

Thrive Episode 7
“Thrive in Relationships”
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John 10:10 Jesus said, “My purpose is to give life in all its fullness...more and better life than you ever dreamed of.”

Matthew 22:37-40 “Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Three Steps to thrive in your relationships:

1. Start With Jesus

“Love the Lord your God...And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor.’”

You were created to connect.

Genesis 2:18 “Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good for the man to live alone. I will make a suitable companion to help him.’”

Acts 2:46-47 “They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity.”

1 John 4:19 “We love because he first loved us.”

1 John 4:20-21 “Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.”

Luke 7:47 “I tell you that all her sins are forgiven, and that is why she has shown great love. But anyone who has been forgiven for only a little will show only a little love.”

Romans 5:5 “For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.”

2. Show Love to Others

“Love your neighbor.”

Romans 5:8 “God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Luke 6:27 – 36: “This is what I say to all who will listen to me: Love your enemies, and be good to everyone who hates you. Ask God to bless anyone who curses you, and pray for everyone who is cruel to you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, don’t stop that person from slapping you on the other cheek. If someone wants to take your coat, don’t try to keep back your shirt. Give to everyone who asks and don’t ask people to return what they have taken from you. Treat others just as you want to be treated. If you love only someone who loves you, will God praise you for that? Even sinners love people who love them. If you are kind only to someone who is kind to you, will God be pleased with you for that? Even sinners are kind to people who are kind to them. If you lend money only to someone you think will pay you back, will

God be pleased with you for that? Even sinners lend to sinners because they think they will get it all back. But love your enemies and be good to them. Lend without expecting to be paid back. Then you will get a great reward, and you will be the true children of God in heaven. He is good even to people who are unthankful and cruel. Have pity on others, just as your Father has pity on you.”

3. Surrender Yourself to God

“All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Luke 19:26 “He said, ‘That’s what I mean: Risk your life and get more than you ever dreamed of. Play it safe and end up losing it all.’”

1 John 3:18 “Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions.”

JOY = Jesus, Others, Yourself