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1. Keep your relationships holy. 16:1-4

Prioritise the in your relationship. 16:1

Prioritise the of your relationship. 16:1-2

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, ...holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands are to love their wives... and the wife is to respect her husband. Ephesians 5:21-33

Prioritise the of your relationship. 16:2-4

This is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honour... For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

2. Keep your relationships holy. 16:4-6

Take responsibility for your 16:4

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have re-deemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. Isaiah 43:1

Take responsibility for your 16:5

Take responsibility for 16:6

3. Keep your relationships holy. 16:7-14

God knows my 16:7-8

God knows my 16:8

God knows my 16:9

God knows my 16:10-12

The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Corinthians 2:14

I know 16:13-14

My prayer focus for this week

For personal reflection or group discussion

1. What was your first romantic encounter with a member of the opposite gender?
2. Why do you think God invented marriage (in the Garden of Eden) to consist of one man and one woman?
3. Why would Hagar develop the attitude she expressed (Genesis 16:4); and why would Sarai respond as she did (v5); and Abram respond as he did (v6); and Hagar respond as she did (v6)? Who is responsible?
4. The angel of the Lord finds Hagar and addresses her by name (v7-8). Why would that have been comforting for her?
5. Explain the saying: Satan knows your name, but calls you by your sin. Jesus knows your sin, but calls you by your name.
6. The angel asked 2 questions (v8). Why is each question valuable?
7. Hagar gave God a name that was significant for her (v13). What aspect of God is significant for you?

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