

EMMANUEL NOTES

The Path - Week 2

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Relationships are either an incredible source of happiness and health or they are a source of misery and pain in your life.

Great relationships can be as simple as knowing who to follow.

Mistreatment destroys relationships.

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Mistreatment is actually a process.

Phase 1: Anger

- Anger is an emotion that rises up inside of us when our will is crossed.
- *You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment...* - Matthew 5:21-22

Phase 2: Insults

- *...whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council...* - Matthew 5:22

Phase 3: Contempt

- *...and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.* - Matthew 5:22

The source of mistreatment is anger.

Reality: People cross our will all the time.

WEEKEND SERVICE NOTES

What do we do?

Great relationships require deep respect.

Every person, regardless of their behavior, is made in the image of God.

- *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*
- Genesis 1:27

Respect guards against mistreatment.

- *And Saul hurled the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David evaded him twice.* - 1 Samuel 18:11

What does this look like?

- *So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.* - Matthew 5:23-24

Three Observations:

1. There is an absence of verbal injury and much verbal encouragement.
2. There is a lot of preferring.
3. There is a lot of listening.

Who is your Saul? _____

Who is your David? _____