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Deep relationships

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# Practical tips

If you're going to stay in Redding or go anywhere this will help you! God made practical and spiritual things, it is all one and the same. But to have very spiritual things without a relevant practical expression that is where I can’t follow completely.

# Leading but feeling awkward

9 years ago I am doing the stuff, contributing and leading all the time. All the services were packed, so she walked to the front row and she had this feeling that she had in youth ministry. I would be walking across the room and have a hard time trying to walk because everyone was looking at me. Did I do everything right? I am not an insecure person. When I started to feel this I said I am not even used to this!

She felt so out of place and the room was full, she came in the room and found a chair. Introduce yourself to the person, pray for each other. After service go up front and pray for each other. Breakthrough and everything okay. Then another service comes and it starts all over again.

Even though I am a leader all the time I am feeling awkward and lonely. She asked what is this God? I know what to do; I will invite people to my house. Trying to invite Danny and Sherry. 3 months later they would get together, even in my intentionality it would happen. The relationships were deep, but there was no consistency.

# Depth of relationships

Relationships in a Sunday morning the relationships don’t go that deep. It’s becoming like a sound to me instead of knowing them. That comes from me loving people! Then some people started a core group, but I am so busy! The surface layer of Sunday mornings connection were so hard for her.

When she joined the core group everything changed! Just a group of women with intentionality, commitment, and a smaller timeframe, going deep like the bottom of the ocean kind of deep!

I am in the core group for 4 years, but from the beginning, everything changed for me! That Sunday morning she walked on down and everything was great again! I don’t have any needs here, I can give out of overflow to you!

# Knowing people

There is a lot more to me than just being Eric’s wife and mother of our kids. We have to create places where we are known and know other people.

We always have to cultivate that, it is actually what sustains revival! Jesus is our life source, but we also need each other! Love God with your whole heart and then love your neighbor as you love yourself!

**We are to thrive and overflow in every area of life!**

# Bethel built on home groups!

There is little known about the context that the messages preached at Bethel come from! The history where this place is built on is funny and simple; it is home groups! Decades of leading home groups that is where everything was formed! Any senior leaders in there, all hosted people in their homes and going after God together. There is something different about the home and the church because they get to smell each other a little bit more!

Church is different! Sometimes there is a pressure on services, but it doesn't go deep at all! I want to encourage us that we cultivate deep relationships in life and are plugged into a local church! Find people to do life with!

As we give things away they multiply! Your breakthroughs in school are our breakthroughs as well! Coming to the church one of the big differences are: You don’t have to swipe in! You get to choose what you want to be a part off. You can be a part of anything you want, but we’re not going to make you! We can control you externally, but you need your own motivation!

# Build family, take initiative!

We’re looking to build a family, and we need contributors! I need more moms and dads! Be contributors and leaders in our environment, but come as initiative takers and build this. We provide options, but you’re the one that creates the world!

We need more people that are willing to step up! We all need to go after things in our lives, I want to invite you come on in and you're welcome in everything! If this is your local home church, please be plugged in somewhere else as well!

One of the surprising things in our survey was that significantly the highest point of connection was through serving! Serving together, as you’re preparing food you're talking to each other! After you rest a little bit, pick up and live with us! Some working alongside each other. Connect coaching, get traction in there, you can ask questions and how to get going in here! Ask God: “What is there grace for in this season?”

# Intentionality and preparation

We're looking for moms and fathers, it reminds me of Johnson thanksgiving, 50+ people that get together and 15-20 of the people are under 12. Grandma Johnson, she was working so hard. She starts baking weeks and weeks ahead in preparation, so important to me! Always a huge priority on it! Everybody has a lot to do, their family is our family. A hyper travel level and busy level, but even there it can happen with intentionality and preparation.

You were born for greatness and that won’t happen in an isolated life! Wherever you go, find people you want to do life with.

Think of your most significant breakthrough in the last few years of your life. How many would say community was a big part of that? We are members of one another, it will happen with intentionality and initiation.