



# RCCG OCEANIA

Relationships

## DESTINY RELATIONSHIPS IN THE BIBLE

### AT A GLANCE

#### BIG IDEA

The Bible illustrates that relationships are pivotal in fulfilling one's destiny. From Abraham and Lot to Jesus and His disciples, these connections shape our spiritual journey and eternal outcomes. Understanding the levels of relationships and the role of God's word can guide us in forming associations that align with our divine purpose.

#### PRIMARY PASSAGES

Genesis 12:1-4

Acts 20:32

Proverbs 13:20

Matthew 4:17-22

Acts 4:7-13

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

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- Destiny fulfillment is deeply linked to the relationships we form.
- The word of God is essential for spiritual growth and inheritance.
- Wise associations enhance personal wisdom and spiritual boldness.
- Jesus exemplified the importance of choosing disciples carefully.
- Abraham's journey shows the blessings of divine associations.

## INTRODUCTION

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Relationships play a crucial role in shaping our destinies. The Bible provides numerous examples of how divine connections influence spiritual journeys and eternal outcomes. By examining these relationships, we can learn how to align our associations with our divine purpose.

## SCRIPTURE READING

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- **Genesis 12:1-4** — Abraham's call and Lot's blessing highlight the impact of divine relationships.
- **Acts 20:32** — Emphasizes the power of God's word in building and providing an inheritance.
- **Proverbs 13:20** — Illustrates the influence of wise associations on personal wisdom.
- **Matthew 4:17-22** — Shows Jesus calling His disciples, emphasizing the importance of chosen relationships.
- **Acts 4:7-13** — Demonstrates the apostles' boldness through their association with Jesus.

## KEY POINTS

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**1. THE POWER OF RELATIONSHIPS** — Relationships are crucial for destiny fulfillment, as seen in biblical examples like Abraham and Lot. These connections can determine one's spiritual and eternal path. Abraham's journey with Lot demonstrates how divine associations can lead to blessings and fulfillment of God's promises.

- Reflect on the relationships in your life and their impact on your spiritual journey.
- Seek to build connections that align with your divine purpose.
- Pray for guidance in forming and maintaining godly relationships.

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4

## KEY POINTS (CONT.)

**2. GOD'S WORD AS A BUILDER** — The word of God is a foundational tool for spiritual growth and inheritance. It is vital for building a life aligned with divine purpose. By immersing ourselves in Scripture, we can strengthen our faith and prepare for the inheritance God has for us.

- Dedicate time daily to study and meditate on God's word.
- Use Scripture as a guide in making decisions about relationships.
- Encourage others to engage with the Bible for spiritual growth.

Scripture: **Acts 20:32**

## KEY POINTS (CONT.)

3. WISE ASSOCIATIONS — Associations with wise individuals enhance personal wisdom and spiritual growth, as highlighted in Proverbs. Surrounding ourselves with those who seek wisdom and understanding can lead to a more fulfilling and purposeful life.
- Identify wise individuals in your community and seek their counsel.
  - Evaluate the influence of your current associations on your spiritual growth.
  - Foster relationships with those who inspire and challenge you to grow.

Scripture: Proverbs 13:20

## KEY POINTS (CONT.)

**4. JESUS' EXAMPLE OF DISCIPLESHIP** — Jesus' selection of His disciples underscores the importance of intentional relationships in fulfilling divine missions. His careful choice of followers illustrates the need for discernment in forming partnerships that advance God's kingdom.

- Consider the qualities Jesus valued in His disciples and seek to emulate them.
- Be intentional in choosing relationships that support your spiritual mission.
- Mentor others in their faith journey, following Jesus' example.

Scripture: Matthew 4:17-22

## KEY POINTS (CONT.)

**5. BOLDNESS THROUGH ASSOCIATION** — The apostles' boldness in Acts is a testament to the transformative power of their relationship with Jesus. Their courage and conviction were strengthened through their close association with Him, demonstrating the impact of divine connections.

- Cultivate a close relationship with God to gain spiritual boldness.
- Surround yourself with believers who encourage and support your faith.
- Share your faith boldly, inspired by the apostles' example.

Scripture: **Acts 4:7-13**

## GROUP DISCUSSION

Tip: Use these questions to guide the group from seeing → understanding → applying.

## OBSERVATION

- What are some examples of relationships in the Bible that influenced destinies?
- How did Abraham's relationship with Lot impact his journey?
- What role does God's word play in building our spiritual lives?
- How did Jesus choose His disciples, and why was this significant?
- In what ways did the apostles demonstrate boldness through their association with Jesus?

## INTERPRETATION

- Why are relationships so pivotal in fulfilling one's destiny according to the Bible?
- How does the word of God serve as a builder in our lives?
- What does Proverbs 13:20 teach us about the influence of wise associations?
- What can we learn from Jesus' example of discipleship about forming intentional relationships?

## **INTERPRETATION (CONT.)**

- How does the apostles' boldness in Acts reflect their relationship with Jesus?

## **APPLICATION**

- How can you apply the lessons from Abraham and Lot's relationship to your own life?
- In what ways can you incorporate God's word more deeply into your daily routine?
- Who are the wise individuals in your life that you can learn from?
- What steps can you take to be more intentional in your relationships, following Jesus' example?
- How can you cultivate boldness in your faith through your associations?

## **PRAYER FOCUS**

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- Pray for discernment in forming relationships that align with God's purpose.
- Ask for guidance in using God's word to build and strengthen your spiritual life.
- Seek wisdom to surround yourself with individuals who inspire and challenge your faith.

## **NEXT STEP**

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Reflect on your current relationships and seek to align them with your divine purpose through prayer and study of Scripture.

## **CONCLUSION**

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The relationships we form are instrumental in shaping our destinies. By examining biblical examples, we can understand the importance of aligning our associations with our divine purpose. Through God's word and wise connections, we can grow spiritually and fulfill the missions set before us.

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