

Module 2 Lesson 3

The Relational Processor

KEY IDEA

Relational Processors reflect the relational, compassionate, grace-giving aspects of God's character and interpret their world primarily through the lens of relationships and emotions.

KEY SCRIPTURES

- Jn 3:29 - "The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him..."
- Mt 12:49-50 - "Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."
- Eph 2:4-5 - "But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved."

LESSON & NOTES

1. God's Relational Character
2. Characteristics of the Relational Processor
3. Strengths
4. Weaknesses

KEY POINTS

- Relational Processors reflect God's relational nature—His compassion, mercy, affection, and grace
- They think more abstractly and emphasize emotions, motives, and relational peace
- There are strengths and weaknesses to Relational Processors

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HeartWork

The Relational Processor reflects certain aspects of God as emphasized in the New Testament: Love, Mercy, Grace, Compassion, Relationship

If you're a Relational Processor, can you relate to any of these? How so?

As a Relational Processor, what are your personal strengths and how do they complement your spouse?

What relational standards do you have for your spouse that you think they "should" live up to? What is your response when they fall short?

What is the impact of your response on them (emotionally)?

How do you respond when your spouse may be relationally insensitive?

Have you ever been accused of being a pushover? Or People Pleaser? How do you think this affects your marriage and parenting?

As a Relational Processor, do you often try to make peace in the home between other family members?

What do you think about God's truth? Is this an area you struggle to understand or apply? Explain.