Back to the Basics

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Psalm 144:7 "Reach down from Heaven and rescue me. Deliver me from deep waters."

Genesis 2:18-24 – The Story of the First Human Relationship

Three Basic Truths for All Relationships

Basic Truth #1 –
There are
CHALLENGES in
EVERY relationship.

Genesis 3:1-7
The challenge of doubt –
"Did God really say...?"
v.1

The challenge of fear –
"...they felt shame..." v.7
The challenge of
comparison – "...you
will be like God..." v.5

Overcome the Myth of Perfection:
There are no perfect relationships because there are no perfect people.

Psalm 62:5 "My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him."

Basic Truth #2 – I must take <u>RESPONSIBILITY</u> for the <u>SUCCESS</u> of my relationships.

Stop playing the blame game!

Genesis 3:12-13

Blaming others – "It was the woman..." v. 12
Blaming the devil – "The serpent deceived me..." v. 13
Blaming God – "...the woman YOU gave me..." v. 12

James 1:13-15 "Don't let anyone under pressure to give in to evil say, 'God is trying to trip me up.' God is impervious to evil, and puts evil in no one's way. The temptation to give in to evil comes from us and only us. We have no one to blame but the leering, seducing flare-up

of our own lust. Lust gets pregnant, and has a baby: sin! Sin grows up to adulthood, and becomes a real killer."

Basic Truth #3 – I must make <u>GOD</u> the <u>CENTER</u> of my relationships.

There is hope for every relationship through Jesus Christ!

Genesis 3:14-24

A prophecy of hope – "...
he will crush your
head..." v. 15
A pronouncement of
hope – "Adam named
his wife Eve..." v. 20
A provision of hope –
"God made

garments...and clothed them." v. 21

GOD WILL DO IT FOR YOU!

Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

My Decision Today: God will be the CENTER of all my relationships!

Memory Verse: "Reach down from Heaven and rescue me. Deliver me from deep waters." **GIVE TO RCW:**

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