RELATIONSHIP NOT RELIGION
JOHN 14:21 / 6-9-19 / AM

I. FIRST, GOD INITIATES A RELATIONSHIP WITH US.
   
   A. God has always taken the initiative or makes the first move--1 John 4:19.
      
      1. God took the initiative in creation—Gen. 1:1.
      
      2. God also makes the first move in our salvation -John 3:16.
   
   B. There are Biblical examples of God taking the initiative to reach out to others.
      
      
      2. He came to Abraham—Gen. 12:1.

   C. Why does God take the initiative in coming to us?—Romans 3:10-12.

II. SECOND, WE MUST MAINTAIN AND CULTIVATE THIS RELATIONSHIP.
   
      
      1. If our love relationship with God isn’t right then everything else will be wrong.
      
      2. Jesus warns us about dividing our loyalty to God—Matt. 6:24.

   B. Second, we maintain our love relationship with God by obeying Him—John 14:15.
      
      1. Obedience is the outward expression of our love for God.
      
      2. Jesus set an example of obedience for us to follow—John 14:31b.

      3. If we have an obedience problem with God than we really have a love problem with Him.