

Rooted: Grow Deeper. Live Taller.
Part 13 Redeemed Relationships Col 3:18-4:1
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Intro:

- The Kingdom of Jesus
 - It is a kingdom, but not of this world (not yet) Luke 17:21 the kingdom of God is within you."
 - Not vote for or against but with or without
 - He does have a government

Isa 9:6-7 ESV

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

- with values and objectives and ways of relating and we must live within an earthy government with our allegiance to a kingdom that for now resides within us.
- When we do things His way, it does work out for the best. This does not mean that it is easy, but it will always give you the best results.
- Every pathway has difficulty and pain. The right way is always God's way and it will always produce the best results.
- This morning we are receiving instruction as to how we can best relate with each other in the two most important aspects of our lives, at home and at work.

Wives and Husbands

Col 3:18-19 ESV

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.

- Wives
 - Submit (voluntarily)– as is fitting (it is right to do this – not when it is sin – obey God rather than man)– in the Lord (because you are a member of the kingdom).
 - Be under your husbands – be arranged in an orderly manner –
 - complementarian – equal in value – different in roles.
 - Egalitarian – equal in value – equal in roles
 - Equal but not interchangeable (this is how the trinity works)
 - I would firmly say the God teaches complementarianism and God himself in the trinity models it for us. “The Trinity is my model for all human relationship. And I would say the Trinity is decidedly complementarian (Father-Son-Spirit), not egalitarian (Brother-Brother-Spirit)., it seems basic to me that a father-son relationship is complementarian: each person complements the other with a unique role. In the case of the divine Father-Son relationship, for instance, the Son eternally submits to the Father, while the Father does not eternally submit to the Son. The very fact that this God reveals this relationship with our words “father” and “son” is quite telling. Has anyone ever seen a father and son relate to each as though they had identical roles?”

- Need one vision that moves you in one direction – you are one. Two visions are division and division leads to disconnection, distrust and destruction
- Husbands
 - Love your wives – this is the motive
 - Do not be harsh with them – this is the method
 - 1 Peter 3:7 husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman . . . and if you don't live this way your prayers will be hindered (not blocked but limited – requests that are not granted).
 - Ephesians 5:22-33 gives an even fuller explanation and teaching on this topic

Children and Fathers

Col 3:20-21 ESV

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

- Children
 - Obey (heed or conform to a command or authority): – in everything (not just when you feel like it or when it is convenient) – for this pleases the Lord (our first allegiance and evidence that we are following the Lord)
 - As long as they are in your “house” – for me and my “house” we will serve the Lord.
 - And this will look different as the children age – (never outside the bounds of honor your father and mother – this does not say “obey” but “honor”.)
- Fathers
 - Why is there instruction given specifically to fathers? – because often they are the biggest violators of their responsibility and often do the most damage.
 - Men – you are ultimately responsible for raising your children – you must be involved and leading. Woman are typically more relational men are typically more directional
 - Do not provoke your children
 - “provoke – embitter – exasperate - aggravate”
 - You can do this by what you do . . . and what you don't do . . .
 - Lest they become discouraged – dismayed - spiritless
 - wild vs. trained vs. broken
 - Balance between correction and encouragement

Employees and Employers

Col 3:22 ESV

Slaves, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. 23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. 25 For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality. 4 Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

- Slaves
 - Obey – in everything (do what you are told and asked to do) because you – fear the Lord/ as for the Lord/ serving the Lord

- Our faith must be evidenced in our work
- Not by way of eye-service – only when they are looking . . . which makes as a people pleaser (which is very interesting) . . .
- With sincerity of heart – fearing the Lord – doing it because we are internally and eternally motivated –
- Whatever you do – work heartily as for the Lord not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. God is the one we are ultimately working for – He is the one who will reward you – how well you work determines your eternal inheritance. You are serving (this should be our posture) not just your employer – but the Lord Christ.
- If you do wrong – you will be paid back for the wrong you have done – there is not partiality (don't think they will or should go easy on you or give you a “pass” because you are a Christian).
- Masters
 - Treat your slaves justly and fairly
 - Be just (holy, innocent, equitable) with them . . .
 - Be fair (likeness, equity, equal) treat the how you would want to be treated –
 - Knowing you also have a Master in heaven – you are not the final authority – and you will give an account – and take how God treats you as your example.

Conclusion

- Follow God's instruction in our relationships, roles and responsibilities for the best results. As Wives and husbands, children and parents, as employees and employers
- Quote by Barbara Bush “Your success as a family, our success as a society, depends not on what happens in the white house but on what happens in your house” (and I would add and at your work).