - ◇ ENCOURAGE one another

The one-sentence summary for handling all relationships: The GOLDEN RULE *Matthew 7:12*

- My biggest obstacle is ME *Ephesians 2:1-3*

The secret source of **POWER** for our vital relationships: Walking in the SPIRIT



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