



SUNDAY MESSAGE NOTES AND INTERACTIVE PDF

Reality of Relationship with God

Let the Father's Word steady you, receive His correction, and live as His child among others.

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Reality of Relationship with God	Pastor Shane Schmidt
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Sunday, July 12, 2020	Hebrews 12:1-3 ; Galatians 4:4-7

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NOTES

Truth to carry into the week.

01 Let the Word govern your response.

- Conflict can bring strong feelings and opinions to the surface. Bring your reactions before Scripture and ask what truth requires of you. ([2 Timothy 3:16-17](#))
- Be quick to hear and slow to speak or anger. Refuse to add needless division when you can answer with patience. ([James 1:19-20](#))
- Speak truth in love. The Lord calls His people to grow together, not merely to win an argument. ([Ephesians 4:15](#))

“Let the word of God, let the truth of God govern our lives, not our emotions, not our experiences, not our preferences.”

STUDY [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#); [James 1:19-20](#); [Ephesians 4:15](#)

02 Hold to the kingdom that cannot be shaken.

- Hebrews speaks of created things being shaken while God's kingdom remains. Let what endures set your hope. ([Hebrews 12:26-28](#))

- Receive that kingdom with gratitude, reverence, and worship rather than letting fear govern you. ([Hebrews 12:28-29](#))
- Cast your cares on the Lord because He cares for you. Do not carry every burden of the world as though it were yours alone. ([1 Peter 5:7](#))

“The whole purpose of this thing is so that all that remains is God's kingdom.”

STUDY [Hebrews 12:26-29](#); [1 Peter 5:7](#)

03 Throw off weights and keep running.

- Lay aside the weights and sin that entangle you. Some habits may not appear dramatic but still keep you from running freely. ([Hebrews 12:1](#))
- Look to Jesus, who endured the cross. Consider Him when weariness and discouragement threaten to stop you. ([Hebrews 12:2-3](#))
- Delight in the Lord's instruction as Psalm 1 describes. What you keep listening to shapes the path you walk. ([Psalm 1:1-3](#))

“let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.”

STUDY [Hebrews 12:1-3](#); [Psalm 1:1-3](#)

04 Receive the Father's loving correction.

- The Lord disciplines the children He loves. His correction is an expression of belonging, not rejection. ([Hebrews 12:5-8](#))
- Training can feel painful in the moment, yet it may yield the peaceful fruit of righteousness. Let Him work on your heart. ([Hebrews 12:10-11](#))
- Strengthen tired hands and weak knees; make straight paths and pursue peace. Take the next faithful step. ([Hebrews 12:12-14](#))

“We need to allow father to train us.”

STUDY [Hebrews 12:5-14](#)

05 Pray to God as your Father.

- When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, He began with 'Our Father.' Bring your life to Him with reverence and trust. ([Luke 11:1-4](#))
- God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba, Father.' Through Christ, you belong to Him. ([Galatians 4:4-7](#))
- The Spirit bears witness that we are God's children. Let that assurance shape how you follow His leading. ([Romans 8:14-17](#))

"I give you full access into my heart."

STUDY [Luke 11:1-4](#); [Galatians 4:4-7](#); [Romans 8:14-17](#)

06 Let grace teach you to live differently.

- The grace of God teaches us to turn from ungodliness and live with self-control and devotion to Him. ([Titus 2:11-14](#))
- Imitate God as beloved children and walk in love as Christ loved us. Let forgiveness and mercy reach those around you. ([Ephesians 5:1-2](#); [Colossians 3:12-13](#))
- Keep examining your own heart and accepting course correction. Growth remains possible at every stage of the journey. ([2 Corinthians 13:5](#))

"There's always room for us to grow as sons and daughters of God."

STUDY [Titus 2:11-14](#); [Ephesians 5:1-2](#); [2 Corinthians 13:5](#)

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How will I live as the Father's child?

Where have my opinions or reactions spoken louder than God's Word?

What weight do I need to lay aside so I can keep running?

How can I receive the Father's correction without turning away?

What would it look like to act as His child in a strained relationship?
