

MOSAIC: CONNECTING WITH GOD AND OTHERS  
READING THE BIBLE RELATIONALLY  
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Luke 7:36-49 and 2 Timothy 3:16-17  
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SLIDE 1: background slide Mosaic

SLIDE 4: Many of us tend to approach the Scriptures as a Book to be dissected and analyzed rather than a Story that is intended to intertwine our heart, soul and mind. The Bible STORY flows with ongoing revelation that forever nudges us toward a never-ending likeness to Christ.

SLIDE 5: 2 Timothy 3:16-17: *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

SLIDE 6: Teaching equates with doctrine—what we should believe about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, man, salvation, the church, etc. “What should I believe?”

Rebuking and Correcting equates with moral and ethical behavior. “How should I behave?”

Training in Righteousness (paideia = “parenting”) equates with relationships. The Bible is like a parent who gives training in relationships. “How do I have good relationships?”

The first two areas are rather rational but incredibly important. This morning I will simply mention the rational questions.

We will delve more into the emotional and relational area to see how feelings and emotions flowing beneath the surface often explain the real reason for actions and behaviors.

Dave Ferguson met with husband who had terrible rage background. Battered wives, abuser programs, hitting holes in walls, penitentiary. Angry man.

Pastor encouraged him to come for counseling. Andy came. Sitting there. Dave knew that underneath that anger was just a guy who had been hurting alone.

David wanted him to know that he knew he was angry: “I understand that beneath your rage is a person who is dealing with a tremendous amount of hurt.” Comforted him. “I am sorry for the hurt of the decades.” He softened before David’s eyes.

“With the amount of rage you have, I am sure you have dealing with some deep, traumatic events.” Andy not only softens, he gets teary eyed. Pastor never seen this. “Would you be willing to tell your pastor about your pain?”

“I have to tell someone.” David left and heard Andy wailing for 30 minutes. Came back in they were embracing.

Andy shared his pain with David. As a little boy, 7 years old, he was told to be home at 8:00 p.m. He got home at 8:45 p.m. instead of 8:00 p.m. On the way home 3 boys sexually abused him in park. “If I hadn’t been late this would not have happened. My fault.” Got home and was disciplined for being late.

Carried this around for 4 decades. Healed his hurts and dealt with his anger and bitterness and

now leads marriage seminars in church

Several ways to look at this!

Teaching: He was taught to obey his parents. Obey parents---curfew.

Behavior: He disobeyed

Relational issues: Needed comfort, security, support—he got condemnation.

Need to see the emotions behind people's behaviors.

**SLIDE 7: LUKE 7:36-49:** 36 Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. 37 When a woman who had lived a sinful life in that town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume, 38 and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is — that she is a sinner."

40 Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

41 "Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

43 Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

44 Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. 47 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven — for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little."

48 Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

49 The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

Retell story and examine the main characters

•**SLIDE #8:** Let's talk about what is going on with Jesus

•**SLIDE #9:** Let's discuss the woman who anointing Jesus' feet

•**SLIDE #:** Let's talk about the arrogant Pharisee

#### **SLIDE 11 DOCTRINAL QUESTIONS**

1. What doctrines and truths are taught in this passage?
2. What is the central truth of the passage?

#### **SLIDE 12:BEHAVIORAL QUESTIONS**

1. Are there sins for me to avoid? 2. Are there commands for me to obey? 3. Are there promises for me to claim? 4. Are there prayers I should pray? 5. Are there examples for me to follow?
6. What changes do I need to make in my thinking in order to bring it in line with what the Scriptures teach? 7. What are the principal lessons to be learned?

•**SLIDE #13:RELATIONAL QUESTIONS**

•**SLIDE #14** 1. WHAT "INTIMACY" OR "ALONENESS" ISSUES DO YOU OBSERVE? DID ANY

ONE BLESS ANOTHER WITH A POSITIVE EMOTIONAL EXPERIENCE? DID ANY EMOTIONAL HURTS OCCUR? WHAT MIGHT BE DONE TO HEAL THE HURT?

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#### ●SLIDE #15 THE BLESSINGS

#### THE PAINS

<u>INTIMACY (LOVE)</u>	<u>ALONENESS</u>
Acceptance	Rejection
Affection	Abuse
Appreciation	Criticism
Approval	Condemnation
Attention	Ignored
Comfort	Hurt
Encouragement	Disappointment
Respect	Ridicule
Security	Abandoned
Support	Neglect

How is the woman feeling? Accepted, affection, approval, attention, encouragement  
Isn't it easy to see why people loved to be around Jesus.

What effect is Simon having on their relationship?

He was guilty of almost everything on the failure side!

Rejecting of Jesus and the woman, criticized, condemned, hurt, disappointment, ridicule.

Isn't it amazing to see what is going on behind the scenes in a relationship when we stop to look?

Pastor working 15 hours per day. Wife angry at him. Bigger church, cars, toys.

"Why do you work so much."-"I have to maintain our lifestyle."

"No you don't."-"But we wouldn't have all our things." (Tracing fears).

"What if you didn't have all your stuff?"-"It wouldn't be good.

"Why wouldn't it be good?"-"We couldn't live here-drive the cars we drive. And she wouldn't be happy. She might leave." She was shocked. Underneath all his overworking was the fear she would leave him. He was really insecure and needed her support.

"Mamm, can you reassure him you wouldn't leave him?"

Did Jesus get hurt?

Simon hurt Jesus—Jesus cataloged every one—no kiss, no wash feet. Did not do the basics of good manners. That hurt.

Jesus got hurt. Simon needed to apologize.

The woman ministered to him all the things that Simon failed to do.

Consider Jesus' feelings toward her.

Did the Pharisee get hurt? He got rebuked. Watch his feelings.

Pharisee went from indignation to rebuke—to anger? Or to repentance?

"Well, I suppose!" It couldn't be more obvious!

• SLIDE #16 2. WHAT RELATIONSHIP DYNAMICS DO I OBSERVE THAT MIGHT HELP ME BETTER MY RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS?

Simon was guilty of putting people in categories.

I have learned that it is hard to categorize people. There are just too many complex categories in understanding people.

Refuse to put people in categories. Start seeing people as people

Good Samaritan: just another mugging victim—put him in category and it is easy to walk on by.

Let me show you a common set of categorical boxes.

<u>SLIDE 17:</u>	<u>Humor</u>	<u>Fluid</u>	<u>Character</u>
	Choleric	Yellow Bile	Irritable
	Melancholic	Black Bile	Depressed
	Sanguine	Blood	Optimistic
	Phlegmatic	phlegm	Calm

Let me show you another common set of categorical boxes.

<u>SLIDE 18</u>	<u>Animal</u>	<u>Character</u>
	Lion	Choleric, Visionary, Decisive, Leader, Domineering
	Beaver	Melancholic, Depressed, analytical, critical, undisciplined
	Otter	Optimistic, Outgoing friendly, Talkative, unproductive,
	Golden Retriever	Calm, dependable, quiet, diplomatic, fearful, worrier

Tigger or Eorye

• SLIDE #19: Mood disorders: neurotransmitters.

Much	Dopamine	Little
Rapid brain, brilliant		restless let syndrome, shakes, Parkinson's
Insomnia, creative,		
schizophrenia symptoms		
can't stop thinking		

Much	Serotonin	Little
flattening, decreased sex		depressed
appetite stimulation		anxious
cognitive dysfunction		obsessive-compulsive

Much	Norephenephrine	Little
Jittery (4 starbucks in 30 min)		tired
		Depressed
		ADD

140 neurotransmitters! Complex! How can you put anyone in categories.

75% of men in penitentiary have shrunken frontal lobes.

Manic creativity

SLIDE 20: DRAW Mood Swings Diagram NOTE: I may skip this slide if I run out of time.

Am I guilty of putting people in categories and treating them accordingly?

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How is that poor sinner lady feeling as she wept at Jesus' feet? Simon has categorized the poor lady and doesn't even see her as a human being.

She had dreams, issues, problems, good points—and she did not fit any simple category!

She is feeling so rejected and ignored and hurt. She needs someone to comfort her and show her some attention.

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•SLIDE #21: 3. WHAT WAS IT ABOUT THIS PASSAGE OR STORY THAT MAKES GOD OR JESUS MORE ATTRACTIVE TO ME?

His forgiving heart! God forgives sinners who come to Him in repentance.

A man was awakened in the middle of the night by a phone call. On the other end a frantic, sobbing girl managed to get out the words, "Daddy, I'm pregnant." He was groggy and stunned by communicated his forgiveness and prayed for her

The next day he and his wife wrote their daughter letters of counsel and love.

Three days later the man received another phone call.

His daughter was shocked by the letters, because she was not the one who called.

Some other distraught girl had dialed the wrong number.

None the less, the letters were not wasted. Their expressions of unconditional love and surrender are now treasured possessions.

Here are a few excerpts? "Though I weep inside, I can't condemn you, because I sin, too. Your transgression is no worse than mine—it's just different. We love you more than words can say. Remember God's love is in this, maybe especially in this. We are looking forward to your being at home." Love, Dad

He sensed the forgiveness by God of his 500 denarii and could easily forgive his daughter and move to support her in her pain.

•SLIDE #22: 4. WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE SHOW ME ABOUT GOD'S HEART? (WE PRESUME THAT GOD WANTS US TO KNOW WHAT'S OCCURRING IN HIS HEART. THIS IS ONE DIMENSION OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY.) HAVE I EXPERIENCED GOD'S HEART IN SIMILAR WAYS? HOW AM I TO RESPOND TO GOD'S HEART AND TO HIS RESPONSE TO THE PEOPLE IN THE TEXT?

Protecting the woman. I love to see that.

Accepting and meeting her needs for attention.

Jesus' heart is breaking for the Pharisee! He came to seek and to save the lost.

STORY of pastor being fired, losing house, troubles at church. Invited to Holy Land at last minute by a friend, decides to go. Sunday in Gethsemane: “God, I want to experienced what you experienced.” Back room by altar. Kneeled to pray. Tour guide comes to find him. Guide comes in, blood everywhere. Nose capillaries broke and giant nose bleed. Kept handkerchief with blood stains.

Fire man Lieutenant: Marriage falling apart. Weeping. No other man involved: Described his control issues and their fights—after 10 years and two babies they were breaking up. Children screaming in the background. Cried for him. God was weeping for both of them. God has wept in the same way over some of you! Took time to feel what is going on in Christ’s heart!

- SLIDE #23: 5. WHAT DOES IT DO TO MY HEART WHEN I REALIZE THAT GOD WANTS ME TO KNOW HIS HEART? DOES THIS THRILL ME? MAKE ME GRATEFUL? HUMBLE ME? GIVE ME A SENSE OF COMPASSION OR RESPONSIBILITY IN CARING FOR OTHERS?

JESUS LAID OUT THE OVERARCHING RELATIONAL QUESTIONS MATTHEW 22:34-40:

- SLIDE #24: “Love the Lord with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Many of us struggle today with knowing how to love.

We were dealing with a pastor and his wife in crisis. Pastor was a workaholic, leaving wife and children alone for long periods of time.

“Why are you away from your family for such long periods of time?”

“I suppose that I feel more adequate at work than I do at home. At home I have a wife who needs a best friend and I don’t know how to do that. I have three children who need a father—and I don’t know what one of those does.

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- SLIDE #25: Diagram of streets and curbs  
Law and prophets hanging on nail of loving God and Others.