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Week 3 - The Whirlwind

Big Idea

In any relationship, whether it's between a married couple of 60 years or a friendship of a couple months. It can sometimes be hard to get along with one another. Especially if we stop comparing our relationships to God's word. It can be easily lowered by the culture's standard of relationships and we find ourselves frustrated and discouraged because the relationships are failing.

Discussion Questions

- 1.) There's a whirlwind in life that can easily catch us in a state where our relationships can suffer. Pastor Todd mentions 5 states (The whirlwind) a relationship can experience. **Distance, walls, escalation, false belief, and hostility.** Are there relationships in your life that are taking this negative turn?
- 2.) If we get to the false belief stage in our relationships, this is a dangerous place where we start to fantasize about leaving a relationship. But Paul says we can capture our thoughts like prisoners of war. What does Paul mean when he says, "Capture like prisoners of war"?

(2 Corinthians 10:5 TPT) We can demolish every deceptive fantasy that opposes God and break through every arrogant attitude that is raised up in defiance of the true knowledge of God. We capture, like prisoners of war, every thought and insist that it bow in obedience to the Anointed One.

- 3.) If we were to seek to understand the other person in our relationships, our relationship would take a turn for the better. But why is it sometimes hard to be someone who is "quick to listen and slow to speak"?

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(James 1:19 AMP) Understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters. Let everyone be quick to hear [be a careful, thoughtful listener], slow to speak [a speaker of carefully chosen words and], slow to anger [patient, reflective, forgiving];

- 4.) In the past week, how many of your conversations were “life giving” rather than “life taking”?

(Proverbs 16:24) Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones

(Proverbs 18:4) A person’s words can be life-giving water; words of true wisdom are as refreshing as a bubbling brook.

Next Steps

Take an honest look at your relationships. Starting with your family, then expanding your way out to your friends and your co-workers. What are some areas that you need to start being a life giving, husband, wife, father, mother, brother, sister? Then be intentional in the coming weeks to speak encouragement to those around your sphere of influence.

Prayer Requests & Final Prayer

Father, we thank you for giving us the community to bear each other’s burden. We ask that you reveal to us anything that needs a touch from you. Whether it may be our thought life, or our relationship boundaries with others, we ask the Holy Spirit for help in this area in our lives. Help us become the men and women we were called to be. In Jesus name, Amen