



Facing Life's Challenges

Part 2: Investing in Relationships

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The Incredibles

Choose to Engage

Are you engaged or distracted in your important relationships?

To love someone you must engage. You can't be passive. You have to be present.

Put away the distractions and be aware of their needs!

Choose to Engage

Choose to love

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

The second is this:

'**Love** your neighbor as yourself.'

(Mark 12:30,31)

Choose to Engage

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. (1 Cor 13:4-8)

Offer Forgiveness

Receiving and offering forgiveness is essential to relationships.

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. *(Mat 6:12)*

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Love Sacrificially

God shows us what love is!

16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. (*1 John 3:16*)

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12 My command is this:

Love each other as I have loved you.

13 Greater love has no one than this,
that he lay down his life for his friends.

(John 15:12-13)
