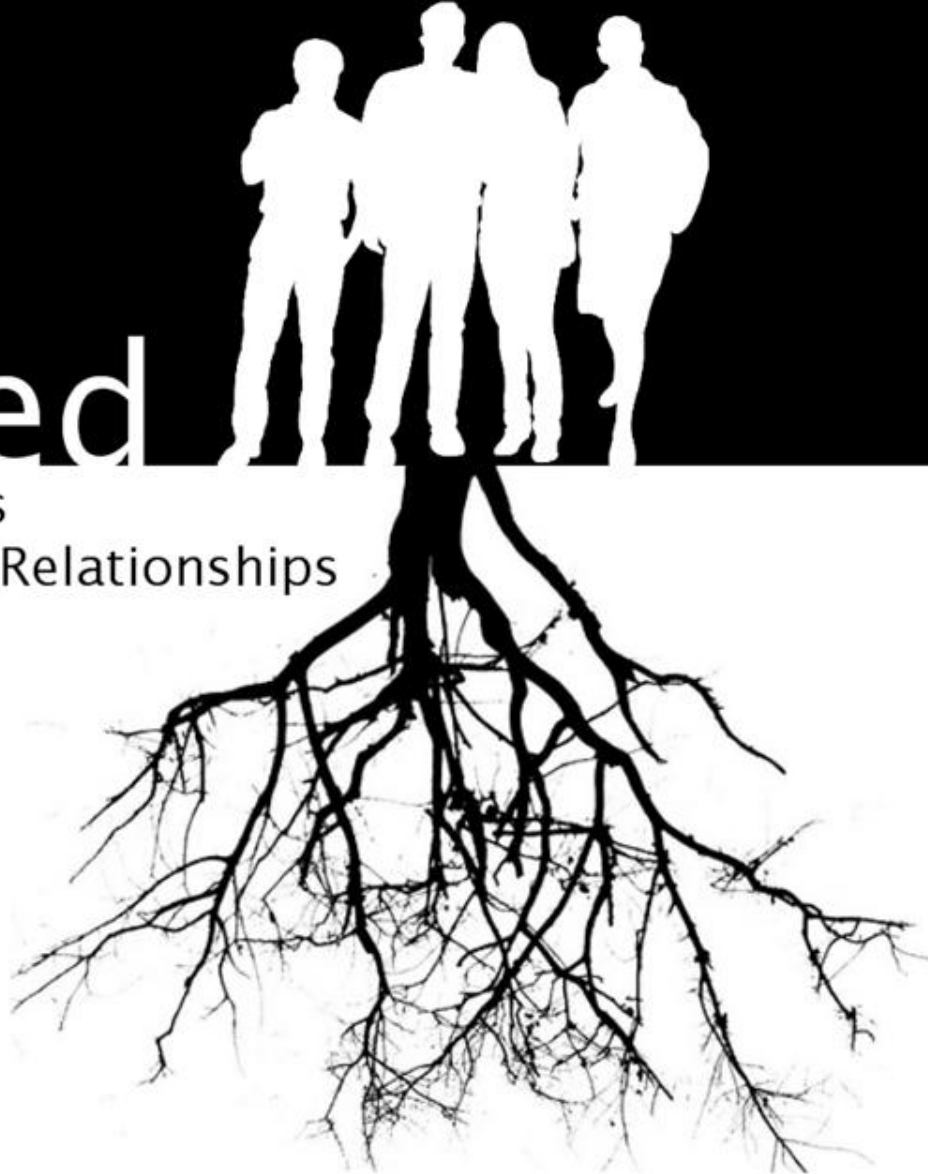


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Four Deep Roots For Life

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How do we nourish our relationships with those who are yet to be His?

1. Be nourished:

“I cannot give away what I do not possess”

John 15:1-17

– Developing Fruit of the Spirit:

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

Galatians 5:22-23

– Take time to retreat and...

“be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

Psalm 46:10

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1. **Be nourished:**

2. **Be caring in attitude and heart:**

- Pray that the things that break the heart of Jesus would break mine...
- When was the last time I wept for those who do not have a vibrant relationship with Christ Jesus?
- *“Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”*

Matthew 9:35-38

- Don't *pretend* to care...

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1. **Be nourished:**
2. **Be caring in attitude and heart:**
3. **Be interested:**

- A popular lie is that you must be INTERESTING to share the life. Be interested not interesting.
- How do I show gentleness and respect with those who I disagree with?

“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.”

1 Peter 3:15-16

- How many hours or minutes do you budget per week to be available to your friends?

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1. **Be nourished:**
2. **Be caring in attitude and heart:**
3. **Be interested:**
4. **Be generous and serve:**
 - Budget money to your friends.
 - If you tend to be social, plan parties for your co-workers, neighbors.
 - *“A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.”*

Proverbs 11:25

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Conclusion:

*“Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with **great boldness**. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus. After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.”*

Acts 4:29-31

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“My Offering”

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