

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Other
Monday 1/7				
Tuesday 1/8				
Wednesday 1/9				
Thursday 1/10				
Friday 1/11				
Saturday 1/12		In Our Father's House (Day of Prayer) 12pm – 8pm New Life		
Sunday 1/13				

21 DAYS

Prayer & Fasting

Week 2 - Relationships
Jan 7-13, 2018

Upcoming Events:
"In Our Father's House" (Day of Prayer)
Saturday, January 12th at 12pm-8pm

Special Service on January 13, 2019



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WEEK 2 - Relationships (ch 7)

Consider starting and ending your study with five minutes of contemplative, prayerful silence

Introduction

1. Jesus had the amazing ability to be completely present with every person he met. Children were embraced, rather than dismissed (Matt. 19:14). Instead of avoiding his opponents, he confronted them directly. Even while hanging on the cross Jesus arranged for the care of his mother, entrusting her to his beloved disciple, John (John 19:26-27).
2. How did Jesus exemplify this 'one-person-focus' in the story of Jairus' daughter and the bleeding woman (Luke 8:40-56)?
3. It's not easy to walk like Jesus did, and practice the presence of people. Our fallen natures are bent inward by default. That's why Jesus teaches us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves (Matt. 22:39). We don't have to be taught to love ourselves, or to give attentive focus to ourselves (Eph. 5:28-29) - that comes naturally. However, one of the keys to unlocking emotional health is an other-centric, outward-focus. This outward-focus, loving others well, is an accurate barometer for evaluating our relationship with God.

Scripture + Questions

1. Are there certain individuals or groups of people (like cashiers or drivers of adjacent vehicles) who you routinely ignore, dismiss, or simply overlook? Are such people made in the image of God?
2. What would it look like for you to be present with these people? To have a one-person-focus, like Jesus?
3. How will you respond to Paul's challenge (Rom. 12:3; Phil. 2:3) of our deeply ingrained self-focus?