

## Week 3 New Relationships

"For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

Luke 19:10 (NLT)

"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

He salvages my life by salvaging my relationships. He <u>"re-places"</u> our <u>relationships</u> with <u>new ones</u>.

How to allow Jesus to Salvage my relationships.

## 1. By allowing <u>Jesus</u> to be the <u>Centerpiece</u> of all my relationships.

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:2 (NLT)

"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

## 2. By following <u>His</u> leadership in how <u>I</u> relate to every relationship.

**Don't team up** (operative word "Team") with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light

live with darkness? What **harmony** can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer **be a partner** with an unbeliever? **2 Corinthians 6 14-15 (NLT)** 

When I wrote to you before, I told you not to associate with people who indulge in sexual sin. but I wasn't talking about unbelievers who indulge in sexual sin, or are greedy, or cheat people, or worship idols. You would have to leave this world to avoid people like that. I meant that you are not to associate with anyone who claims to be a believer yet indulges in sexual sin, or is greedy, or worships idols, or is abusive, or is a drunkard, or cheats people. 1 Corinthians 5: 9-11 (NLT)

## 3. By intentionally being in His Fellowship, His family – the church.

The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.

Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. ..., and God has put each part just where he wants it... This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 25-27 (NLT)

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4 (NASB)

GOING DEEPER ON YOUR OWN: Take some time this week and read the stories of the Apostle Paul, the demon possessed man and the Roman Centurion. Picture yourself in the story as one of the people involved. Who can you identify with? Can you see the parallels between the people mentioned in the stories and your life today? What specific actions can you take to replace or recalibrate the relationships in your life? How will you permit God to help you salvage a relationship in your life? How about taking the next step in your walk of faith and attending a Bible study, volunteering to serve at CPC, starting or joining a Home Team? Send an e-mail to Jay@centerpointchurch.com and share with him your thoughts on the series Salvaged.