

CHAOS PART III
“RELATIONSHIPS”
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INTRODUCTION

- Throughout the Scriptures, chaos is personified as the principal opponent of God.
- When Jesus comes, order and possibility ought to follow.
- We are surrounded by chaos that comes into our relationships, our time and our finances.
- Ephesians 4:20 MSG, “...everything...connected with that old way of life has to go...Get rid of it! And then take on an entirely new way of life—a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces His character in you.”
- A new way of life with order, that starts from the inside out. His character in us.
- This does away with disorder and chaos.

I. LIVING ON EMOTIONAL EMPTY

- Chaos means a lack of order or confusion.
- When your relationships are full of chaos it is clear Jesus isn't in them.
- We all have relationship conflicts, but when we are out of emotional fuel, they quickly escalate into crisis.
- Relationships take energy to maintain and grow.
- People who live on empty cannot do that.
- Proverbs 4:23, “Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.”
- Nowhere is energy needed more than when we are parenting little children. By nature kids are chaotic.

- Allowing your kids to live in chaos is not good for them or for you.
- How do you deal with it? Less is often more, set routines and keep your own life chaos free.

II. REPLENISHING YOUR LIFE

- Moving from chaos in relationships to hope and life actually happens in relationships.
- We need people.
- People who will walk with us, love us, listen to us, and care for us.
- I Corinthians 14:33, “...for God is not a God of confusion but of peace...”
- You need relationships that are stable, with stable people that will give life to you.

III. HEALING YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

- This always starts with humility.
- A soft heart and forgiveness.
- Why? It is what God has done for us.
- Ephesians 1:7, "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace."
- Forgiving someone is an act of grace.
- The healing benefits of forgiveness are many:
1st - You allow your heart to remain tender.
2nd - It heals relationships old and new - Proverbs 17:9
3rd - It heals you.

CLOSE

- We all have a story of pain and chaos. The question is what are you going to do about it?