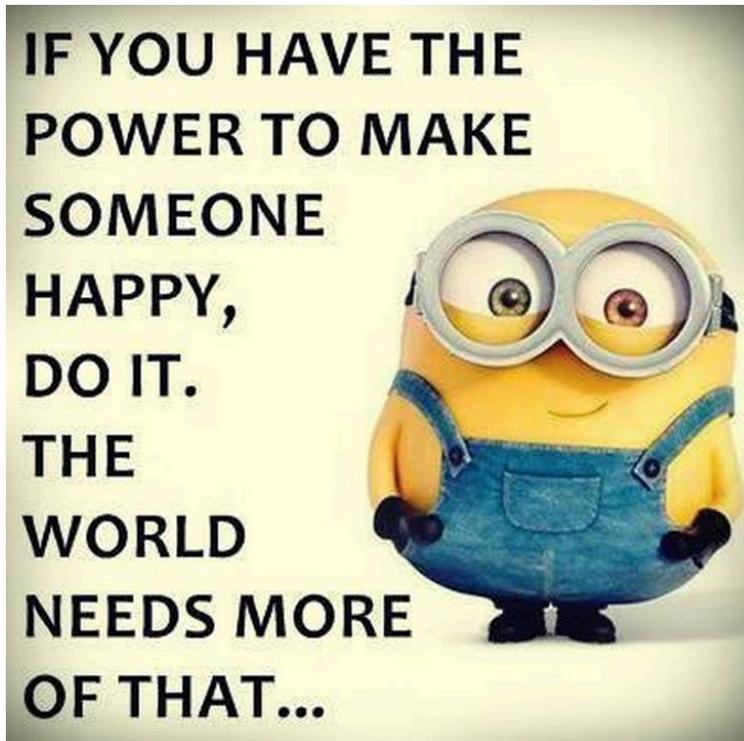


LESSON PLAN: #RELATIONSHIP GOALS

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Part 7 Relationship Beginnings Matter In The End



THIS WEEK: Pastor Miles shared a message from Ruth about virtuous women and godly men! His first questions applied to both. "Who has God chosen you to be and what has God given you to do". How we succeed or fail in these depends not at the end but at the beginning of our relationships.

Ruth Chapters 2-3

Opening Discussion - Study Questions:

1. Who sets the relationship priorities in your home, with your friends, or at

your work? a. I do b. They do c. We do d. We never agree e. Never been discussed

2. Who benefits the most from these priorities and why?

3. Which of these priorities could and should be adjusted to fit God's priorities, and how? _____

4. In what areas do you believe that you do not exercise or fall short in concerning self control?

Group Activity - Putting Knowledge Into Action:

1. As a group make a list of the ways we commonly use to initiate relationships with others?

2. Pastor Miles uses the phrase "godly process" in the perusing of relationships. As a group make a list of what relationship priorities should be? _____

Later on ask yourself if your life reflects these priorities?

3. In what three ways can you begin to put your spouse's, families or friends needs before you own?

Going Deeper - Personal Challenge:

1. Take an inventory of your relationships and ask yourself this question for each of them. In which of my relationships; who am I NOT treating like the sons and daughters of a king? Like the sons and daughters of the living God?

2. From the previous question determine to make today the **first day** of the rest of these relationships.

3. Identify a need in one of your relationships. Then commit to filling or helping with it BEFORE the need is asked of you. IE: Wash the dishes, pick up the tab, help with moving, mow the neighbors yard....

Taking it Home - Application:

1. Do a background check on yourself: Ask people who know you to identify what do they think that you are best know by, known for, or known as? Are the answers what you expected or see yourself as? What would you prefer those answers to be? How could you change them?

2. Ask someone with whom you have a relationship with (in your own words) "how can I serve you better?" Resolve to make those changes **in accordance with God's will** in your life.

3. From the Opening Discussion question #4 in an area where you fall short in concerning self control. Choose an accountability partner to provide you with support. Ask them to set up a schedule to discuss one area and come up with ways to make improvements in that relationship each week for the next 4 weeks.

BONUS VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqncPr6BdMI>

QUOTES: "Boys do what they want to do. Men do what they must do! Be a man, not a boy." "Today is the first day of the rest of your relationships."
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JOKE: A child in kindergarten was told how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the day his teacher noticed him rolling on the floor holding his side as though he were ill. The teacher said. to him "what's the matter?" To which he responded, "I think I'm going to have a wife."

LIFE GROUP PRAYER REQUESTS:
