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PART I VIDEO NOTES

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

James 1:19-21

Everything everyone **does** makes sense to them.
Everything everyone **says** makes sense to them.
Everything everyone **believes** makes sense to them.

SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD.

-Stephen Covey

The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People

MY RIGHTNESS

I know I'm right.
I want you to know I'm right.
I want everybody to know I'm right.

**IF THE TWO OF YOU AREN'T RIGHT, IT DOESN'T MATTER
WHO'S RIGHT.**

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. James tells us to be quick to listen and slow to speak. When we're in conflict, most of us are quick to do something, but it's usually not to listen. How would you fill in these blanks?

In conflict, I'm often quick to _____
and slow to _____.

2. Where or when is it hardest for you to be quick to listen and slow to speak? Why?

- At work
- At home
- Online/on social media
- With my (circle one) parents, children, friends, siblings, co-workers
- Other: _____

3. Can you remember a time when someone was quick to listen to you—your opinion or point of view? How did it change the course of your conversation?

4. "If the two of you aren't right, it doesn't matter who's right."

How does this statement change the way you might interact in the future with someone who believes differently than you?

(For example: an in-law with opposing political views or a colleague of a different faith.)

5. Can you think of anyone you've been trying to be right at instead of right with? What step can you take this week to put your relationship before your righteousness (or "rightness")?

THIS WEEK . . .

Don't settle for being right. Make things right. That's what your heavenly Father did for you through Jesus. People who were nothing like him liked him. Why? Not because he demanded to be right all the time (even though he could have). People liked Jesus because they felt he understood them.

Who are you trying to be right at instead of right with? What can you do to try to understand their point of view?

PRAYER

God, help me be curious about what others do, say, and believe. I want to begin asking questions before drawing conclusions. Help me make things right instead of trying to be right.

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