

## Relationships: Some Assembly Required

Part Two

Relationships: The World's Glue

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*Ecclesiastes 4:9–12 (NLT)*

*9 Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. 10 If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. 11 Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? 12 A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.*

**MAIN IDEA:** Relationships are the glue that hold our world together.

1. THE GLUE OF \_\_\_\_\_
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*1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NASB)*

*Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.*

**Fondness:** a prizing highly: DESIROUS-AFFECTIONATE, LOVING

### Power & Control

*Genesis 3:16 (NLT)*

*16 Then he said to the woman, "I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you."*

**Power is to be Used for Good**

*2 Corinthians 13:10 (ESV)*

*10 For this reason I write these things while I am away from you, that when I come I may not have to be severe in my use of the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down.*

**To the Husband**

*1 Timothy 5:8 (WNT)*

*8 But if a man makes no provision for those dependent on him, and especially for his own family, he has disowned the faith and is behaving worse than an unbeliever.*

## **To the Wife**

*1 Corinthians 7:4 (NET)*

*4 It is not the wife who has the rights to her own body, but the husband. In the same way, it is not the husband who has the rights to his own body, but the wife.*

## **TAKEAWAYS**

- Your horizontal relationships are directly affected by your vertical relationship with God.
- Don't be a relationship pessimist.
- Be the qualities you hope to find or see in the other.

## **ANSWERS:**

1. FAITH
2. FORGETFULNESS
3. FONDNESS