

3 things the bible teaches us about our relationships...

1. **Faith In God** is the only way to build a firm foundation!
2. **Family** is where we start!
3. **Fellowship** with other believers is critical!

*“But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.”*  
– 1 Corinthians 11:3

#### 1. Parent According to God's Design (vs. 2-3)

*“Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it,<sup>2</sup> that you may fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long.”*

*“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,<sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”*

– 2 Timothy 3:16-17

#### 2. Parent in God's Love (vs. 4-6)

*“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.<sup>5</sup> You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.<sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.”*

*“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”* – Ephesians 6:4

*“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.”* – 1 John 3:1

#### 3. Parent Through Discipleship (vs. 7-9)

*“You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.<sup>8</sup> You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.<sup>9</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”*

*“And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul,<sup>13</sup> and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good?”* – Deuteronomy 10:12-13