Growing Right Relationships

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INTRODUCTION

- We talked about a relationship with God, our relationship with our parents, our relationship with the opposite sex, with the world, and with our friends.
- A relationship is simply something you have with someone that you relate to. It's something you have in common.
- Camp is special because it's about the people.

1 Our Relationship With Our Parents

Ephesians 6:1–3; Proverbs 13:24

- We told our kids that they didn't come with an instruction manual. As parents, we're all just trying to do the best we can.
- If you honor your parents, it is more likely that you are going to honor God later in your life.
- Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother, for this is the first commandment with a promise.
- Children disobeying their parents is rebellion, not only against their parents, but it is sin against God.
- Parents, your job is not to be your child's best friend. Your job is to discipline them and bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
- The relationship between parents and children mirrors our relationship with God.

2 Our Friends Are Who We Will Become

Proverbs 22:24–25; 1 Corinthians 15:33; Proverbs 27:17

- Their friends are who they will become. And the same thing is true about all of us. Our friends are who we will become.
- The people that we're around the most, they rub off on us. They change us. For the better or for the worse.
- The one is much more likely to be influenced by the many than vice versa.
- Influence is a powerful thing. We need to have the right influences in our lives. And we need to be the right influences for others.
- The right friend helps you to be a better friend of God. Proverbs 27, 17 says that iron sharpens iron. We want friends that are going to make us better.

3 Our Relationship With the World

Mark 16:15; 1 John 2:15–17; Matthew 6:24

- My purpose in life is to glorify God with my body, with my life, with my every action. And to bring others to Him.
- We are to be salt and light. That means we cannot remove ourselves from the world. We have to be lights to the world.
- We cannot love the world or things in the world. The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, the pride of life.
- All too often we show our love for the world not by blatant sin. But just by the fact that we love our stuff.
- It's a lie that Satan is trying to get into each and every one of our heads. That heaven's not worth it.

4 Our Relationship With God

James 1:17; Ephesians 2:5–6; Romans 5:6–11

- You cannot take anything with you except your relationships. So build the right ones. And that starts with God.
- We need to be reading and studying his word. We need to be praying to him without ceasing. We need to be worshiping him at every opportunity with all our hearts.
- God is going to be the only constant in your life. He is the only one who's there from start to finish.
- Every good and perfect gift is from above. Coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.
- If we want to have that relationship with God, James says all you have to do is draw near. Run away from the devil and run to God.
- While we were enemies, he sent Jesus to die on the cross for us.

THE CHALLENGE

We're all here just for a little while. And we're just trying to make it home. And if we're going to do that, we have to build the right relationships.

MY NOTES