

Relationships- Family #13

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Monday:

On March 6th, 7th and 8th, Thursday night, all day Friday and Saturday till noon, at Quartz Mountain, we are hosting an event called “**Mobilize 2025, A Call To Action**”. It will be an intense time of pouring into people and getting them in a place of being equipped for the work of the ministry.

Amy Maynard has written a book called, “Kingdom Mindset, Live with Purpose”. If you just do two or three of the things she addresses in her book, it will transform your life. I highly recommend this book.

I’m seeing the supernatural, the signs and wonders, and miracles at a rate right now that I’ve never seen before, and it’s escalating by the day. Jesus said, “*Verily, I say to you, he who believes in me, the works that I do, he will do also, and even greater works will you do, because I go to the Father*”.

A quick review on what I call, “*The relationship reset*”:

God is sovereign in relationships

We should give the value to the relationships that God has

Every relationship experiences problems

Make the relationship more important than the problem

Come to the table --- A Resolve to Reconcile

The payoff = If you can work through the issues, even if it takes some mediation, God not only restores the relationship, but restores it and makes it better/stronger than it was before the problem.

Tuesday:

What needs to happen if you have “ought”, or a problem with someone? How do you handle it? With a humble heart, you take your problem to the person, and if he won’t hear, you take one or two with you. Then if he won’t hear, you bring it before the whole church. That’s the biblical mandate protocol for how to do that.

Bill Johnson wrote, “*The Bible is the only book ever in existence that when you open it to read it, the author shows up*”.

Please take some time to look up and read the following scriptures. Andy took a lot of time to pull these together for us. These will help you to build a little scriptural foundation for the things we are talking about in this word.

Matthew 5: 38-42, Proverbs 13:20, 2 Corinthians 6:14, Psalms 1:1, Matthew 18: 15-18, 2 Timothy 3: 1-6,
1 Corinthians 15:33, Proverbs, 6: 16-19, Matthew 5:9, Proverbs 14:7 and Proverbs 16:28.

What do you do if you keep getting in a relationship where you keep getting abused, deceived or betrayed?

Wednesday:

Anytime I'm trying harder than they are to fix their problem, it hardly ever works. With the help of the Holy Spirit, you have to determine if this person is in your life to help refine you, or they're there to deter you from your destiny. Sometimes it can be both.

Who's the kingdom person in this picture? If you're going to be the kingdom person in that situation, you go to the Father like we do, and find out how to handle this situation in a kingdom way.

You are going to keep getting these kind of tests till you can consistently pass those tests, just like Jesus would pass them. If you find yourself taking the same test over and over again, quit flunking the test.

Do you know what it takes to be a good forgiver? Practice! Forgiveness is one of the most powerful, spiritual things you can do. **Forgiveness is not a feeling you have, it's a choice you make.** Any time you forgive, a minimum of two people get set free. If you can't forgive, you can't be free.

Proverbs 22:24 says, "*Make no friendship with an angry man, and with a furious man do not go*". Proverbs 12:26 says, "*The righteous should choose his friends carefully, for the way of the wicked leads them astray*". Sometimes you have to set boundaries. And it's very biblical for you to set boundaries with people.

Thursday:

Is there a time, or a situation, or a set of circumstances, where you give up the relationship? It's going to amount to you and the Holy Spirit and this person to decide what you need to do. You are liable to flunk the test a time or two, but you'll get better at it. Proverbs 4:23 says, "*Guard your heart with all diligence, for out of it springs the issues of life*".

What are you going to do when you get wronged, hurt, or betrayed? Are you going to retaliate, shrink back, or spend the rest of your life in anxiety, depression, and hate?

Does this relationship bring me closer to God or pull me away? Am I constantly drained, manipulated, or taken advantage of? Do I feel resentment, anxiety, or obligation instead of love? Is this relationship violating my values, my peace, or my purpose?

If a relationship consistently crosses your spirit, emotional or personal limits, it's time to set boundaries. Be direct, but loving, extending grace. You say it something like this, "*I love you, but I'm not going to allow you to do me this way anymore*".

Be direct, be consistent. If you set a boundary, stick to it. Don't set boundaries based on fear of disappointing people. Set these boundaries based on your obedience to God. **LEARN TO SAY "NO"**.

Friday:

Learn to say no without feeling guilty. “No” is a complete sentence if they’re violating your morals. “No” sets boundaries with toxic and or negative people. Some relationships need distance or limited access to you.

Titus 3:10 says, “*Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition*”. It advises walking away from relationships with those who persistently create conflict and division. You have permission, biblically, to step back or away from those who are constantly causing harm, drama, or pulling you away from the Lord.

You can set boundaries without discarding the relationship, but sometimes you have to put them on hold.

You are being conformed into the image of Jesus. Part of what He’s going to do in you is cause you to have a spirit of reconciliation. **Reconciliation** should always be on the table, no matter how bad the break is for kingdom people. It’s hard. It will test you to the core. If you choose right, the Holy Spirit will show up right there where you are, and He’ll help you step by step through that.

I’m embarrassed that so few people in the body of Christ put that to the test. We ought to be better than that. That’s pathetic. You can set boundaries without discarding the relationship. **Always keep the door open for reconciliation.**

Saturday:

With some people, I call them “time robbers”. Those who eat up your time and don’t do anything with the counsel or advice that you offer. Watch for these kinds of people. Get your heart correct, handle it with grace, but set some boundaries. Always be cautionary, not to hurt their feelings, but you don’t want to end up carrying around a weight that you really shouldn’t be carrying around.

With a lot of this stuff you’re going to have to wrestle with the Lord about that. God likes for you to wrestle with Him about stuff. When you have this mindset, He’ll help you through these things.

Don’t let people drain your time with constant demands. Protect your prayer time, your rest and your family time. **Family is more important than ministry. Don’t neglect your family!**

Godly boundaries allows you to walk in freedom and peace. Protect your mental, emotional and spiritual health, and setting boundaries helps you focus on God’s assignment for your life, and it helps you build strong, healthy and life giving relationships.

Where do I need to set boundaries? Which relationships need some adjustment? Am I prioritizing God’s will, or people’s opinions? **You have to be tough to fight and contend for relationships.**

