



SOUTHBRIDGE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

“The Most Important” Part 3

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Review 2 goals:

1. To convince you that you can have great relationships
2. To challenge you to do whatever it takes

The Foundation: “We affirm that our relationship with Christ is the most important relationship.”

Genesis 2:18, 22-23, 25; 3:6-8, 10-13 (NLT)

And the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a companion who will help him." 22 Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib and brought her to Adam. 23 "At last!" Adam exclaimed. "She is part of my own flesh and bone! She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken out of a man." 25 Now, although Adam and his wife were both naked, neither of them felt any shame. **3:6** The woman was convinced. The fruit looked so fresh and delicious, and it would make her so wise! So she ate some of the fruit. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her. Then he ate it, too. 7 At that moment, their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they strung fig leaves together around their hips to cover themselves. 8 Toward evening they heard the LORD God walking about in the garden, so they hid themselves among the trees. 10 He replied, "I heard you, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked." 11 "Who told you that you were naked?" the LORD God asked. "Have you eaten the fruit I commanded you not to eat?" 12 "Yes," Adam admitted, "but it was the woman you gave me who brought me the fruit, and I ate it." 13 Then the LORD God asked the woman, "How could you do such a thing?" "The serpent tricked me," she replied. "That's why I ate it."

Decision Time: Who Will I Listen To?

* Simple, yet important truth: The “voices” we listen to significantly _____ our most important relationships.

1. God’s voice

2. The enemy’s voice

3. My _____ voice

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II Corinthians 10:5 (NIV) *We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

* Often times, when one of our most important relationships is _____, God’s standards (i.e.: I Cor. 13) almost _____ impossible.

4. Voices of those _____ to _____

I Corinthians 15:33 (NIV)

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

I Samuel 26:7a, 8-9 (NLT)

So David and Abishai went right into Saul’s camp and found him asleep, with his spear stuck in the ground beside his head... 8 “God has surely handed your enemy over to you this time!” Abishai whispered to David. “Let me pin him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I won’t need to strike twice!” 9 “No!” David said. “Don’t kill him. For who can remain innocent after attacking the LORD’s anointed one?”

* Count on it...the _____ voices are available!

Galatians 6:9-10 (NLT)

So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up. 10 Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.

Personal Action Steps
