





# COMMUNITY GUIDE

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## WEEKLY APPLICATION

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**TAKEAWAY:** In order for relationships to work, we must let the One who designed them define them

**HEAD CHANGE:** Healthy relationships begin with me

**HEART CHANGE:** God gives me grace when I commit to healthy relational promises.

**LIFE CHANGE:** Commit to relational promises not relational feelings.

## OVERVIEW

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In order for relationships to work, we must let the One who designed them define them. God wants our relationships to be healthy. Contrary to what we often see in the world, relationships are not disposable. They require commitment in order to work well. Making promises can assist us in staying committed to our relationships. There are four specific promises we can make to strengthen our relationships. First, we make the promise of priority. We have to put our relationships in the right order. Then we make the promise of continual pursuit. For example, we can work just as hard at keeping our spouse as we did when we were trying to win their affections. The same principle can be applied to employers or customers. We can work as hard to keep a job as we did to get the job or promotion. Next, we promise not to make our relationships all about ourselves. Instead, we think of relationships as partnerships, allowing our differences to complement each other. Last, we promise to confide in one another instead of concealing our weaknesses and shortcomings.

*"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need"*

*-Matthew 6:33 (NLT)-*

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. Of the four relationship promises highlighted in the message, which one do you find most challenging and why?
2. Healthy relationships should be treated as teams and partnerships rather than competitions. How has being in relationships helped you in areas where you are naturally weak?
3. Secrecy is the enemy of purity and intimacy. When we expose sin, we break its power over our lives (Proverbs 28:13). What is an area of weakness or shortcoming you would like to talk about?

## CLOSE IN PRAYER

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Father God, please show me any areas in my relationships where I drifted away from good practices. Help me to value and appreciate my relationships, investing in them as I should. You designed relationships and I surrender to Your definition of what they should be. Amen.

**IN THIS TOGETHER!**