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ENGAGE: How to Know God

Thankful for Growing Relationships

Various Scriptures

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The Way Relationships are Seen in Our World

1. “I _____ my love for other people by how much they love me.”
2. “If people continually _____ me, then they don’t deserve my love.”
3. “I need to take time for _____, because only then can I do nice things for others.”
4. “If someone is mean to me, then I don’t need that kind of _____ in my life.”

RESULT: This produces STAGNANT, DEAD, and APATHETIC relationships.

Jesus’ Greatest Statements About Relationships

1. Our love for God should wildly _____ any love we have for anyone and anything else. (*Matthew 10:37-39, Matthew 22:37-39*)

2. We should expect to have to _____ our own time, energy, ego, and comfort if we are going to show God’s love to others. (*John 15:12-13*)
3. We should love our enemies even if we are getting _____ by them. (*Matthew 5:43-48*)

RESULT: Jesus commanded and then showed us how to have a life of continually GROWING relationships.

But How?

THANKFULNESS puts us in a POSITION to remember:

- _____ IN RELATIONSHIPS: “I am not the center of the universe and I don’t need glory. Only God needs glory.”
- _____ IN RELATIONSHIPS: “I was dead in my sin and needed a Savior. Maybe the person I need to love is in the same boat.”
- _____ IN RELATIONSHIPS: “I was given grace that I did not deserve. It is only right that I pass on grace to others that don’t deserve it.”
- _____ IN RELATIONSHIPS: “The same power that conquered the grave lives inside of me, and if I simply step out in faith the Holy Spirit will give me supernatural strength to love others.”