

## RELATIONSHIPS IN FOCUS – PART 4: BETWEEN US & GOD

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*Sometimes things don't end up exactly as we hope they would in relationships. In fact, sometimes things turn out just the opposite as we'd hope they would. Sometimes the result or outcome of a relationship is outside of our control. Other times, the approach we take to relationships determines the outcome. Sometimes we are too casual; sometimes we are too contractual. When it comes to God's relationship with us, he is always covenantal!*

- What kind of relationships would you describe as casual?
- What kind of relationships would you describe as contractual?
- What kind of relationships would you describe as a covenant relationship? What do you understand/know about the concept of a covenant?
- How does our approach to relationships determine the direction and quality of our relationships?

### READ GENESIS 9:1-17

- What covenant did God establish with Noah?
- What are ways the covenant God established with Noah connect to your relationship with God?
- How has God fulfilled the covenant made with Noah?

### READ GENESIS 12:1-3

- What covenant did God establish with Abraham?
- What are ways the covenant God established with Abraham connect to your relationship with God?
- How has God fulfilled the covenant made with Abraham?

### READ DEUTERONOMY 28:1-14

- What covenant did God establish with Moses?
- What are ways the covenant God established with Moses connect to your relationship with God?
- How has God fulfilled the covenant made with Moses?

### READ 2 SAMUEL 7:8-16

- What covenant did God establish with David?
- What are ways the covenant God established with David connect to your relationship with God?
- How has God fulfilled the covenant made with David?

### READ MATTHEW 1:1 & HEBREWS 9:14-15

- What do you think is the significance of Jesus being a descendant of David and Abraham?
- What do you think it means that Jesus is the mediator of a new covenant?
- What does the new covenant offer beyond the previous covenants?
- What are ways the new covenant connects to your relationship with God?

- Do you believe God is a covenant-keeping God? Why or why not?
- What next step will you take to embrace covenant relationship with God and extend covenant relationship to others?

**OUR RELATIONSHIPS CAN BE AS GOOD AS WE CAN**