

***Relationships God's Way Requires Uncommon Commitment!***

***#RelationshipGoals God's Way! Pt.4***

Romans 12:9-21

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**Hosea 2:7**, *She will chase after her lovers but not catch them; she will look for them but not find them. Then she will say, 'I will go back to my husband as at first, for then I was better off than now.'*

**Ruth 1:16**, *But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. Thus may the LORD do to me, and worse, if anything but death parts you and me."*

**Seven Keys To Uncommon Commitment:**

1. **Uncommon LOVE: Be A Lover And A Hater**  
**Romans 12:9**, *Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.*
2. **Uncommon PASSION: Serve God With Passion**  
**Romans 12:11**, *Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.*
3. **Uncommon FAITH: Don't Stop Believing**  
**Romans 12:12**, *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*
4. **Uncommon GENEROSITY: Give Of Yourself**  
**Romans 12:13**, *Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*  
(1 John 3:16)

5. **Uncommon ENDURANCE: Strength With Hard People During Hard Times**

**Romans 12:14**, *Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.*

6. **Uncommon BEHAVIOR: Resolving To Live In Harmony And Peace**

**Romans 12:16**, *Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

**Romans 5:8**, *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

7. **Uncommon REFLEX: Respond To Hostile Behavior With Love And Compassion**

**Romans 12:19**, *Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is Mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. <sup>20</sup>On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

**Cottonwood Challenge:**

Further Study: 1 Chronicles 16:11; Psalm 37:5; Matthew 6:33, 22:37-38; Luke 9:23; Ephesians 5:22-31

1. Assess the condition of your commitments on a scale of 1 to 10, 10 being perfect:  
Spiritual-                      Relational-                      Marital-

2. What is keeping your commitments from receiving higher ratings?
3. What can you do, through God's strength, to make your commitment more like Romans 12?