

# My Word is My Bond, Maybe

Whether it's friends, neighbors, coworkers, spouses or anyone else, God calls us to healthy, balanced relationships, and it's important that both our hearts and minds are in the right place. Let's talk about five relationship dynamics that, when navigated well, will help us develop healthy relationships with one another.



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## INTRODUCTION

Pastor Paul talked about commitment and the importance of having a strong commitment in relationships.

## STARTER QUESTION

How do you expect someone to demonstrate their commitment to you?

## INTO THE WORD

1. This series has been centered around the verse, Philippians 2:5. Review it again now. What does this mean to you now that we have covered the first four relationship dynamics of Know, Trust, Rely, and Commit? Can you identify biblical examples of how Jesus effectively modeled each of these relationship dynamics?
2. Pastor Paul reminded us that every commitment starts with God. What biblical examples do we have to support God's commitment to us and our well-being? Refer to examples given today (Romans 5:8 and Romans 8:32), as well as Ephesians 2:4-9. Can you think of other examples (Hint: The story of Noah's ark)?

## APPLICATION

3. In the question above, we discussed historical examples found in the bible that demonstrate how God is committed to us. Can you think of a few practical examples of how God has shown you personally in your lifetime that He is committed to you?
4. Think back to Pastor Paul's definition of commitment from the sermon. "Commitment is a state of personal dedication to something or someone, which results in actively promoting and working for their good and well-being." Who is one person in your life that personifies that definition towards you? Who is that person that you are most committed to, and what are a few practical things that you do because you want to?
5. Pastor Paul mentioned that we should be intentional about expressing our love to our loved ones each day. What can we do to show people important to us that we are committed in our relationships with them?

## PRAYER

Lord, we want to thank You for Pastor Paul's message this week. We want to thank You for Your awesome commitment that You show to us every day. Forgive us, Lord, when we are not as committed as we should be and help us be even more committed. In our relationships with others, let us to remember to have the mindset of Jesus in our commitment. Thank you for this time and bringing us together. We ask that You watch over us and protect us. It is in Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.