



TWCC Sermon Connection Handout

Sunday, June 16th, 2019

Sermon Title: “Squad” (Relationship Goals for Fathers, Family and Friends) by Pastor Ed Woodus

Opening Scripture Text: Read John 14:1 - 11 (NKJV) and John 14:21 – 25 (NKJV) Galatians 5:13 (TPT) –

“Beloved ones, God has called us to live a life of freedom in the Holy Spirit. But don’t view this wonderful freedom as an opportunity to set up a base of operations in the natural realm. Freedom means that we become so completely free of self-indulgence that we become servants of one another, expressing love in all we do.”

- **Ephesians 3:14 – 15 (NKJV)** – *“¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.”*
- **Revelation 3:20 (NLT)** – *“Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.”*
- I want to exhort you and encourage you today that _____ matters! Part of _____ as we see in these passages of Scripture is that one of the definitions of FAITH is a “life based upon a RELATIONSHIP between God The Father, Jesus Christ the Lord and His Word!”
- The picture Jesus our Lord paints is one of _____ and _____. Friends, God is not some distant, disapproving FATHER figure. He has come looking for you, knocking on the your door in the hopes of gaining an invitation to come inside and share a meal.
- A _____ with God and with the Lord Jesus Christ is one of the most impactful way you can make your life as a _____, as member of your _____ and as _____ matter today and every day. Your significant contributions will make a big difference and bring great transformation in the lives of others.
- We all need _____. Relationships are optional, but obligatory in life in the Kingdom of God. Our Father God is a relational God – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- Friends, we can’t do anything great or significant _____. Independence and isolation are relationally irresponsible, and they are a celebration of _____. They eliminate God from the equation of your life and relationship with God and others.
- Relationship really do matter. Why? Those closest to you will determine the _____ of your life. You will become like those with whom you _____. The quality of your life is greatly dependent upon those you call _____. Your life is built by _____. You will receive both the consequences and the rewards of those who are _____ to you.

- ## FATHERS: (NATURAL AND SPIRITUAL)

- **1st – The Lord (Vs 1):** In other words, follows the Lord fully both willing and obediently.
 - Fear is not scared of God; but has deep reverence, respect, honor for God and is in awe of God.
- **2nd – Enjoys the fruit of his labor and is prosperous _____ way (Vs 2):** That means godliness and Christ-likeness first flows and functions in his individual life then to his married and family life.
- **3rd – Has a blessed and beautiful _____ life (Vs 3):** A man's decision to marry a woman and begin a family is one of the most important decisions he will ever make.
- **4th – Has blessed _____ - “Olive Trees” (Vs 3):**
 - Proverbs 23:24 (NLT) – *“The father of godly children has cause for joy. What a pleasure to have children who are wise.”*
 - When a _____ is fully engaged in the MINISTRY OF FATHERHOOD, by being a godly and good: (1) MODEL (2) MENTOR (3) MANAGER and (4) MOTIVATOR of the lives and children entrusted in and under their care.
- **Father Goals:**
 - (1) Someone who is a godly and good _____. First and foremost, the modeling is to be Godly things. Christ-like Character.
 - (2) Someone who will be a good _____.
 - (3) Someone who will help us _____ the things we are responsible to and for.
 - (4) Someone who will _____ us to be strong and courageous to run our race and finish our course with joy!

- The first relationship in a _____ is the marriage. Read Malachi 2:13 – 14 (NKJV)
- As a husband, you should love your wife as Christ loves the Church: unconditionally and sacrificially. In marriage, and in a family, _____ is **lethal**, but _____ is **life-giving**.
- Read Genesis 1:27, 27, 31 (NLT) 3 ways a marriage can unfold: Happily Ever After, Enough is Enough, or Miserably Bear Through It • Marriage can be (should be) VERY GOOD when we choose to do it God's way.
- **Marriage Goals:** (1) Grow in Communication - Amos 3:3 (NLT) – “Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction?” (2) Grow in Intimacy - Genesis 2:24, 25 (GNT) (3) Grow Together - Genesis 2:24 (NKJV) (4) Grow in Grace - Ephesians 4:29, 31-32 (NLT)

- **Read John 15:13 (NKJV) and Proverbs 17:17 (MSG) and Proverbs 18:24 (GNT)**
- **4 Pillars of REAL FRIENDSHIP** (1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____
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