

Cure for the Curse

Covenant relationships are present throughout the bible. Much of the story or narrative of the bible follows the covenants. The 10 commandments is another example of a covenant relationship between God and people.

What are the qualities that are needed for a good relationship? _____

How do we build boundaries around those relationships? _____

After the exodus from Egypt, God is re-affirming his relationship with the Hebrews. The first commandment is to have "no other Gods". The Egyptians needed time in the desert to get the Egyptians gods out of their belief system.

What gods are still in your belief system that need to come out? _____

The Egyptians lived in fear that the Gods would be angry with them and curse them. God is trying to build a different kind of relationship with the Hebrews. He is building trust based on promises that he has given them. They are hungry, homeless, and harassed, but the thing God is really focused on is relationship based on trust and promises.

What promises of God are most important to you? _____

Do you blame / complain / judge / when things do well for you?

What is it that you think God is trying to shape into you? _____

The Last covenant in the Bible is Jesus's covenant. It is referenced in Luke 22:7-23. Jesus brings a very different kind of covenant. He assumes that the people know the basic rules, but is most concerned about Love and relationship. He is very connected to the father and "does everything he asks of me". He asks them to love God and love people. He promises that he will always be with us (Matt 28:18), and that forgiveness and grace would be one of the primary features of the new covenant.

Are you growing in your love of God? _____

Are you growing in your love of your neighbor? _____

Jesus promises that forgiveness is going to be central feature of this relationship. How does the promise of grace effect you view God and your life? _____

Romans 5:1-2 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **2** through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we[b] boast in the hope of the glory of God