

## Transforming Grace Series

### Toxic Relationships: Identifying Idolatry in Key Relationships and Taking Refuge in Christ

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#### INTRO Relationships: a gift and a temptation

1. **God created relationships for His glory and as a gift for his people** (Rom. 8:28-29, Eph. 5:1-2)
  - a. To reveal himself
  - b. To help us grow in Christlikeness
  - c. To accomplish the great commission
  - d. As a context for love and joy – *The Two Great Commands!*
  
2. **Our desires motivate us in relational directions (2 Peter 1:3-11)**
  - a. Towards people in Christ-like love
  - b. Against people or we seek to USE people to feel good about ourselves
  - c. Away from people
  
3. **Sin causes relationships to be a trial we face in this life** (Phil. 1:9-11)
  - a. We overemphasize and underemphasize relationships
  - b. We displace the Giver with his gifts
  - c. Disorder in our worship results in messy relationships
  - d. What leads to toxic, or sin-polluted, relationships?
  
4. **Jesus Christ is our relationship Redeemer!** (Psalm 18; 2 Peter 1:3-11)
  - a. Our union with Christ is the key to satisfying and holy/healthy relationships
  - b. How to pursue relational health through Christ our refuge