

# SERMON NOTES

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Sermon Excerpts:

## *“Becoming Better in Life’s Relationships”*

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Reggie McNeal says, “The goal is to get you acquainted with the most important information you will need as a person—self-understanding.

Love must be learned and learned again and again; there is no end to it. Hate needs no instruction but waits only to be provoked. -Katherine Anne Porter

***Ecclesiastes 4:9-12*** “Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

***Luke 10:38-41*** “As they continued their travel, Jesus entered a village. A woman by the name of Martha welcomed him and made him feel quite at home. She had a sister, Mary, who sat before the Master, hanging on every word he said. But Martha was pulled away by all she had to do in the kitchen. Later, she stepped in, interrupting them. “Master, don’t you care that my sister has abandoned the kitchen to me? Tell her to lend me a hand.” The Master said, “Martha, dear Martha, you’re fussing far too much and getting yourself worked up over nothing.”

***Acts 15:35-41*** “After a few days of this, Paul said to Barnabas, “Let’s go back and visit all our friends in each of the towns where we preached the Word of God. Let’s see how they’re doing. Barnabas wanted to take John along, the John nicknamed Mark. But Paul wouldn’t have him; he wasn’t about to take along a quitter who, as soon as the going

*got tough, had jumped ship on them in Pamphylia. Tempers flared, and they ended up going their separate ways: Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus; Paul chose Silas and offered up by their friends to the grace of the Master, went to Syria and Cilicia to put grit in those congregations.”*

- We must decide to make a change and give ourselves to God to become better in life's relationships
- We must pray for determination, strength, and direction for this change
- We must learn from scripture and situations what behaviors' we are to get rid off
- We must learn from scripture and situations what behaviors' we are to add to our lives
- As we continue to do God's will in relationships, our behavior will become a godly habit