

Road Signs For Relationships

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“People Crossing: Avoiding Relational Hit And Runs!”

But Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them.²⁶ But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant,²⁷ and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave.²⁸ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.” – Matthew 20:25-28 (NLT)

Who tends to do “hit and runs”?

People with strong personalities.

People who have power.

People who are passionate.

People who tend to be very task/goal oriented.

People who have themselves been hurt.

How To Become More “People Aware”:

Listen for repeated concerns and look for repeated instances where it happens.

If you reject discipline, you only harm yourself; but if you listen to correction, you grow in understanding.

– Proverbs 15:32 (NLT)

Learn to read and respond to the body language of others.

“A glad heart makes a happy face; a broken heart crushes the spirit.” – Proverbs 15:13 (NLT)

Things you can watch for:

Facial expressions

Eye contact

Body posture

Verbal engagement

Remember: Not every relational accident is your fault, but it is your responsibility.

“So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.”

– Matthew 5:23-24 (NLT)

Be quick to ask:

“Is something wrong?”

Be quick to admit:

“I shouldn’t have said/done that!”

Be quick to make amends:

“I am so sorry. Will you forgive me?”