



# Relationships

*Life's most complex maze*

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## Nuggets for Navigating

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- Lord, I pray that the Word, today, would find good soil in my heart.
- **I reject the thoughts of offense!** Where the light of Your Word exposes my mistakes, I do not take offense. I will change and turn to You, my heavenly Father.
- **I reject condemnation!** Your Word says, *“That Jesus did not come to condemn people.”* This Word does not come to condemn me, but it comes to heal me.
- **I reject accusation!** Satan is the accuser of brothers and sisters and this Word does not come to accuse me or abuse me. This Word exposes satan and his lies and I choose to believe and receive the TRUTH.



God says in His Word, "...blessed *are* my eyes for they see, and my ears for they hear; for many prophets and righteous *men* desired to see what I see, and did not see *it*, and to hear what I hear, and did not hear *it*. (Matthew 13:16)

*Therefore I will hide Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against (or miss) the will of God.*  
(Psalm 119:11-12)

Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your Word today. (Psalm 119:16-18)



## Relationships

*To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity; (Proverbs 1:3)\**

What is more challenging than trying to understand another human being?

- ***Justice,***
- ***Judgment and***
- ***Equity***

## **Justice**

- *the practice of what is right or just. It specifies what is right, not only according to a law, but also what makes for right relationships as well as harmony and peace.*
- *Bible speaks more about doing justice than simply the legal emphasis of the English term. Doing justice is to maintain what is right or to set things right. Justice is done when honorable relationships are maintained.*

## Justice

- *Pray and ask for God's grace to face the past.*
- *Forgive and release each offense against you.*
- *Forgive and release each person, not just what they did or said.*
- *Pray for the family member(s) that hurt and offended you.*
- *Confess this to someone you trust and make yourself accountable.*

## Judgment

- *"Judge not, that you be not judged." (Matthew 7:1)\**
- *"...he who is spiritual judges all things..."*  
1Corinthians 2:15a \*

## Judgment

- *primarily denotes “a separating,” then a decision, it is discerning and separating between good and evil.*
- involves evaluating, appraising, reviewing, and then making a decision.
- based upon a standard, code or law.

## Judgment

*“Judge not, that you be not judged.  
For with what judgment you judge, you will be  
judged; and with the **measure** you use, it will be  
measured back to you.” (Matthew 7:1-2)\**

## Equity

### Step 1

Value of house	\$200,000
<u>Damage</u>	<u>-50,000</u>
Appraised Value	\$150,000

### Step 2

Appraised Value	\$150,000
<u>Debt</u>	<u>- \$100,000</u>
Equity in house	\$ 50,000

## Equity

### Scenario #1

Our relationship value	\$100,000
Damage	-50,000 (injured trust)
Debt	<u>-50,000 (an apology)</u>
Justice availability	\$ -0.00 (No equity; cannot go on)

### Scenario #2 - If the debt is canceled:

Our relationship value	\$100,000
Damage	-50,000 (injured trust)
Debt Canceled	<u>-0.00 (apology received/ accepted)</u>
Justice availability	\$50,000 (Equity; let's make repairs)

## Closing Thoughts

- You cannot repair the damage without funds
- More damage than value
- To the perpetrators of pain

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