

# Foundations Message Series

“Our Relationship with God, Ourselves, and Others”  
Sunday, July 28, 2024 @ 10:30AM | Pastor Dan Moran

**Scripture Focus:** Matthew 7:7-12

7 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 9 Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? 11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him! 12 “So, whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.



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**What does Jesus say about our relationships...**

- **Our relationship with God – Life truly makes sense when we see Him as our good and loving Heavenly Father. (Matthew 7:7-11)**
  - Because God is our good Father, He only has our good in mind.
  - Because God is our good Father, He never makes a mistake.
- **Our relationship with ourselves – Seeing God as our good and loving Heavenly Father provides a new lens through which we see ourselves. (Matthew 7:12)**

Matthew 22:37-38 says, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

**“This kind of attitude, is the attitude which believes that we should treat one another not as the law restricts, but as the love of God demands.”**

Philippians 3:13-14 says, "forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead; I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

- **Our relationships with others – Loving God first and being in a right relationship with Him is the only way we find the ability to love others as ourselves. (Matthew 7:12)**

Martin Lloyd Jones: "That is how God deals with us. Now, He says in effect, you deal like that with your fellow men. Do not merely see the offensive and the difficult and the ugly. See behind all that. Let us then observe human beings in their relationship to God, destined for eternity. Let us learn to look at them in the new way, in this divine way. Look at them, Christ says in effect, as I have looked upon you, and in the light of the thing that brought Me from heaven for you, to give my life for you. Look at them like that. The moment you do so you will find that it is not difficult to implement the golden rule, because at that point you are delivered from self and its terrible tyranny, and you are seeing men and women with a new eye and in a different way.

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