

A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

INTRODUCTION

No one succeeds by themselves

Our relationship with God is not one sided.... it's a love relationship

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-12 NIV

Obedience and Love are interdependent

God's commands were intended to show how incapable we are in loving and obeying Him.

The Law was given to point us to our need for a Savior, for Christ

Why wouldn't we want to respond in love, as he loved us first!

God first chooses us for a relationship, gives us a new heart and puts His love in us

$E + R = O$

E= Event

R= Response

O= Outcome

The Christian faith is based upon a relationship of love, initiated and secured by God and then responded to by us.

In our response to each event we face, are you loving to God?

How central is Jesus in your thinking and response?

When you turn to Christ, He can change you and give you a love for God that is not possible in and of yourself.

Christ strengthens

Phil 4:13 1 Timothy 1:12 2 Timothy 2:1 2 Timothy 4:17

Like Paul, you are a work in progress when chosen by God.

You are being molded and shaped for His desires to work through you

God promises to respond with His blessings

MESSAGE TO TAKE HOME

The more that we understand what Jesus has accomplished on our behalf, the healthier, more loving and connected our relationship will be with God.