

Relationships (John 5:19-47)

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(19) So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. (20) For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. (21) For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. (22) For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, (23) that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. (24) Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

(25) "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. (26) For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. (27) And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. (28) Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice (29) and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

(30) "I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. (31) If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true. (32) There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. (33) You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. (34) Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. (35) He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. (36) But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me. (37) And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, (38) and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent.

(39) You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, (40) yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. (41) I do not receive glory from people. (42) But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. (43) I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. (44) How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? (45) Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. (46) For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. (47) But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?" [John 5:19-47 ESV]

Practical Application

1. God created you for relationships.
2. The most important relationship is your relationship with God. How is your relationship with God today?
3. But, you were also created to be connected in significant ways with other people. How are your relationships?
4. You were made to be a part of a family, the family of God, His church. Do you have a faith family?
5. The God of Christianity and the Bible is relational, and has been relational for all eternity, even before He created anyone else.
6. God the Father has always loved God the Son, the Son has always loved the Father, The Holy Spirit has always loved the Father and the Son, and the Father and the Son have always loved the Holy Spirit.

7. God has always lived in perfect loving unity amidst diversity.
8. The Holy Trinity is the perfect example, model, and guide to healthy relationships.
9. Let Jesus teach you how to have a relationship with God as Father and healthy relationships with people.
10. Healthy relationships start with living for the will of God.
11. Join God in what He is already doing in the world.
12. Let love be the defining mark of your relationship with God and people.
13. Align your personal vision with God's vision.
14. Great relationships are a gracious gift from God.
15. Life-giving relationships come from our life-giving God.
16. God is the judge. Therefore, don't let an attitude of judgementalism ruin your relationships.
17. Seek to honor God and honor people in order to have healthy relationships. Outdo others in showing honor.
18. Faith in God and trust in His Word shapes us to have the kind of relationships God desires for us to have.
19. Jesus can take us from death to life relationally and socially.
20. Through Jesus you can have healthy relationships in part now and then perfectly for eternity.
21. Loving authority and joyfully humble submission lead to even better relationships.
22. Do good to people in order to build strong connections.
23. Let God lead you and guide you to the people He wants you to connect with.
24. Testify to the love and power of Jesus in and through your relationships.
25. Truth and honesty make for strong and trusting relationships. Be honest and truthful with God and others.
26. Salvation brings a person into a loving relationship with God. Are you saved? Have you been forgiven?
27. Walking closely with Jesus brings light and joy to your relationships. Do you walk closely with Jesus?
28. Being filled with God's Word and filled with the Holy Spirit will make you the kind of person who has good and solid relationships.
29. Valuing God and people over projects and things will lead to healthier relationships.
30. Only the love of God in you and working through you can enable you to love God and people the way you were created to.
31. Knowing God and learning to walk with Him will make you gloriously relational.
32. Misplaced hope will lead you to look to people too much, and to look away from God too much. Hope in Jesus Christ.
33. The Bible is ultimately about a person and not just principles and policies. The Bible is about Jesus.
34. Trust in Jesus today. He can heal your heart, fix your relationships, and love you like no-one else can.

Announcements

1. Wednesday night children's programming (Awana) & adult small group Bible study is from (6:30-7:30pm). Pastor Deric is leading the adult study each week through Proverbs. It will center on growing in wisdom, knowledge, understanding, discernment, & practical life skills related to relationships, money, work, marriage, family, & parenting.
2. We will have our 5th Sunday Fellowship pot-luck lunch after service next Sunday, January 29. Please bring a dish big enough to serve your family and one more. Invite friends and neighbors to come and have a good meal. There will be no HMC Kids. All kids are welcome to stay in the sanctuary for service.
3. Our regular church business meeting is today. Members, please attend if you can.
4. The HMC Men's Ministry will meet again on February 12, 2023. It will be STEAK NIGHT! The meeting will be in the HMC Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:00 PM. Invite other men to check out our new ministry.
5. Have you connected with HMC on social media? If not, please visit our Facebook and Instagram pages. While there you can see upcoming events and even share events with friends and family on social media.