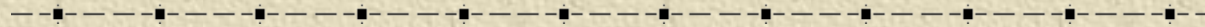
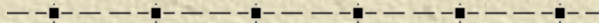




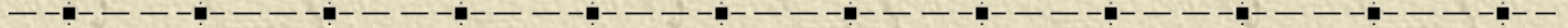
**RELATIONAL
FOUNDATIONS
WITH OUR SELVES**



Mike Schmid




Life's Relational Foundations



**Relationship with
OUR SELVES**


**Relationship with
OUR WORLD**

Relationship with GOD



**“Have I been so long with
you, and yet you have not
come to know Me?”**

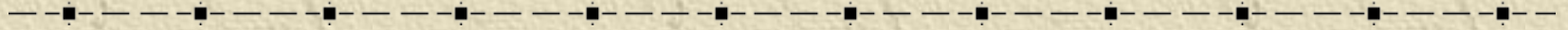
John 14:9 (NASB)



**“Like the first disciples ...
we may not yet know
Christ as He really is.”**

David Ferguson

With a distorted view of God...

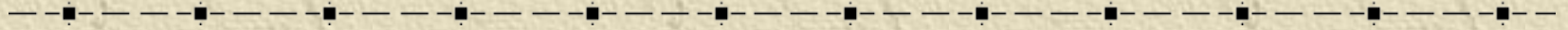


**Our relationship with God
can be hindered by a
distorted concept of who
God really is and how He
really feels about me.**

With a distorted view of God...

**Our relationships with
Ourselves and with Others
get twisted and complicated
and are marked with
confusion and conflict.**

When I look at God




...how do I view Him?

*“Oh LORD, you have searched me
and known me...” Psalm 139*


Is your God...

- 1. an *inspecting* God?**
- 2. a *disappointed* God?**
- 3. a *distant* God?**




**“If you love Me,
you will keep My
commandments.”**

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1. *an inspecting* God?
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 3. *a distant* God?



**“(Idols) ... those who make
them will be like them...”**

Psalm 135:18



**Our view of God impacts
every aspect of our
life...especially
relationships**

Our view of God affects our ...

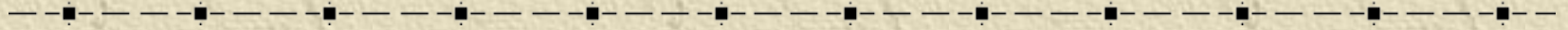
1. Love for God

2. Experience of God's Word

3. Self concept

4. Relationships with others

When God looks at me....



...how does He view me?

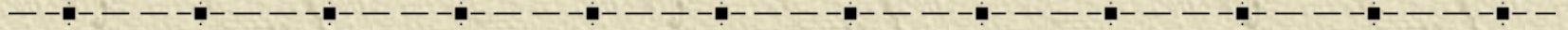
When God looks at me ...

1. Lamentations 3: 22, 23

2. Zephaniah 3: 17

3. Isaiah 30:18


When I look at Others



...how do I view them?

Relational Purpose of Truth

**God's Word is written so that we
might have a
vital, intimate relationship with God
who whispered the Word
and
vital, intimate relationships with those
He also loves.**



**“Whoever does not love
does not know God,
because God *is* love.”**

Relational Purpose of Truth

Exodus 20: 3 -17

Deuteronomy 10: 13

“...for your own good”

The Goal... Love

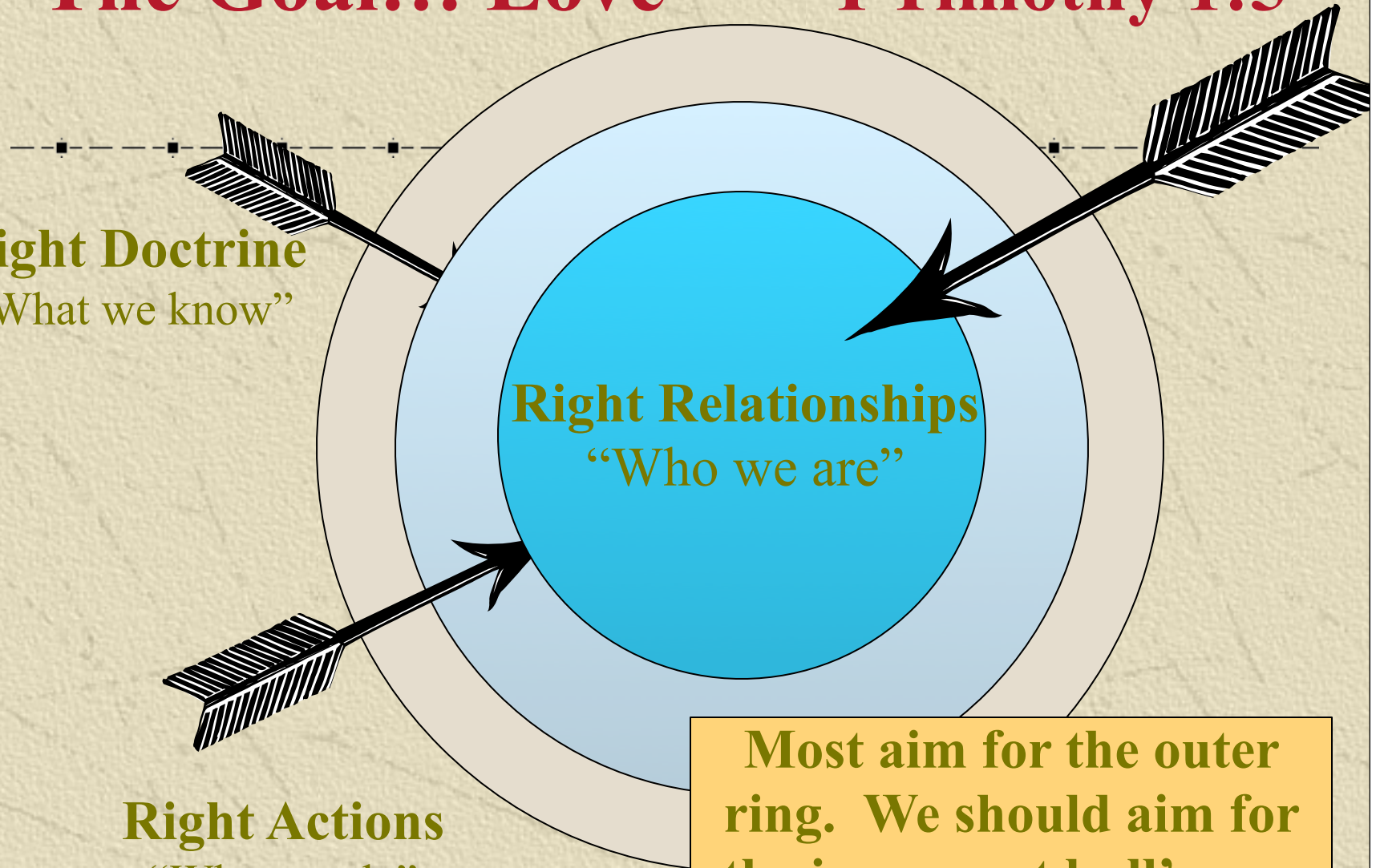
I Timothy 1:5

Right Doctrine
“What we know”

Right Relationships
“Who we are”

Right Actions
“What we do”

Most aim for the outer ring. We should aim for the innermost bull's eye.



Created for Relationships...



Genesis 2: 18

Matthew 26: 36-40

Mark 12: 28-31

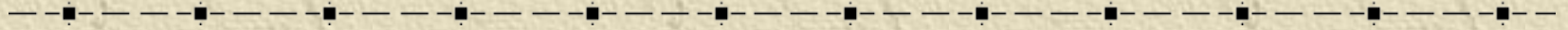
Power in Relationships...

T Touchpoints

N Intentionality

T Time / Margin

Relationships with Our Selves and Others...



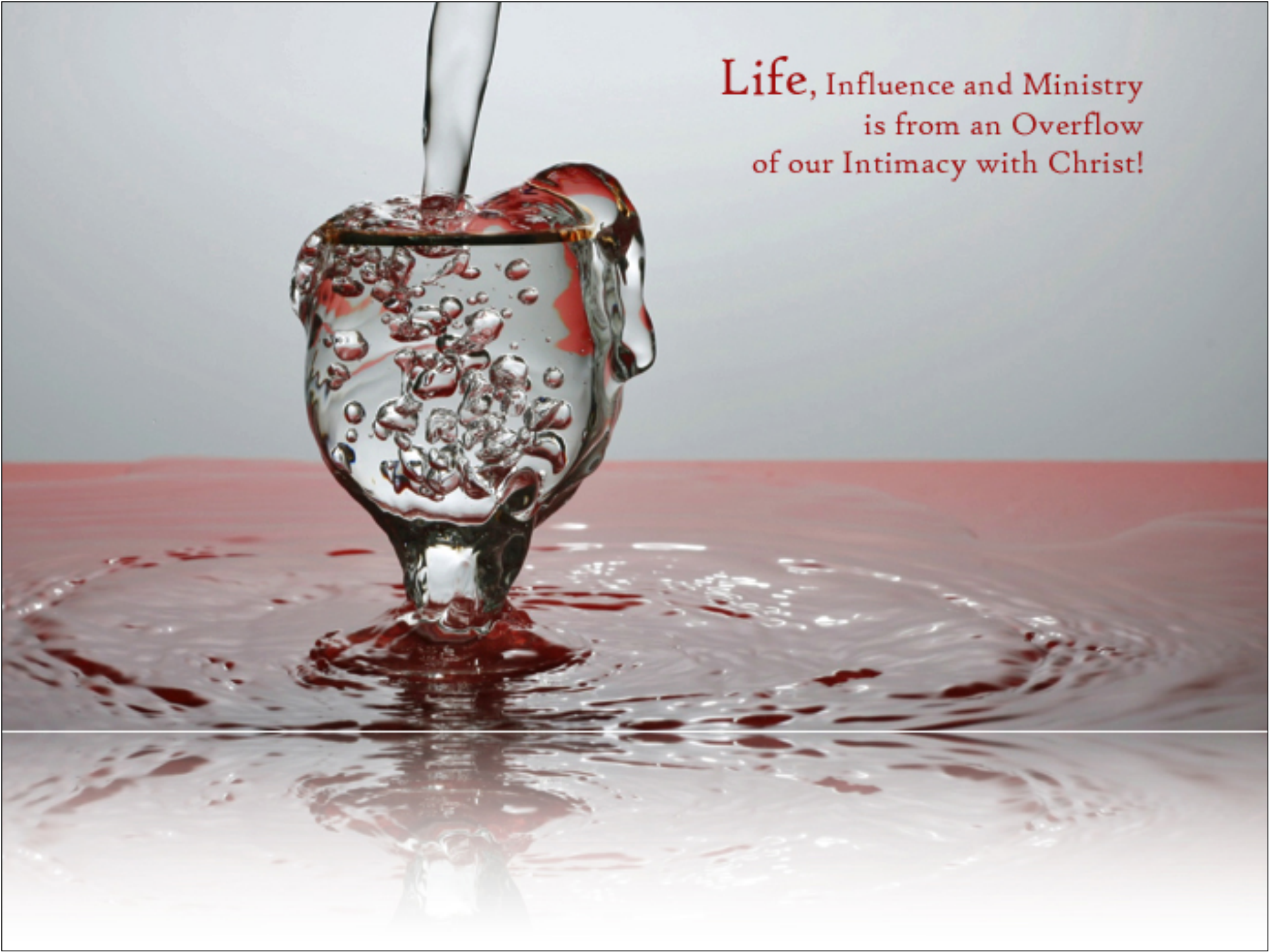
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**True Abba God
revealed in Jesus Christ**

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Life, Influence and Ministry
is from an Overflow
of our Intimacy with Christ!

