

LIVING LIFE TO THE

FULL



Relationship Realities:

- **We are more DIVIDED than before**
- **We are more ISOLATED than before**



RELATIONALLY

A man in a dark t-shirt, shorts, and a cap is captured mid-air, jumping over a rocky cliff edge. The background features a vast landscape of rolling hills and a forest under a sky with soft, golden light from a low sun, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is one of freedom and adventure.

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Relationally

***'I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche
to be of the same mind in the Lord.'***

Philippians 4:2



RELATIONALLY

Relationship Ruiners

‘Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.’

Philippians 2:3-4

- 1. Selfishness**
- 2. Vain Conceit (Empty Opinion)**

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1. Selfishness

‘Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,’ v 3

‘not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.’ v 4

The ‘me – first’ torpedo

RELATIONALLY

‘Our culture encourages and rewards selfish ambition without qualification. We are surrounded by a way of life in which betterment is understood as expansion, as acquisition, as fame. Everyone wants to get more for themselves. To be on top, no matter what it is the top of, is admired.’

Eugene Peterson ‘A Long Obedience in the Same Direction.’

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The 'you – first' antidote

'So Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have any quarrelling between you and me, or between your herders and mine, for we are close relatives. Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left.'"

Genesis 13:8-9

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2. Vain Conceit / Empty Opinion

‘Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,’

Philippians 2:3

The ‘empty opinion’ torpedo

The ‘humility’ antidote

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Living Life to the Full Relationally

- Relationship Realities
- Relationship Ruiners
- **Relationship Rescuers**

L.I.F.E. boats



RELATIONALLY

How to bring LIFE to our Relationships:

L – Live according to the Gospel

‘Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel.’

Philippians 1:27

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How to bring L.I.F.E. to our Relationships:

L – Live according to the Gospel

I – Inherit your new Citizenship

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‘But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.’

Philippians 3:20-21

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How to bring L.I.F.E. to our Relationships:

L - Live according to the Gospel

I - Inherit your new Citizenship

F – Focus on the Love of God



RELATIONALLY

‘Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.’

Philippians 2: 1-2



RELATIONALLY

Philippians 2:1

‘Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ...’

‘Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love....’

‘Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit....(literally ‘if any fellowship in the Spirit’)

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How to bring L.I.F.E. to our Relationships:

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E – Embrace the Example of Jesus

‘In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.’

Philippians 2: 5

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- L – Live according to the gospel**
- I – Inherit your new citizenship**
- F – Focus on God’s love for you**
- E – Embrace the example of Jesus**



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