



# Monthly Devotionals

August

# *Foundation Building*

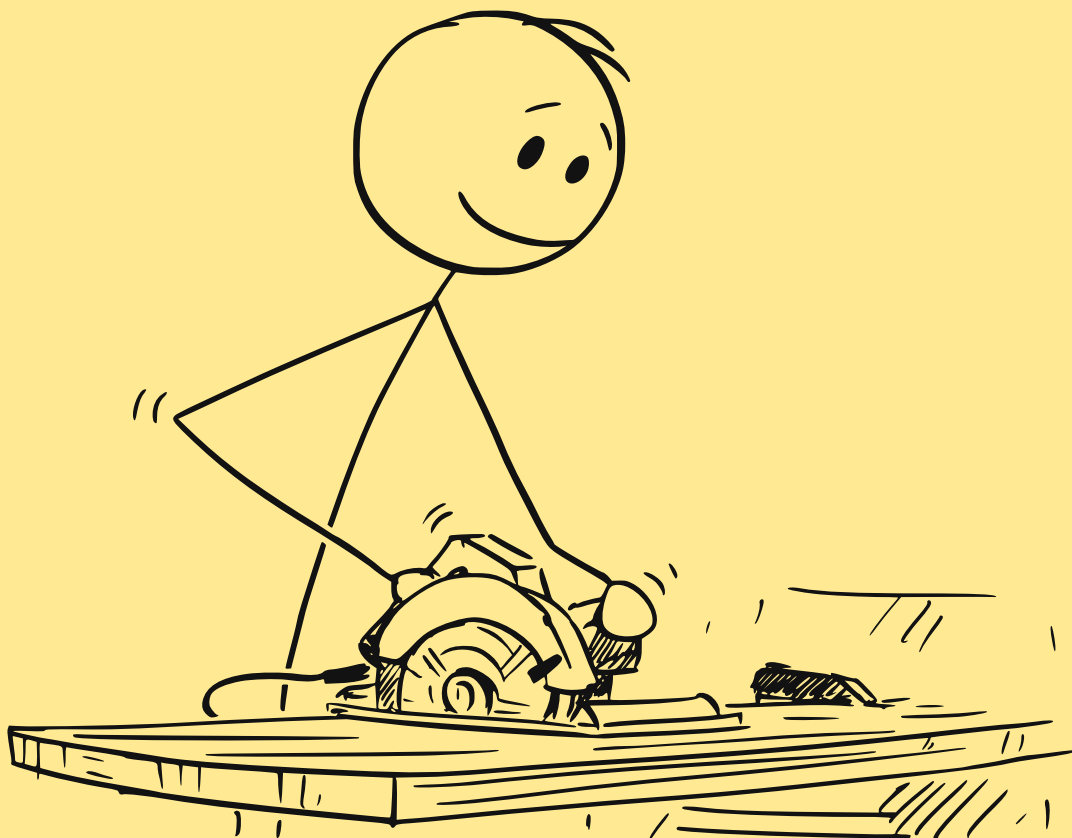


A Life Built on Relationship

Jesus tells us that the second greatest commandment is to love others (Matthew 22:39). Not only to love others but to love them as yourself. Throughout the gospels, we see the relational side of Jesus in everything He does. He eats with His disciples, He comforts those who mourn, He heals, He protects, and He counsels.

He says in John 15:12-15:

‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.’



Jesus focused on relationships. So much so that He was willing to die for it. Because of what He did on the cross, we can have a restored relationship with the Father.

So, the question is, how much do we align our purpose in life with our relationship with God and with others?

Read Deuteronomy 30:19-20.

## **What do you see?**

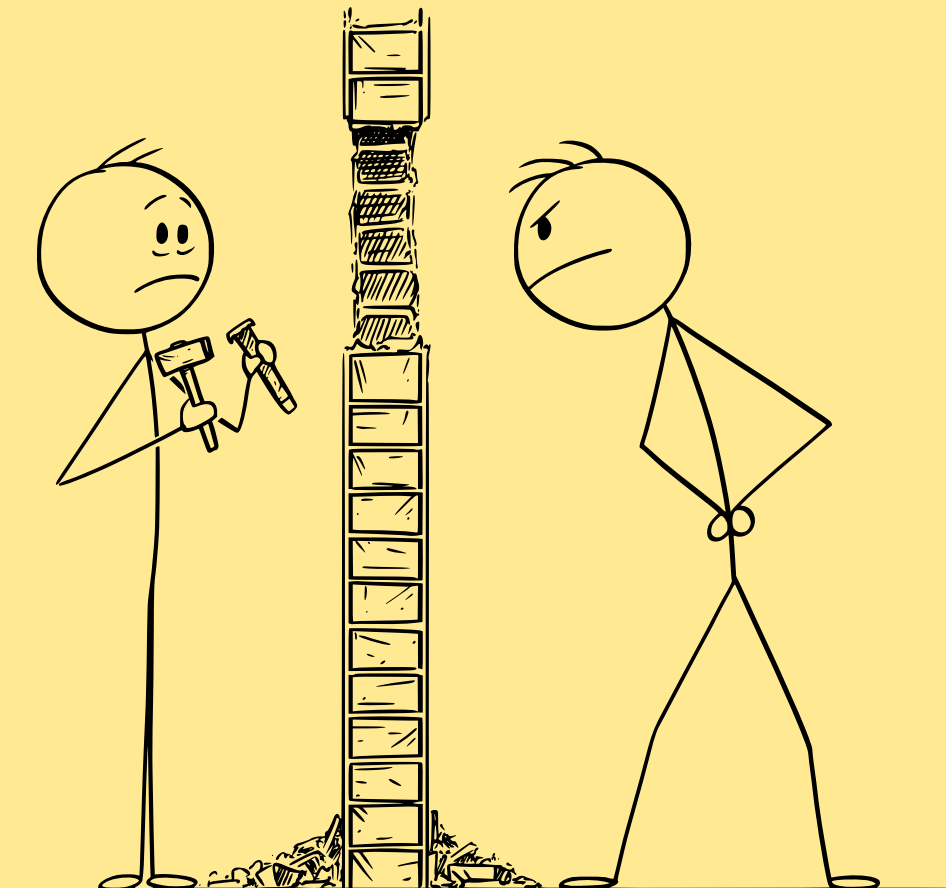
Imagine living a life where your sole purpose was to love God and love other people. Wouldn't things feel lighter? Ok, sure, loving some people can be difficult. Yet if we were loving God with all our hearts, His Spirit would guide us on how to love others better, even when it's hard.



Verse 19 says it clearly: we have a choice to make. The Bible's instruction is to choose life. By doing so, we can love God, listen to Him and hold on to Him as tight as we possibly can.

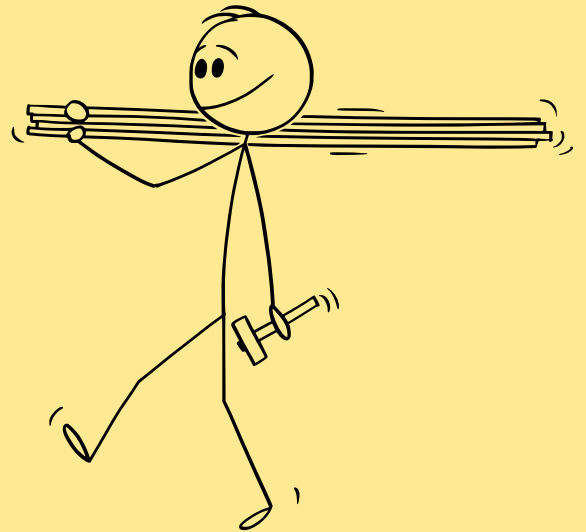
God is our life. He isn't something we should pick up now and again. What sort of relationship does that produce? We are often the unfaithful party. But the truth is that God's grace is sufficient and He allows us to come back to a relationship with Him every time.

Make the choice today: God is my life.



# Key verses

- John 3:16
- John 14:21
- Romans 8:35, 37,39
- 1 John 3:16
- 1 John 4:9-10, 19



# Prayer Points

Dig deeper with God on:

- How much am I focusing on the importance of my daily relationship with God?
- Do I see the tremendous value of relationships with other people?

