



## “Keep It Simple”

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### INTRODUCTION

To build a great life, we must build great relationships. The question is: HOW do we do build great relationships? Are there things we do that negatively impact relationships? Of course! And are there things we can do to build and enjoy great relationships? Yes! James (who writes in a very practical way) helps us “Keep It Simple” by giving us four key principles for building great relationships.

### WARMING UP

1. Share one of the MOST IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES for building great relationships that you have learned in your life.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read James 1:19-21. The first key to building great relationships is BE QUICK TO LISTEN. Who is the best listener you know? Describe him or her, and what makes them so good at listening? Why is being a good listener such an important part of great relationships?
2. Read Philippians 2:3-4. How is being “quick to listen” a sign of humility and valuing others? Share an example, if possible.
3. The second key to building great relationships is BE SLOW TO SPEAK. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4 and Proverbs 10:19. In what ways is this principle a way of showing love and prudence?
  - a. Share an example of when “too many words” got you into trouble.
4. The third key to building great relationships is BE SLOW TO ANGER. What do you think is the difference between “getting angry” and “staying angry?” Share a time where anger subsided quickly, or when it lingered.
  - a. Can you think of an example of “righteous anger?”
  - b. Read Ephesians 4:26 and Psalm 4:4. Why is this a wise way to deal with anger?
5. James 1:21 implores us to “get rid of all moral filth and evil that is prevalent.” What is one thing you can “get rid of” that will help you build great relationships?
6. The fourth key to building great relationships is LET GOD’S WORD SAVE YOU.

- a. How does God's Word save you and build your FAITH?
- b. How does God's Word save you from folly and build your FILTER?
- c. What is one way you can spend time in God's Word this week?

#### PRAY ABOUT IT

Which "key principle" is the biggest challenge for you, and why? Pray for each other and ask God to help you grow and enjoy great relationships. Commit to praying for one another throughout the week and the series!