

# I Declare: Relationships Edition

## Week 1: I Will Seek God First

### CCV Sermon Guide

#### OPENING QUESTION:

If you could choose one person or couple, real or fictional, to give you advice about your marriage or a key relationship, who would it be and why?

#### Deeper Contemplation Guide

#### READ:

[Genesis 2:24](#)

[Matthew 6:33](#)

[Colossians 4:2](#)

[2 Timothy 2:12-13](#)

#### Thought Starters:

1. Think of a time when being purposeful in pursuing a meaningful relationship with someone made a significant difference in your life?
2. What does Matthew 6:33 teach us about the importance of prioritizing our relationship with God?
3. What are some practical ways we can we actively seek God first in our relationships, and how might this impact the health and strength of those relationships?
4. Pastor Dave mentioned that 'transformation happens when you do consistently what others do occasionally.' What specific action will you commit to doing more consistently this month to foster transformation in your marriage or a key relationship, whether it's with a friend, family member, child, or parent?

#### CHALLENGE:

Use the prayer provided below to pray every day this week for a key relationship in your life.

## **TAKE HOME QUESTIONS:**

**Table Talk** (a question to ask your family or friends over a meal): What is one small change you can make in your daily routine to prioritize the important relationships in your life, and how do you think it might affect those relationships?

**Water Cooler** (a question to ask at work): What's one habit or routine you've found helpful in maintaining strong relationships, whether at work or in your personal life?

## **PRAYER: Pray one of these prayers every day this week.**

### **Married Couples:**

Heavenly Father,

We come before You with grateful hearts, acknowledging Your presence in our lives and in our marriage. We declare today that we will seek You first, making You our top priority, and placing our spouse as our second. Help us to let go of past hurts and mistakes, trusting in Your grace and forgiveness to guide us forward.

Lord, grant us the wisdom and strength to build a future together that honors You. May our love for each other grow deeper as we draw closer to You. Teach us to be patient, kind, and understanding, reflecting Your love in our relationship.

As we embark on this week, remind us daily of the commitment we have made to You and to each other. May our actions and words be a testament to the transformation that comes from putting You first.

In Jesus' name, we pray,

Amen.

### **Singles:**

Heavenly Father,

I come before You with a heart open to Your guidance and love. I declare today that I will seek You first, making You my top priority in all areas of my life. Help me to release any burdens from the past, trusting in Your grace to lead me into a future filled with hope and purpose.

Lord, grant me the wisdom to build meaningful relationships that reflect Your love and truth. Whether with family, friends, or colleagues, may my interactions be marked by kindness, patience, and understanding.

As I journey through this week, remind me of the commitment I have made to put You first. May my actions and decisions be a testament to the transformation that comes from living a life centered on You.

In Jesus' name, I pray,

Amen.

## **Study:**

- For Marriages: <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/3464-putting-god-first-in-your-marriage>
- For Singles: <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/37978-real-hope-relationship-with-god>