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## Number One Relationship

[Psalm 118:1-29](#)

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. – Psalm 118:29.*

As all of the world continues to navigate the ever-changing landscape of COVID, political division, and continued negativity, one thing seems certain. Connection matters and relationships are important.

The most important relationship of all is our relationship with Christ. Admittedly, while I very much value my relationship with Christ, I don't always prioritize that relationship as I should. So many things seem to get in the way, whether that be my four children and their activities, my job, or my family just to name a few.

We live in such a chaotic world with so many things competing for our attention. How can we use this time of Lent to recenter ourselves and focus our hearts on what truly matters?

The Psalms are packed full of people just like us who endured suffering, adversity, and who questioned many things about this complicated life. The Psalms can also help us find a renewal in our faith. Psalm 118 is a great encouragement to us that Christ is truly all we need in this life.

God is faithful, good, and a place we can find refuge in a troublesome world. This Psalm reminds us that without Jesus as our cornerstone, life will blow us about without direction or purpose.

Carving out time each day to build and grow our relationship with Christ is part of the Great Commandment. What's more, when we are fully connected to our Lord and Savior, we are better equipped to face the challenges of life, love others well, and reflect the character of Christ to a broken world.

I think about my children and all the time I have spent over the years trying to cultivate a close, loving relationship with them. I try to remind myself daily that the Lord who has saved me from my sin, provides me with unconditional unending love, and who has given me the promise of eternity, also deserves my time and worship. Only when that relationship is number one in our lives, will every other relationship in our life be enriched.

***Prayer:** Dear God, thank you for reminding us that you love us, that you are faithful, and that we can find comfort and safety within your loving arms. Help us to use this time of Lent to purposely carve out time and energy to prioritize our relationship with you. Amen.*

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