

Relational Authority

Heaven touching earth... one **relationship** at a time.

“You may be the only Jesus some people will experience.”

Many times we may have heard that statement. There is so much truth in it.

1 John 4:17 NASB:

“By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; **because as He is, so also are we in the world.**”

Some people are given the grace to share the Gospel with multitudes; however, the most sustainable way of wielding authentic Kingdom influence is by building relationships with people around you; your family, co-workers, business associates, clients, etc.

As **Ambassadors** of His domain, we will be given assignments in the form of a job or a business venture.

The Lord already has devised a platform to move in: Everywhere your feet are planted. Everywhere you go.

Joshua 1:3 NASB:

“Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses.”

“God will appoint the people that we will walk with.”

Nope... We don't get to choose them.

There will be people from all kinds of backgrounds and walks of life.

Some will be easy to love; some not so easy,

some will be hard to deal with.

Some will be completely unlovable.

Yet, Jesus loves them as much as he loves and bought with the precious price of His blood.

How do we **develop relational authority?**

1. We invest.

The price of investment is prayer and intercession on behalf of those who we have been called to connected with.

- Prayer creates a spiritual connection between the intercessor and the recipient.
- It prepares the way of the Lord for Him to begin a work on things that pertain to the lives of those we are praying for.

Isaiah 62:10: “**Go through**, go through the gates! **Prepare the way for the people**; **build up**, build up the highway! Take out the stones, lift a banner for the peoples!”

In Philippians, chapter 2, verses 3–11, we can see the heart posture and magnitude of Jesus’ investment and required for the fulfillment of His assignment on earth.

2. We get Involved.

Proximity is power. To be present is to be remembered.

How do we do this?

Just **BE**.

In the middle of the action!

Set your heart to be there for those you pray for.

Do life with them; Being your authentic self; loving God and loving all like Jesus loves them, unconditionally. This proximity brings forth an atmosphere of trust and comfort.

What does loving people look like?

Making a decision to see those around you through God’s eyes; working on ways to show that you care for them; acknowledging their value as ones who are created in God’s image.

Philippians 2:3,4 NASB:

“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but the interest of others.”

Serving, helping, lifting people up in love and truth releases the sound of God’s love much more effectively than a spoken preaching of the Gospel. It is the love and goodness of God that brings people to repentance.

We are reminded of the words spoken by St. Francis of Assisi:

“Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary, use words.”

SCRIPTURES TO REFLECT

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore, God has also exalted Him and given Him the name, which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of the Father.”

Philippians 2:3-11 NASB

“For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, you are God’s building.”

1 Corinthians 3:9 NASB

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REFLECTION PROMPTS

- What do you hear in your heart when you read these scriptures?

- What changes need to take place in order to come into alignment scripture?

- In what ways can you apply the revelation you are receiving to your everyday life?

