Our Closest Relationships

24: A Day With God - Part 6 of 8

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THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN THE CONTEXT OF *OTHERS*

"Jesus said, 'For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'" (**Matthew 18:20; ESV)**

"'For I was hungry, and you didn't feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn't give me a drink. I was a stranger, and you didn't invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn't give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.' ...And [the Lord] will answer, 'I tell you the truth, when you did not help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did not help me.'" (**Matthew 25:42-45)**

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR CLOSEST RELATIONSHIPS

"Out of respect for Christ, be [respectful] to one another. **Wives**, understand and support your husbands in ways that show your support for Christ. The husband provides leadership to his wife the way Christ does to his church, not by domineering but by cherishing. So just as the church submits to Christ as he exercises such leadership, wives should likewise submit to their husbands. **Husbands**, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly as Christ did for the church—a love marked by giving, not getting. Christ's love makes the church whole. His words evoke her beauty. Everything he does and says is designed to bring the best out of her,..." (**Ephesians 5:21-26; Message)**

"This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your **friends**. ... I'm no longer calling you servants because servants don't understand what their master is thinking and planning. No, I've named you **friends** because I've let you in on everything I've heard from the Father. You didn't choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil. **(John 15:12-16; Message)**

HUSBANDS:

- "_____"
- _____
- "_____"
- _____
- _____
- "_____" instead of "_____"—

WIVES:

- _____
- _____
- _____ to his leadership
- "_____"—waiting for him to be "Christ-like" first, to lead, to defer, to cherish, to value, etc.
- "_____" instead of "_____"

FRIENDS (and spouses):

- To love _____
- "_____"
- _____ centered
- _____ has said and is doing in your life
- _____ friends
- "_____" instead of "_____"

TIME WITH GOD IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR CLOSEST RELATIONSHIPS

- "_____"
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HOW TO MAKE OUR CLOSEST RELATIONSHIPS INTO TIME WITH GOD

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