

# Breakthrough In Relationships

Jesus teaches us how we can put ourselves in a position to **see people** as He does, and thereby build lasting relationships.

## 7 Things I've Learned About People:

I. Jesus **loves** people and sees their potential. (John 21:1-14)

*"Fear not for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; You are mine. Since you are precious and honored in my site, and because I love you, I will give men in exchange for you, and people in exchange for your life." Isaiah 43:1b, 4*

*"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10*

*"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13*

II. Sin is a **constant battle** but we can **change**. (John 21:15-19)

*"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:2a*

*"And we come who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." 2Corinthians 3:18*

III. **Input** matters. (John 21:10-11)

*"Jesus answered, It is written: man does not live by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God". Matthew 4:4*

IV. People are **resilient!** (John 21:12)

*"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." Matthew 6:13*

*"I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you." Luke 10:19*

*"I write you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one." 1John 2:13*

V. Disappointments are outweighed by **blessings**. (John 21:12)

*They seized Peter and John, and because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. But many of you heard the message believed, and the number of men grew to about five thousand." Acts 4:3,4*

VI. People need **role models**. (John 21:15-18)

*"Think of ways to encourage one another to outbursts of love and good deeds. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now the day is coming back again is drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT*

*"Remember your leaders who first taught you the word of God. Think of all good that has come from their lives, and trust the Lord as they do." Hebrews 13:7*

VII. **Perspective is everything**. (John 21:18-19)

*"As a man thinks in his heart, so is he." Proverbs 23:7 KJV*

*"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." Proverbs 4:23*

*"Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint..." Proverbs 29:18*

## Application

Why not do some personal self-evaluation:

Are you seeing people and loving them as Jesus demonstrated in this passage?

In which of these 7 characteristics do you need to begin to receive grace in order to change?