

## THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD



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### Living Faith Chapel, Calgary (Solution Center)

#### WORD FOR THE WEEK

##### TYPES OF RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND THEIR CONSEQUENCES

We bless the name of God for His mercies and kindness towards us all. We thank Him for the journey so far and the grace for the journey ahead. It is Day 323 of the year and 42 days left in the year 2017. It is my prayer that the Lord who has seen you through 323 days will not leave you behind the remaining days of the month!

We have been talking about relationships and their effects on our day-to-day lives and eternity as well. We have looked at the connection between our relationship with God and relationship with people and amongst ourselves. We have also looked at ingredients of a good relationship and we considered sacrifice, love, openness, trust and obedience. Relationship connotes our interaction with one another and with God. It could also be described as how we deal with one another, or better still, how we connect with one another or/and with God.

Our topic for today presupposes that there are diverse types of relationships with God. However, we should note that there is preferred relationship that God would want us to have with Him. This is essentially measured by the level of connectivity with God. There are people who have **Zero/No Relationship with God**. We see such all around us; it is the in-thing not to be interested in God or what He has to offer. Examples abound in the Bible, such as the Egyptians. There is also the **Relationship Formed as a Result Of Inheritance** hence we often hear “*the God of my Father*” (*1 Chronicles 28:9*). There is the **Relationship Based on What could be Gotten or Achieved as a Result of the Relationship** - zero loyalty (*1 Chronicles 29: 9*). We also have a **Relationship Found out of Obligations** - reluctance is key here (*2 Chronicles 25: 1-2*) There is a **True Love Relationship**; total loyalty – (*Gen 5: 24*) Enoch, for instance, walked with God. This true love relationship means total submission to God. There is **Relationship of Love and Added Faithfulness**. This can be seen in the life of King Asa who had loyalty and faithfulness to God. We also have the **Relationship of Great Love** and **Great Openness** of which David, man after God’s heart, was an example. Another category of relationship is the **Relationship in which God is Known as ABBA Father**. This is a father / son relationship. Examples abound in the lives of Moses, Abraham, Hezekiah and Joshua.

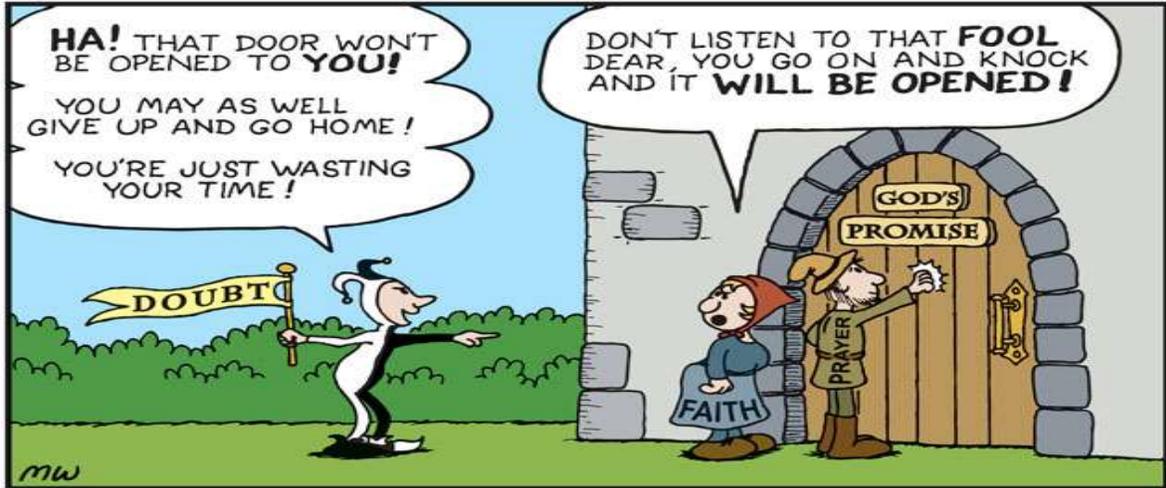
It looks like the relationship with God is dependent on what each individual seems to know of Him and hence the consequences are limited to how far we allow God in our lives. The question here is WHO is GOD TO YOU ? What kind of relationship do you have with God? Do you have a love relationship? Are you in this relationship just for what you can get from God - protection, provision, or are you in this relationship because you do not know any other God and you have been in church all your life? Could it be that it is fashionably right now to be a called a Christian? What is affecting my love walk with God? Could my earthly relationship be affecting my relationship with God? Brethren, He wants us to be men and women after His heart. **Acts 13:22** mentions David as the *man after God’s heart*, He was trusting; **Psalm 27:1**; devoted, **Psalm 4:7**, reverent, respectful, repentant, humble and many more. Do you see some more?

May the Lord grant us understanding as we study the life of David in Jesus Name, Amen

**NOTE: If you have been blessed by our Word for the Week or inspired in any way by them, please let us know by sending an email to The Pastor at [pastor@rccglfc.org](mailto:pastor@rccglfc.org)**

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A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

– MATTHEW 7:7 NIV