

2023 DANIEL FAST

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Relationships Everyone's Always Looking for

DAY 2

Mark 12:28-30 [New Living Translation] *One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" ²⁹ Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. ³⁰ And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.'"*

It seems to be an oversimplified statement, but the greatest and most rewarding relationship we can ever have is our personal relationship with God. Without Him, nothing will ever work properly in our lives. Our relationship with Him is crucial for life, love, and the pursuit of happiness.

As we pursue new relationships this year, there is an existing relationship that will lead us into these new relationships. As we pursue to strengthen existing relationships, there is an existing relationship that will strengthen us. Our relationship to God must be the number one priority in our life. This helps all other relationships work to their fullest potential. Pursuing new relationships this year and strengthening existing relationships without God is like getting in a car without gas in the tank. It's not going anywhere.

God is calling us to build relationships. He wants us to love people. His Word encourages us to grow in our relationship with Him. When we make our relationship with the Lord the number one objective of our life, He gives birth to new relationships in our lives that we could have never dreamed would come to pass.

The key to loving people and having healthy relationships starts with our love for the Father. When He is first, all things work for our good.

It's time to build Relationships Everyone's Always Looking for!

Worship Song:

"Unending Love" – Hillsong Worship

https://youtu.be/Db-CF_rfZWs

Scripture Readings:

Romans 8:28 [New International Version] *"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."*

1 John 5:3 [The living Bible] *"Loving God means doing what He tells us to do, and really, that isn't hard at all."*

John 14:21 [Contemporary English Version] *"If you love Me, you will do what I have said, and my Father will love you. I will also love you and show you what I am like."*

Prayer:

Father, help me to pursue You and put You first in my life. May I always seek first the Kingdom of God and Your righteousness. I set my will to love and obey Your Word. I will not have any types of idols in my life before You. In You I live and move and have my very being. My relationship with you is paramount. I will love the Lord my God with all my heart, all my soul, all my mind, and all my strength. In the Name of Jesus I pray, amen!

Today, I need to pray for:

What is God telling me today?
