

NOW WORD Covenant Church
Dynamics of Godly Relationships
God's Triangular Relationship
Sunday, October 13, 2019

Introduction: We are in a new series entitled: ***Dynamics of Godly Relationships***. The objective of our series is to teach the principles of godly relationships, so we can better our current relationships. Today, we are going to talk about **God's Triangular Relationship**.

Scripture: "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with **all** your **heart** and with **all** your **soul** and with **all** your **mind** and with **all** your **strength**. The second is this: '**Love** your **neighbor** as **yourself**.' There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31 (NIV)

Introduction: Objective

- Improve our relational skills (godly)
- Examine ourselves (self-aware)
- Live at peace with all people (application)

Importance: Having **godly** relational skills are **imperative** for the **social order** of our **homes, church, and society**.

Definition: A relationship is a **connection** between two or more people who **relate** to one another based upon their **expectations** of the relationship.

Disposable Relationships:

1. **Value** – It's fight or flight
2. **Unusable**– It's broken
3. **Replaceable** – I can get another

3 Levels of Relationship:

1. **Self-interest** – "I" (what do you offer – consumerism)
2. **Soulmate** – "We" (we get one another - similarities)
3. **Sacred** – "Hallow" (see people through God's eyes)

3 Principles of Relationship

Principle #1. God created humans for **relationship**.

Reference: Genesis 1:26-28

Principle #2. God created humans to be **relational**.

Reference: Genesis 2:18

Principle #3. God created relationships for connection.

Genesis 3:23-24, James 5:16

a) **Connection**

- 1) **Attraction** – “bone of my bones”
- 2) **Affection** – “flesh of my flesh”
- 3) **Attachment** – “leaves to be united”

b) **Closeness** – we disclose ourselves

- 1) Fears
- 2) Failures
- 3) Faults

Points to the Message: Mark 12:29-31

PT1. Love matters _____

v.30. **LOVE** the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. v.31. The second is this: ‘**LOVE** your neighbor as yourself.’ There is **NO COMMANDMENT GREATER** than these. Mark 12:29-31 (NIV)

Definition: God’s **endless** love comes from His will to be **selfless**, **sacrificial**, and **generous** to do what is in the **best interests** for those he has **chosen to love**.

References: I John 4:9-11, 1 Corinthians 13:2, 13:13

PT2. Love God _____

v.30. **Love** the Lord your **God** with **all** your **heart** and with **all** your **soul** and with **all** your **mind** and with **all** your **strength**.

References: St. John 14:15, Exodus 24:7, Revelation 2:10b (NIV)

PT3. Love one another _____

v31. The **second** is this: ‘**Love** your **neighbor** as **yourself**.’ There is no commandment greater than these.

References: Matthew 7:12, St. John 13:34-35, 1 John 3:16, Matthew 5:44-48, I Corinthians 13:4-8, I John 4:21

NEXT WEEK: Conflict Resolution