

## THE BIG IDEA: Trust is a must.

### The Take-Off

Last week we started Shipwrecked talking about how important it is to be aligned in our relationships, but most importantly, why we must be aligned with the King before any other relationship.

When people want to DO before even knowing WHO they are, alignment before assignment is critical. Also 3:3 tells us that we've got to align before we can begin walking.

Connection before direction. That one simple truth will save you a lot of relational pain because it can keep you from connecting with people who have no desire to go where you are going.

As I said last week, that alignment is the foundation that relationships are built on. It's what wedding vows are all about - two people saying that they align themselves with the other.

They literally walk from the altar aligned.

Alignment before assignment.

Today, we're going to get a little more practical. We're going to look at a chapter full of relationship assignments, and I'm going to share with you what I call the "Gorilla Glue" of relationships that can get you through them.

That Gorilla Glue? Trust.

In fact, when it comes to successful relationships, **trust is a must.**

When trust isn't present, it opens the door to all kinds of relationship problems.

But when it is present, it allows us to do 3 very important things.

### 1. Trust allows us to be involved even when we can't be informed

- a. At the beginning of Romans 12, Paul calls us to something pretty amazing: go all in without knowing exactly how it will end.
- b. He calls us to be a sacrifice in verse 1 even though verse 2 is clear that we're to do that first before we're to gain understanding of his will.
- c. These verses remind me of another sacrifice in Genesis 22
- d. **Gen. 22:9** / Isaac was willing to be the sacrifice - he trusted his father and God
- e. He learned this well because he'd heard the story of his father going all in without all the information
- f. **Gen. 12:1** / Leave what you know and go to what you don't
- g. When there is trust in a relationship, it **allows us to be involved even when we can't be informed**
- h. Abraham didn't know it all, but he went all in because he trusted God
- i. Isaac didn't know it all, but he went all in because he trusted Abraham
- j. We may be more likely to say, "If I don't know it all, I won't go at all!"
- k. There's nothing wrong with information, and this isn't suggesting that we have secrets in our relationships.
- l. But there will be seasons when you and I won't know everything we want to know, and trust will allow us to stay close even when we can't stay in the loop
- m. God rewards that kind of trust!
- n. **Heb. 11:8** / Abraham is listed in the "Hall of Faith" because of it

### 2. Trust allows us to give our best to our part

- a. Trust can keep us close even when information might be missing, but it does something else, too
- b. **Trust allows us to give our best to our part**
- c. I've never been in a war. I'm not complaining about that, but I do want to say that this is a truth that warriors understand
- d. Call it the "Foxhole" principle - I want to be in a foxhole with people whom I can trust to do their part while I am doing mine
- e. In **Rom. 12:4-8**, Paul compares us to a body and encourages all of us to do what we're called to do
- f. He didn't call us to do everything, but to do the one thing we're anointed for
- g. For you football buffs, this happens on every running play during a game
- h. RB gets the ball and runs toward a hole that hasn't opened up yet - he runs full speed trusting that it'll open up when he gets there because the linemen are doing their jobs
- i. Relationships with no trust will get run by one person and the other will feel controlled

- j. But trust allows each of us to focus on what we do best, and when it's done as Paul described it here, it's absolutely beautiful!
- k. You can give yourself fully to what you do and trust others to do the same.

### 3. Trust allows us to put grace in the gaps

- a. I can already hear you objecting, and I'm not even going to object to your objection because it's real
- b. "I did that. I gave myself fully to my relationship - the best I knew how - and the other person didn't."
- c. The Holy Spirit inspired Paul to write the Uber-practical **verses 9-21** for you.
- d. As we read these verses, it's not hard to imagine that there are going to be some pretty significant gaps created between what we expect and what we experience, and **trust allows us to put grace in the gaps**.
- e. People will let us down. Life will take unexpected turns. Shoot, God will let us down.
- f. The Gorilla Glue of relationships - trust - will help us weather those storms.
- g. How? The key is **verse 9** - "HOLD TIGHTLY to what is good"
  - Greek word means "glue"
  - GLUE yourself to what is good
  - May I suggest that we glue ourselves to WHO is good, and that's God!
- h. When we trust God, we Gorilla Glue ourselves to his goodness and nothing we face can tear us apart
- i. Not only that, but when we attach ourselves to God's goodness, we then carry that into every relationship we have.
- j. Many appreciate God's goodness - sing about it, talk about it, read about it - but they ever attach themselves to it. That's what we're going to do now.

#### The Landing

We're going to give you some time to remember the goodness of God - to attach yourself to his goodness

Then, we're going to commit to a relationship into which we can carry his goodness

First, use this video as a time to do more than just appreciate his goodness - glue yourself to it

[VIDEO / Goodness of God]

Now, as the band leads us, let's pray for a specific relationship into which you're going to carry God's goodness

Let's pray.