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“Merging Traffic: Dealing With Relational Mergers”

A relational “merger” is anytime you have to make room for someone else on your life’s journey.

Types Of Relational Mergers:

Marriage
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Children
Siblings
Roommates
Caring for relative/friend
Staff expansion
Adding people to your group

Five Thoughts About Relational Mergers:

As much as possible, prepare yourself for the oncoming relationship.

Smart drivers start moving BEFORE traffic hits!

“Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty.” – Proverbs 21:5 (NLT)

Recognize that some relationships
will need the right of way!

There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. – John 15:13 (NLT)

Over-communicate so you don’t frustrate!

Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, “Why are you thinking these things in your hearts?”
– Luke 5:22 (NIV)

Ask often: “How are we doing?”

Give yourself permission to vent and grieve, but remind yourself of the joys and benefits!

Sometimes relational mergers are so frustrating that we forget they can also be wonderfully fulfilling!

“Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God.”
– Philippians 1:3 (NLT)

Look for what God
wants to teach you about YOU!

“As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.”
– Proverbs 27:17 (NLT)

Relationships are God’s best schools of self-discovery!