

# Welcome to The Journey Church

Weekend of May 10

## Relationship Matters

Matthew 22:36-40

36 “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?”

37 Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.”

38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 A

second is equally important: **‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’** 40 The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

### Message Outline

*Our relationships determine our spiritual direction.*

#### 1. Friendships matter.

*“In friendships we have an ideal environment in which to grow the Godlike qualities of love and loyalty, perseverance and courage.”* - Shigematsu

1 Samuel 18:1-3 - David & Jonathan

#### 2. Sexuality matters

*Expressing our sexual energy in a God-honouring way allows us to experience the joy of imparting this life-giving gift to others.*

1 Corinthians 6:16-20 - Honor God with your body.

#### 3. Families matter

*“God designed family both as a community of joy and as a furnace to shrink our selfishness, draw us closer to Jesus, and help us to live and love well.”* - Shigematsu

Ephesians 6:1-4 - Paul giving a rule of life for family.

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“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Matthew 22:39b NLT

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## Study Questions

1. How does the Internet help friendships? How does the Internet hinder friendships? In what ways do friendships foster our overall well-being?
2. Do you agree that life-giving friendships are just as important as prayer or reading the Bible to our spiritual flourishing?
3. What characteristics of David and Jonathan's friendship struck you most deeply in this chapter? What other friendships—biblical or otherwise—have inspired or instructed you?
4. What are your greatest fears in friendship? What are your greatest hopes?”
5. Why is good friendship such an important part of cultivating a healthy sexuality?
6. Whether we are single or married, how can we say ‘yes’ to God through our sexuality?
7. What has been the most challenging part of family life for you? What has been the greatest gift you experienced in a family or a community?
8. What part of the rule (for example: Sabbath, play, time together, study, service, etc.) might be most beneficial for your household right now? What would it look like to pursue that activity together?



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