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The Seven-Mile Miracle Leader Guide Session 3: Relationship

Mile 3- The Upper Room

"Let us strengthen our relationship with Him."

The third mile of Seven-Mile Miracle brings us to the Upper Room, where Jesus shared the Passover meal with His disciples just before His betrayal. The meal stands as a testament to the depth of Jesus' desire to have a relationship with each of us.

During this next video segment, think about your own relationship with God. Pray that God will open your eyes to see the Savior's desire to have an intimate relationship with you.

"How much would your life change if you heard His voice as if He were smiling at you?"

If we understood that God is smiling at us, that He desires to be in relationship with us, that He wants us to come in to have a meal with Himinviting us into His presence- how much would our lives change?

"The Savior took time to avert His eyes."

In the midst of His agony on the cross, Jesus took the time to acknowledge His mother and His disciple. He knew He would soon be with the Father, but because we see Him taking time on the cross to make provision for relationship, we know we will never walk alone on our journey.

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"True relationships are not built on rules to follow."

Regulations can only take you so far in your walk with Christ. Jesus didn't die to establish a barrier of rules. He wants a relationship with you- one you can never fully experience by relegating Him to the lawmaker in your life. Open your eyes to His presence, and embrace the relationship He eagerly desires with you.

"God has not only saved me; He has favored me."

Jesus didn't die for us simply because He had to. The relationship He desires with each of us is one that He chose. And He chooses to favor us as we walk with Him. He even says, "I no longer call you servants... Instead, I have called you friends" (John 15:15). There is no contractual obligation in our relationship with Jesus. He has chosen you as His friend.

"See yourself the way God sees you."

Even while He hung in our place on the cross, Jesus looked upon us with favor. Pray that God will reveal the depth of His love for you and allow you to see Him the way He sees you- as His friend. And pray that you will break through any personal barriers that are preventing you from experiencing a true relationship with Jesus Christ.

Read John 19:26-27 and John 15:9-17. For deeper study read Luke 22:14-20.

Discussion Questions:

1. In your opinion, why do you think relationships are important to God? What relationships are important to you?

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2. Why do you think Jesus took time to acknowledge His mother and disciple?

3. Describe your own relationship with God. How did you come to know Him? How do you experience Him every day?

4. There are some relationships in our lives that carry a certain set of rules for you to follow. What are they? Why doesn't Jesus build His relationship with you on a set of rules? Why is Jesus' approach unique?

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5. God doesn't just love you because He has to. Jesus goes so far as to say He has chosen you as His friend. What does it look like to be a friend of God? How does it change your relationship with Him to know that He looks upon you with favor?

6. Pastor Furtick gave that challenge to see yourself he way God sees you. How does God see you? How does this differ from the way people in the world see you? Why does this say about your relationship with Him?

7. What is one area of your relationship with God that you wish to strengthen? Before you continue in this study, what is one way you can commit to strengthening that aspect of your relationship?