

HARD LAUNCH

Wk 2 Relationships

1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

God's love is complete; strong, selfless, and everlasting!

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

When I allow myself to receive God's love, I can love people the way He's called me to love them.

If I'm not loving THEM I'm not really loving HIM!

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

Relationships are designed to demonstrate the love of Christ!

Relationships are God given

Genesis 2:18 The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

**Our first relationship must be WITH God,
so that every other relationship can come FROM God.**

Relationships are designed to be an expression of love, not the source!

Relationships are meant to build up, not tear down

Proverbs 133:1 How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!

Proverbs 27:17 As Iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Mark 16:15 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

You have the privilege of carrying the love of God into every room and conversation you go into.

Relationships should reflect Christ

1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

If my relationships don't prioritize Christ it's impossible to reflect Christ!

**If a relationship has taken priority over your walk with Christ,
you've created an idol.**

**Relationships are meant to help our walk with Christ,
not supplement our relationship with Christ!**

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If your walk with Christ is shaky your relationship with others will be unhealthy!

The right thing at the wrong time is the wrong thing.

Ephesians 5:21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. *22* Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. *23* For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. *24* Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. *25* Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her *26* to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, *27* and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.