

Key Relationships

Relationship	Scripture Passages	Biblical Calling
God to Me (God as our Father)	Psalm 139:1-19 Isaiah 45:2-3; 49:1-3 Isaiah 49:15-16; 66:13 Psalm 103:1-18 Hosea 11:1-4 Matthew 6:26; 7:9-11; 10:29-31 Romans 8:15-17 Ephesians 1:3-8 Hebrews 12:5-11 1 John 3:1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knows us fully; cares for us; created us • Knows us by name; prepares the way for His purposes in our life • Has compassion on us, comforts us and does not forget us • Meets our greatest need (forgiveness of sin); shows love, compassion and grace; satisfies us with good things • Draws us to Him; trains and heals us; is kind and nurturing • Provides; knows all our possible needs intimately • Is our Father (we are His children, His heirs) • Blesses us by choosing and adopting us as sons to receive salvation • Disciplines us • Has immeasurable love for us as sons and daughters
Me to God (My personal relationship with God)	Genesis 1:26-27; 3:8 Exodus 20:1-11 Psalms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are created like God and for His fellowship, but sin tainted this perfect union. • The law was given to define sin and show us the reality of it in our lives. The law is also our standard or guideline of what life should look like. Therefore, what we should do is: 1. Believe that God is the only god, 2. Worship God alone, 3. Honor God's name, and 4. Follow God's example in the structure of daily life • Psalms is like a journal of someone's relationship with God. Two main themes we see are: <i>praise of God</i> and <i>pleading to God</i>. Some specifics include the following: refuge, hope, and trust in God (Ps. 121), long for God (Ps. 84:1-4), praise and thanksgiving through music, words, and acts of God's attributes (Ps.100), ask for and receive forgiveness (Ps. 51, 130), long for wisdom (Ps. 119:33-40), desire to walk in His ways, not wickedness (Ps. 1), plead for justice (Ps. 74:22-23), tell believers and unbelievers about God (Ps. 96:2-3).
Me to Spouse (Husband's relationship to Wife)	Genesis 1:26-28; 2:24; Ephesians 5:23-25ff Genesis 2:5, 8, 18; 2 Thessalonians 3:10; 1 Timothy 5:8; Genesis 3:16, 3:17-19 Genesis 3:14-15; Matthew 10:34, 38-39 Ephesians 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:7; Proverbs; 1 Corinthians 7:2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men as Pioneers (Initiative – Leadership – Lovers) • Men as Cultivators (Patience – Hard Work) • Men as Warriors (Strong – Sacrificial – Courageous – Good) • Men as Sages (Teachable – Studious – Thoughtful) <i>(Adapted from Sojourn Men's Retreat, Session 1 – Daniel Montgomery)</i>
Me to Spouse (Wife's relationship to Husband)	Genesis 2:18, 24-25 Ephesians 5:22-33 Titus 2:4-5 Proverbs 31:10-31 1 Peter 3:1-6 Proverbs 21:19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be companion, helper, and unashamed lover • Submit, respect • Love husband and children, be diligent with home responsibilities, be subject to husband • Do good to husband, be a hard-worker as cares for family and the daily household duties, be a source of wisdom and confidence • Have true beauty (godly character), not give way to fear, submit • Be flexible, joyful (not quarrelsome or ill-tempered)
Me to Children (Parent's relationship to children)	Proverbs 13:24 Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Matthew 7:9-12 Ephesians 6:4 Titus 2:4-5 See <i>Scripture for Parenting</i> sheet for additional scripture passages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discipline in love • Teach them about God and His ways continually • Care for them • Do not exasperate them, rather train and instruct them in the Lord • Love them, manage daily life well, maintain a good marriage