



Rock Church
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Pursuing Loving Relationships
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Monthly Discipleship Focus for June:

Faithfully avoids that which distracts me from obeying You.

On Sunday, Pastor Miles began a new sermon series called "Smell the Roses," a compilation of his personal reflections about Covid-19. Reflecting on what God has done during seasons of trial in our lives, allows us to be more acutely aware of what He is doing in our midst right now.

1. Rose: Potential Loving Relationships. Read Matthew 22:37. There are four types of love: EROS (romantic love), STORGE (family love), PHILIA (brotherly love), AGAPE (God's diving love). Roses aren't the people *in* your life, but the potential of a loving relationships *with* those people. Is it easy or difficult for you to develop a loving relationship with others?
2. Love: Being Like GOD. Read 1 John 4:7-8, John 5:3, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, Galatians 5:22, and 1 John 4:18-19. God is love. Love is the freedom to live the truth. God has set you free from many negativities in order to have joy, peace, courage, boldness, strength, focus, determination, and more. Which of these traits do you feel God has given you more of most recently?
3. Relationship: The way in which two or more concepts, objects, or people are CONNECTED. Review Matthew 22:37-40. The gospel is about relationships, as every person you know and in every situation you have, there is a good/bad relationship. The relationships you have with God and others is about to blossom into something more if you enter knowing that the potential is limitless. Share one thing that you feel has separated you from truly having a loving relationship with God and others.

This Month's Memory Verse:

"Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin." – James 4:17 NKJV

This Week's Bible Reading & Bible Project Video:

Isaiah 19-42: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/isaiah-1-39/>

Next Step:

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