



The Right Ingredients

Making Relationships Work

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PART V: STAY IN THE KITCHEN

1 Corinthians 13:7 (NLT). *Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.*

We see results in our relationships at the level that we stay in the process long enough to see the results we are looking for.

Perseverance: The God-given ability to persevere in a course of action despite difficulties, challenges, or delays to achieve success.

1 Corinthians 13:7 (MSG). *[Love] Puts up with anything, Trusts God always, Always looks for the best, Never looks back, But keeps going to the end.*

It is impossible to love others without the persevering grace of God that empowers us to endure the ups and downs of every relationship.

REMEMBER: It is in the relational kitchen, with imperfect practitioners, using perfect ingredients, where God does His best work of cultivating relational health.

Galatians 6:9 (NLT). *So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.*

RELATIONAL HEALTH REQUIRES SUPERNATURAL PERSEVERANCE DESPITE:

1. THE PASSAGE OF [TIME].

Many of us give up because we don't see now what takes seasons to cultivate.

James 1:4 (NLT). *So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.*

2. THE [EFFORT] REQUIRED.

We invest in what's important to us—in what we believe is worthwhile.

Colossians 3:23–24 (NIV). *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

3. THE [COST] DEMANDED.

Healthy relationships don't happen accidentally - healthy relationships are cultivated intentionally.

Mark 4:26–29 (NLT). *Jesus also said, “The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, while he’s asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows, but he does not understand how it happens. The earth produces the crops on its own. First a leaf blade pushes through, then the heads of wheat are formed, and finally the grain ripens. And as soon as the grain is ready, the farmer comes and harvests it with a sickle, for the harvest time has come.”*



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