

# Relationships Matter

Sermon in a Sentence: Deep relationships are \_\_\_\_\_ for us as Christians to live out the life God calls us to.

Mark 12:30-31 ESV - And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Galatians 5:14 ESV - For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Five Ls of relationships every Christian should strive to have and be:

1. L \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 18:24 NIV 84 - A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

David and Jonathan - 1 Samuel 18:1,3-4 and 1 Samuel 23:15-17

2. L \_\_\_\_\_

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 NIV 84

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Proverbs 17:17 NLT - A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need.

Nehemiah 3 – Taking your place on the wall

3. L \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 13: 7, 17 NIV 84 - Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

<sup>17</sup>Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

4. L \_\_\_\_\_ - One who follows the teaching and the Teacher.

Matthew 28:19-20 NIV 84 - Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

2 Timothy 2:2-3 NIV 84 - And the things that you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

5. L \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 1:16 NIV 84 - I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

## A Few Additional Resources:

- Great Books on Leadership:
  - Any books written by John Maxwell
  - *Spiritual Leadership* by J. Oswald Sanders
  - *The Advantage: Why Organizational Health Trumps Everything Else In Business* by Patrick Lencioni
  - *The Next Generation Leader: 5 Essentials for Those Who Will Shape the Future* by Andy Stanley
  - *Spiritual Leadership: Moving People on to God's Agenda* by Henry Blackaby
  - *Courageous Leadership* by Bill Hybels
  - *Not a Fan* by Kyle Idleman
  
- Dawson Trotman:
  - Listen to *Born to Reproduce* sermon online
  - Read his biography: *The Navigator* or *Daws*