



SOUTHBRIDGE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

“The Most Important” Part 5

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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!”

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NLT)

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud⁵ or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.⁶ It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.⁷ Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

* God’s _____ of amazing love = the “_____”

Barriers to Amazing Love

Luke 15:11-13, 17-18, 20, 22-24 (NLT)

To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: “A man had two sons.¹² The younger son told his father, ‘I want my share of your estate now before you die.’ So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.¹³ “A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living.¹⁷ “When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, ‘At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger!’¹⁸ I will go home to my father and say, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you...’”²⁰ “So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.²² “But his father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet.’²³ And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast,²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.’ So the party began.

1. _____

v.19 “...and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.”

2. _____

v. 30 “Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!”

3. _____

v. 29 but he replied, ‘All these years I’ve slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends.’

4. _____ words

James 1:19 (NLT) Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

Ephesians 4:29 (NIV) Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

5. Short - _____

v. 31-32 “His father said to him, ‘Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours.’³² We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!”

Personal Action Steps
