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FIVE THINGS GOD USES TO GROW YOUR FAITH

LESSON 3

TITLE: PROVIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS.

The reason big faith is important is because as we said the very first week, faith is the key to a strong relationship or a healthy relationship with God

whether that's marriage, or between two people in the marketplace.

And by faith, I mean trust, or confidence. And as our confidence in God grows our intimacy with God grows.

And as our confidence in God grows, our faith gets bigger, there's just more of a personal element to our faith.

So, God wants you to have big faith.

Today I want to talk about the second one, PROVIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Divine intercession in your life that elevated your faith. Blew it up.

Think of a name of someone that you feel like God used in a relationship with you to make your faith stronger or bigger.

and as a result of that person, you feel like your faith in God got bigger.

Who in your life that you have a relationship with has possibly God used to cause you to have interest in faith, or to re-examine faith, or to give faith a chance, or to give God a chance?

Whenever you hear a faith story, whenever you hear somebody talk about,

Here is kind of how I feel like God worked and moved in my life, whenever you hear a story, you always hear about relationships.

I've never heard, in isolation, on my own I discovered God, grew in my faith in God, became everything God wanted me to be, and it had absolutely nothing to do with anyone in my life.

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God uses on a consistent basis in our lives to grow our faith are relationships that, looking back, seem to be PROVIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS.

That God uses human relationships to blow up, or influence, or impact our faith in Him.

The right kinds of relationships have the potential to build and to grow our faith.

Maybe traditionally faith was all about Sunday morning events.
Faith was all about someone reading something to you.
Faith was all about your prayer life.

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Faith was all about this personal, private, Sunday kind of thing. So consequently, you've never asked this question:

How can I leverage current relationships for the sake of building my faith?

And if you've never asked that question, you may be missing out on one of the primary things God would like to do going forward to build and establish your faith.

Every single day we live in a culture that is not pushing us toward greater faith in God but away from it.

Every single day we are introduced to circumstances and events and things on the news that remind us, or make us think maybe God is not in control.

Our nature and our culture cause me to drift away from confidence and faith in God.

If relationships can be providential, if God uses people to pump up and build and create greater faith, then we need to ask the question, how do I leverage that—not how do I go another season of my life and miss that.

Proverbs 13:20 (TNIV)

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV)

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

There is a spiritual component to relationships and it has the potential to be an incredible spiritual component to relationships because God uses people to pump up and to grow our faith.

God uses human relationships to grow our faith in Him. It's just that simple.