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Summer at Woodland Hills
Four Things That Change the World
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Content:

Affirmation is the fuel for friendship. - John 15: 12-13

1. Words to God - Luke 22:31-32
2. Words to you about you - Matt 16:16-18
3. Actions toward you - Luke 22:49-51, John 18:10
4. Actions toward your world - John 21:3-6

Questions:

1. When you share your story, others can learn to love you better. Where were you born and brought up? Share your abbreviated story & groups you associate with.
2. When in the proper setting, words of affirmation can change your feelings and attitudes. Like a teacher-student relationship, people flourish with affirmation and wilt with criticism. Have you experienced or observed this reality, if so tell your story?
3. Since Jesus paid our debt and adopted us into His family forever, how can reminding and affirming each other's worth happen day to day?
4. Understanding a person's perspective and background helps tailor your approach and wisely use affirmation. What are some strategies you can employ to become less critical and be more affirming?
5. Considering how Dick grew-up with a stutter, how important was it for him that Ruth hadn't noticed? Often our quirks limit us from trying new things. How has/might God use your quirks like Dick's knack for dramatic pause?
6. We now have access to God through Jesus, so how are we like kids playing the trip game with our Father?
7. Roy, Dick's late father-in-law, demonstrated how trusting in God and prayer calmed Dick's fear about divorce. Who are some people in your life that need affirmation about who they are in God's and your eyes to be able to step out in faith? Consider telling them this week what God puts on your heart.
8. How is your life impacting the world? You may not know the times when an act of kindness changes someone's life trajectory like Dick's professor that gave him money for a conference.