

sermon notes

TOGETHER

Part 1

“My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the LORD. “And My ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so My ways are higher than your ways and My thoughts higher than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8-9 NLT

- God's way is the best way!
- Society is not based on God's ways

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV

This is what the LORD says: “Stop at the crossroads and look around. Ask for the old, godly way, and walk in it. Travel its path, and you will find rest for your souls.

Jeremiah 6:16 NLT

1. _____ *home*

- The family unit is foundational to everything
- Society promotes: emphasis on self, me before we
- Prioritize we time

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way;

Isaiah 53:6 NKJV

Love does not demand its own way.

1 Corinthians 13:5 NLT

2. _____ *communication*

An undependable messenger gets into trouble, but a dependable envoy brings healing.

Proverbs 13:17 GW

- Take time to hear; create safe space

3. _____ *romance*

Rejoice in the wife of your youth . . . may you always be captivated by her love.

Proverbs 5:18-19 NLT

- Romance killers versus romance builders

4. _____ *your differences*

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."

Genesis 2:18 NLT

And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

Mark 3:25 NKJV

5. _____ *together*

Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 NLT

6. _____ *God*

Unless the LORD builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted.

Psalms 127:1 NLT

CONSIDER AND DISCUSS

- What was your home life like growing up? Was it generally a positive or negative environment? Did it build you up as a person or did it cause scars in some areas?
- Do you think family life is improving compared to a generation ago? Or is it getting more dysfunctional?
- What are (or were) your priorities in establishing your home? Do they line up with what Pastor Roy presented?
- Which of the 6 points is most lacking in your home, or requires the most development?
- As a single person, how can you apply scriptures such as Isaiah 55:8-9 and Jeremiah 6:16, and point 2 of the message (cultivate communication) to improve your personal relationships?
- For each of the 6 points, brainstorm a) warning signs that indicate there might be a problem and b) practical ideas for improving that area.

Personal Challenge

- Review the 6 points from the message and prayerfully consider which one needs the most attention right now, and ask God what you need to change in your own life to get closer to God's ideal.



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