

Today's Devotional: Relationships — When Home Doesn't Feel Like Home

“What Matters Most...”

Scripture: **Psalm 34:18** – *“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”*

As we begin a new week focused on relationships, let's start with an honest truth: not every family looks like the picture in the frame.

God designed relationships to be places of love, trust, encouragement, and safety. But because people are imperfect, relationships can become places of hurt, disappointment, silence, tension, or even deep wounds. If that's been your experience, Scripture never asks you to pretend everything is fine.

God sees it.

Today's reminder is simple but powerful: **what happened to you does not define your value.** Mistreatment, dysfunction, harsh words, broken trust, or family struggles may leave scars—but they do not change how God sees you.

The enemy wants people to stay stuck in anger, embarrassment, guilt, or hopelessness. God invites us somewhere different—not denial, but healing.

Healing doesn't always mean instant restoration. Sometimes healing means boundaries. Sometimes healing means forgiveness. Sometimes healing means learning healthy love for the first time. But it always begins by bringing the hurt into God's hands instead of carrying it alone.

And if you're the one who recognizes mistakes you've made in relationships, today is also grace-filled. God's mercy reaches both the wounded and the repentant.

This week, we'll talk honestly about relationships—the good, the broken, and the hope that still exists.

Today's Challenge:

Ask yourself: *What relationship hurt, burden, anger, embarrassment, or guilt do I need to stop carrying alone and place before God today?*

Today's Prayer:

Father, thank You that You see every relationship in my life—the ones that bring joy and the ones that bring pain. Heal what is broken in me. Give me wisdom where restoration is possible and peace where change takes time. Teach me to love like You love and trust that You are still working. In Jesus Name We Pray, Amen.