

Richmond Hill Baptist Church
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The R Factor: Creating Win Win Situations

Prelude & Prayer Time
Call to Worship: *It is Well* (Choir)

Welcome: Welcome - It is good to see you this morning! Does anyone know what today is? The right answer will get you a copy of *The Parable of Joy* by Michael Card. Today is the first day of spring!

We are so glad that you are here today. If you are a guest please fill out a Connect Card and place it in the offering plate at the end of the service. Let's take a moment and greet one another.

Sing: *How Can I Keep from Singing, I Am Thine O Lord, Forevermore, There is a Redeemer*

Children's Corner:
Worship Song: O Come and Mourn with Me a While

Sermon: *The R Factor*: Creating Win Win Situations

We will wrap up our R Factor relationship series today. I hope this series has been beneficial and helpful for you in your relationships. On the relational scoreboard we all know what its like to be winners and losers. Nobody likes to lose.

Good coaches tell their teams we lose together and we win together.

I like this picture:



This was a great moment for Canada last year at the Olympics. This team saw defeat but overcame and ultimately took the gold. This was a winning team.

So today we are going to talk about: Creating Win Win Situations.

Let me direct your attention to one of the proverbs of Solomon:

Proverbs 3:3-4

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴ Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

Win favor with God and man then let love and faithfulness be your guide.

You can't go wrong when you let love and faithfulness be your default position.

Seven Steps to Win-Win Solutions

(adapted from the DNA of Relationships by Gary Smalley)

Step 1: Establish a no-losers policy.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸ Love never fails.

Winner & Losers: Your friend, your spouse, your relative is not the enemy.

1 Peter 5:8

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Loser Hand Sign!

When someone loses in a relationship everyone loses! We want everyone to win.

Step 2: Listen to the other person with the goal of understanding.

Proverbs 20:5

The purposes of a man's heart are deep waters, but a man of understanding draws them out.

Sama Leb: Listening with hear, eyes, mind, and heart.

Step 3: Ask God for his guidance.

James 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

Pray & Pray together!

Step 4: Brainstorm about a win-win solution.

Proverbs 13:15

Good understanding wins favor, but the way of the unfaithful is hard.

Donkey Cartoon

Step 5: Choose a win-win solution.

Philippians 2:1-8

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.⁴ Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Step 6: Implement your solution.

Genesis 13:7-9

And quarreling arose between Abram's herdsmen and the herdsmen of Lot. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time.

⁸ So Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herdsmen and mine, for we are brothers. ⁹ Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left."

Step 7: Evaluate and modify your solution if necessary.

Acts 6:1-7

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.² So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables.³ Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them⁴ and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."⁵ This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism.⁶ They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.⁷ So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

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Luke 2:5

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Logo: Cross in the Heart

Romans 5:8

God demonstrated his love for us while we were sinner, Christ died for us.

We were losers and God changed that for us.

What is on your heart?

Ask God to replace the resentment, anger, hurt, & unforgiveness in your heart with love and faith.

Response & Offertory: *I Will Offer Up My Life*

Card:

1. Connect Card: Prayer Request, Salvation, Baptism, Church Membership
2. Offering

Announcements:

1. Pictorial Directory Pictures next three Sundays.
2. Bill McNabb Memorial Service: Tentatively Scheduled for Saturday
3. Miracle Sunday Focus: An Open Door.
4. Day by Day: Gospel Music Concert next Sunday night.
5. Christmas Lights take down today 2:30 pm.
6. Hand Sign: No Losers! Have a great week.

Postlude: *Lion of Judah*

