

Lessons for Life

My Relationships ThanksLiving - 3 November 15/16, 2014 Pastor Michael Rochelle

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13 (NIV)

"If you go on hurting each other and tearing each other apart, be careful, or you will completely destroy each other." Galatians 5:15 (NCV)

1. Rejoice in our **DIFFERENCES**

"So God created man in His own image. In the image of God He created him male and female He created them." Genesis 1:27 (NIV)

"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you in order to bring praise to God." Romans 15:7 (NIV)

2. Reach out with our **DISAPPOINTMENTS**

"Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love." Ephesians 4:2 (NLT)

"Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful and endures through every circumstance." 1 Corinthians 13:7 (NLT)

3. Release our **FEELINGS**

"Trust God all the time. Tell Him all your problems because God is our protection." Psalm 62:8 (NCV)

"We can trust God to do what He promised." Hebrews 10:23 (NCV)

"Turn us around and bring us back to You again. That is our only hope. Give us back the joys we used to have." Lamentations 5:21 (TLB)

4. Request our <u>GUIDANCE</u> from God

"If you need wisdom, if you want to know what God wants you to do, ask Him and He will gladly tell you. He will not resent your asking. But when you ask Him, be sure that you really expect Him to answer." James 1:5-6 (NLT)

Guidance From God Begins With ...

- His Word
- His <u>FAMILY</u>

"But be sure in deciding these matters that you're living as God intended, marrying or not marrying in accordance with God's direction and help and accepting whatever situation that God has put you into." 1 Corinthians 7:17 (NLT)

5. Refer to Jesus as our MODEL

Becoming Unselfish Begins With ...

- A good <u>REASON</u>
- A great EXAMPLE

"Be kind and loving to each other and forgive each other just as God forgave you in Christ." Ephesians 4:32 (NCV)

"Don't be selfish. Don't live to make a good impression on others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself...Your attitude should be the kind that was shown by Jesus Christ who though He was God did not demand and cling to His rights as God." Philippians 2:3-6 (TLB)

"Let us stop just saying we love people. Let us really love them and show it by our actions." 1 John 3:18 (TLB)