

# Relationship With His Family Message Notes

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# Heart Crew Homework

For the week of January 22, 2023

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## MY STORY

1. What has been your favorite role in life and why? This role could be in school, a job, on a team, etc. What is a role you would love to have someday and why?
  
2. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, emotionally moved you, challenged, or confused you?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. Pastor Dan taught us this weekend that each of us has been given a vital role at Jesus' table. Therefore, we do not have to compare ourselves to one another. Take a few minutes to think about what you are good at and write down what might be your role at Jesus' table. Here is a list to help you get started: are you welcoming, compassionate, or ready to serve at any moment? Are you a good cook, a strategic thinker, or have an artistic or musical talent, etc.

2. Understanding that we all have a seat at God's table, and that our role at the table is unique, valued, and necessary is important. As Pastor Dan said, when we understand our seat, we can help each other grow. Let's look at an account in God's Word where we see this in action. Begin by reading Acts 9:1-2.
  - a. As we jump into Saul's life, we learn a few important things about him. What are they?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Saul was not a very kind man. He was threatening, persecuting, and even killing the followers of God. Continue with Acts 9:3-19. Wow what a day! What happens to Saul in these verses? What is his response? Why was this hard for Ananias to hear?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. How does this encounter between Paul and Ananias relate to what Dan taught us this weekend?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - d. Ananias was fearful and doubtful about the seat prepared for Saul at God's table. I am sure Ananias wondered how God could give this terrible man a seat at all. Although Ananias surrendered and trusted God, Saul's seat was not accepted by everyone. Let's keep reading Acts 9:20-24. What is Saul

doing and who is questioning Saul now? What is their main complaint and what were they going to do about it?

- e. Let's keep going. Read Acts 9:25-29. Again, we see Paul's seat at Jesus' table questioned. However, Barnabas, who understood his own seat at the table, came to Saul's defense. What did Barnabas' defense do for Saul?

- 3. Barnabas' defense of Saul opened a door for Saul to travel with Jesus' disciples and preach the message of Jesus, which was Saul's next step of spiritual growth. What are some ways we can help each other to grow spiritually this year? Is there anyone specific God is asking you to help, or invite to His table? Write these things down and spend a few minutes praying over them.

## TAKING IT HOME

Pastor Dan shared that when we are seated together in unity, people will feel our love and be pointed to Jesus. Let's read aloud 1 John 4:7-12. Understanding our seat at Jesus' table enables us to invite others to the table as well. When we gather and love one another well, we become a beautiful reflection of Jesus, drawing people closer to Him. Let this be our goal. Make a commitment this week to memorize Psalm 133:1 and live it out each day.