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Marriage

Relationships, in general, matter (they are literally an experience of God's presence)

- Great Commandment
- Life review
- All of our callings are relational
- First seven stories in Mark (Mk 1:40 and following); THEN call disciples!
 - [leprosy, paralytic, Levi, at table, fasting, eat grain, withered hand]

Marriage, is the relationship where we most clearly experience God's presence

- I John 4
- Colossians 3:12
- I John 4:17 (not a judgment; a clarification)

Not, "then back to the real world." That IS the real world, from God's perspective

God = Transformation and marriage (as all good relationships) force us to grow/mature

- Forces us to adjust (behaviors, ways of thinking, celebrating)
- Motivates us (far more than "for our own good" ever would!)

And we don't mature by blaming the other person (speck in brother's or sister's eye)

- We are all half-crazy
- And that's OK!

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