Real Peace: Peace In My Relationships
Genesis 2:18-25 Ephesians 5:25-27 Matthew 5:23-24

1. What is the crazy deal in the relationships we have with the people that are most significant to us?

   What is the results of this?

   Why does this happen?
   - We haven't effectively _____ in our relationships.
   - We haven't learned or remembered a primary reason why God created human relationships, which is to ...

2. Do you agree that every significant   YES   NO
   relationship experiences conflict?

   - Trajectory of most (all?) significant relationships:

   FOR BETTER (GOOD)

   **FOR WORSE (BAD)**

   - What leads to wanting to end the relationship?

3. In Matthew 5:23-24, what did Jesus teach about the importance of resolving conflicts?

   - 1 Peter 3:7 teaches that conflict in marriage _____.

4. How do you resolve conflicts?
   - Keep _____ accounts. Share the last ____. *Pool of Meaning*
   - Start with my _____. What do I want _____?
   - Start with a sincere _____, asking for _____.
   - Make it _____ through sharing mutual respect and shared goals.
   - Master your _____ along the path to action.

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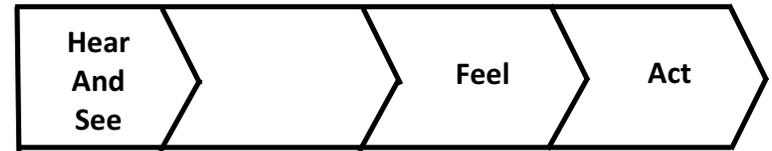
   - Use God's powerful gift of _____.

5. A word about establishing healthy boundaries:

6. Understanding and remembering that a primary reason God created human relationships is shape us to live lives that are pleasing to God.
   - Why did God say, "It is not good for 'the man' to be alone?"

   - What is "a helper suitable for him (me)?"
     "Helper" –

     "Suitable for him" –

   - According to Ephesians 5:25-27, what is a purpose in marriage and, by extension, in relationships between Christ-following friends?

     Through constancy –
     (Galatians 6:1-3)
     Through transparency –

7. Next Steps: Open up your relationships to be where God shapes you. Consider asking a significant person in your life:
   - What is something I could do for you?
   - What is something you would like me to do more often?
   - What is an unresolved conflict that remains between us?
   - What is a step in discipleship that you would encourage me to take?
   - What is a personal prayer that I can begin praying for you?