

Message Title: Why We Wrestle in Our Relationships



**Philippians 4:19**

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

**James 4:1**

"From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?"

**Philippians 4:11-13**

"Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

**Introduction:**

A large part of our existence as human beings centers around the quest for fulfillment that we find in relationships - "the quest for love." Everyone wants to be loved and cared for. And so, fairly early in life (some earlier than others), we set out on the hunt for the "perfect someone." (our "soul mate" - the "one that will complete us") And the reason we set out on this endeavor is because we buy in to the belief that another human being can somehow "complete us."

Because of this belief, we have set up expectations in our relationships and without realizing it, we have placed a person in a role that they could never fully fulfill. Only God can be our sufficiency and fulfillment in this life. And so, the reason we so often wrestle in the relationships of our lives is because we have created a system of beliefs and behaviors that are meant to "consume" others rather than serve others.

**Main Truth:** Only an abiding relationship with Jesus will bring fulfillment and content with the other relationships that we have in this life.

**Colossians 1:16-17**

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."

**Colossians 1:19**

"For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;"

**Psalms 107:8-9**

"Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, And for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he satisfieth the longing soul, And filleth the hungry soul with goodness."

**Colossians 2:10**

"And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power."

**John 4:13-15**

"Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw."

**3 Powerful Truths for Finding Fulfillment in Christ**

I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Our Fulfillment

II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Our Fulfillment

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Our Fulfillment

**Conclusion:**

Relationships as God designed them are to take place between two individuals who have been made complete by Christ. We simply don't have the resources within ourselves alone to give fulfillment to another person. This is the wonderful blessing of a Christ-focused relationship inspired by His Spirit living within us. This is not something that is meant to be mystical and "far off" but is a practical reality if you have been saved and sealed with the Holy Spirit of God. So may we stop looking outside of ourselves to another person to find lasting fulfillment when the Gospel declares that we are already have this in Christ.

Wednesday Evenings at 6:45pm

There's a lot of life lived between Sundays. By the time we come back to church a week later, we're tired and worn out—we're in need of encouragement, refreshment, and community. Our Midweek worship service exists to meet that need. Midweek is an hour-long informal gathering to sing and hear about God's amazing grace, and connect with one another. Join us this week for this gathering where the whole family is together.

VBS at FBC starts Monday, June 1st! Kids, mark your calendars and invite your friends for this wonderful time to kickoff the summer! It's going to be great!

