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Our focus for the series is that all relationships get better when we do them God's way. The target mindset that we're looking for is Jesus. The best thing that can happen to you is not just that you're in church, but that Jesus is in you.

- Read **Romans 12:5**.
- In a life of extreme independence, this passage goes against what culture tells us. It seems as though we are created to be in community, especially with other believers. Is there a time when you've experienced this kind of connection to another believer?
- You'll only find God's purpose for your life through dependence on Him and healthy interdependence with others. God created us to be in relationships and togetherness with Him and others around us to help us find our place in this world. Even Jesus, creator of the universe, displayed the importance of letting people in and relying on others. Do you have a few people in your life whom you have created healthy relationships and togetherness with? How did that connection become so strong?
- Read **1 Corinthians 12:12-13**.
- This passage shares that God has fitted us together to rely on each other. It gives us an insight into God's intention for His church. It would be a place of unity and where people would be able to be used according to their gifts. Have you found out what your spiritual gifting is? If you know it, are you currently serving in a place to be used and help further the Kingdom? If you don't know your gifting, we encourage you to check out Starting Point to find out.
- Read **Ecclesiastes 4:10**.
- Whether you're married or single, this passage applies to everyone. If you're married, do some reflection and try to identify if there is a healthy amount of reliance between the two of you. If you're single, think of your friendships and reflect and identify a few people whom you can rely on no matter what. We need to learn to rely and be reliable ourselves because, as we know, relationships are two-way streets.

APPLICATION

Look at the circle of people you have included in your life. Do you think you can rely on them when the going gets tough? Do they challenge you and make you a better person? If you don't have those people, start looking to where you might be able to find them.

S.O.A.P. (Scripture|Observation|Application|Prayer)

Monday Romans 12:5

Thursday Philippians 1:27-28

Tuesday 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

Friday 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Wednesday Ecclesiastes 4:10

