Developing Healthy Relationships Part 2

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Prov. 18:16, I Sam 25:25-28, 32-35, Gen 32:20-21, II Chron. 9:8-12, Jn. 6:66, Mat. 24:10, Heb. 12:27, I Cor. 11:19, Prov. 17:17, Lk. 6:12-13, I Sam 18:1-4; 19:1-3; 20:30-42, II Sam. 9:1, Eph. 4:16

Each of us must admit our need for relationships

2. Relationships cannot be forced

3. There are different levels of relationships

4. No deposit no return

Prov. 18:16

A man's gift makes room for him, And brings him before great men.

"Please, let not my lord regard this scoundrel Nabal. For as his name is, so is he: Nabal is his name, and folly is with him. But I, your maidservant, did not see the young men of my lord whom you sent.

"Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, since the LORD has held you back from coming to bloodshed and from avenging yourself with your own hand, now then, let your enemies and those who seek harm for my lord be as Nabal.

"And now this present which your maidservant has brought to my lord, let it be given to the young men who follow my lord.

"Please forgive the trespass of your maidservant. For the LORD will certainly make for my lord an enduring house, because my lord fights the battles of the LORD, and evil is not found in you throughout your days.

Then David said to Abigail: "Blessed is the LORD God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me!

"And blessed is your advice and blessed are you, because you have kept me this day from coming to bloodshed and from avenging myself with my own hand.

"For indeed, as the LORD God of Israel lives, who has kept me back from hurting you, unless you had hastened and come to meet me, surely by morning light no males would have been left to Nabal!"

So David received from her hand what she had brought him, and said to her, "Go up in peace to your house. See, I have heeded your voice and respected your person."

Gen 32:20

"and also say, `Behold, your servant Jacob is behind us." For he said, "I will appease him with the present that goes before me, and afterward I will see his face; perhaps he will accept me."

Gen 32:21

So the present went on over before him, but he himself lodged that night in the camp.

"Blessed be the LORD your God, who delighted in you, setting you on His throne to be king for the LORD your God! Because your God has loved Israel, to establish them forever, therefore He made you king over them, to do justice and righteousness."

And she gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold, spices in great abundance, and precious stones; there never were any spices such as those the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

Also, the servants of Hiram and the servants of Solomon, who brought gold from Ophir, brought algum wood and precious stones.

And the king made walkways of the algum wood for the house of the LORD and for the king's house, also harps and stringed instruments for singers; and there were none such as these seen before in the land of Judah.

Now King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all she desired, whatever she asked, much more than she had brought to the king. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

5. Your relationships will be tested

John 6:66

From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.

Matthew 24:10

And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

Hebrews 12:27

Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

I Cor. 11:19

For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you.

Prov. 17:17

A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity.

6. Relationships are

worth the risk

Luke 6:12

Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

Luke 6:13

And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles:

Now when he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

Saul took him that day, and would not let him go home to his father's house anymore.

Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

And Jonathan took off the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, even to his sword and his bow and his belt.

I Sam 19:1

Now Saul spoke to Jonathan his son and to all his servants, that they should kill David;

I Sam 19:2

but Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted greatly in David. (19:2) So Jonathan told David, saying, "My father Saul seeks to kill you. Therefore please be on your guard until morning, and stay in a secret place and hide.

I Sam 19:3

"And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will speak with my father about you. Then what I observe, I will tell you."

Then Saul's anger was aroused against Jonathan, and he said to him, "You son of a perverse, rebellious woman! Do I not know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of your mother's nakedness?

"For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, you shall not be established, nor your kingdom. Now therefore, send and bring him to me, for he shall surely die."

And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said to him, "Why should he be killed? What has he done?"

Then Saul cast a spear at him to kill him, by which Jonathan knew that it was determined by his father to kill David.

So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and ate no food the second day of the month, for he was grieved for David, because his father had treated him shamefully.

And so it was, in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad was with him.

Then he said to his lad, "Now run, find the arrows which I shoot." As the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.

When the lad had come to the place where the arrow was which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried out after the lad and said, "Is not the arrow beyond you?"

And Jonathan cried out after the lad, "Make haste, hurry, do not delay!" So Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows and came back to his master.

But the lad did not know anything. Only Jonathan and David knew of the matter.

Then Jonathan gave his weapons to his lad, and said to him, "Go, carry them to the city."

As soon as the lad had gone, David arose from a place toward the south, fell on his face to the ground, and bowed down three times. And they kissed one another; and they wept together, but David more SO.

Then Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, since we have both sworn in the name of the LORD, saying, 'May the LORD be between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants, forever." So he arose and departed, and Jonathan went into the city.

II Sam. 9:1

Now David said, "Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

Ephesians 4:16

from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.