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## I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. There is a shift in THEOLOGY from experience to relationships
- B. There is a shift in PSYCHOLOGY from experience to relationships
  1. The concept of GUILT (David Belgum; three areas)
  2. The concept of RESPONSIBILITY (William Glasser)-Reality Therapy)
  3. The concept of TRANSACTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS (Thos. Harris--I'm o.k.--You're o.k.)

### C. AND THIS IS REALLY WHAT SAINT. IS ALL ABOUT

- C. I am suggesting that the emphasis upon RELATIONSHIPS; RIGHT relationships offers the basis for bringing the two together so that Christians can really relate in a proper manner in all three worlds.

AND SO IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE ROLE OF RELIGION IS TO SHOW THE WRONGNESS OF RELATIONSHIPS AND THE ROLE OF PSYCHOLOGY IS TO HELP US SEE HOW WE CAN UTILIZE THE RELATIONSHIP RESOURCES OF GOD'S GRACE IN FACING THOSE AREAS.

- D. And it further seems to me that the best application of these relational concepts comes in the sermon on the mount RELIGION and Harris' book; PSYCHOLOGY. Our work together will then be to take that great resource and see how it supplements what Harris has written.

## II. DEVELOPMENT:

- A. Harris suggests there are three <sup>roles in</sup> relationships ~~to~~ life:
  1. The PARENT; authoritarian---stresses how we ~~FEEL~~ <sup>were</sup> TAUGHT
  2. The CHILD; suppliant---stresses how we FEEL
  3. The ADULT; creative--stresses how we THINK

- B. And, using a combination of all these, there are four relationships that can develop:

a. I'm not o.k.--you're o.k.  
CHILD to PARENT---the inadequate to the adequate

b. I'm not o.k.--You're not o.k.  
CHILD to ONE WHO HAS ABANDONED HIS ROLE-- <sup>omit in summary C</sup>

c. I'm o.k.--you're not o.k.  
ADULT to ~~PARENT~~ CHILD

d. I'm o.k.--You're o.k.  
ADULT TO ADULT

- C. Our study of the sermon on the mount will produce ~~THESE~~ <sup>FOUR</sup> BASIC RELATIONSHIPS WHICH CAN OCCUR IN INTERESTING COMBINATIONS:

- a. I'm not o.k. FROM A PARENT (AUTHORITY) TO ME - THE CHILD
- b. You're not o.k. FROM ME (AS AN ADULT) TO CHILD <sup>needing teaching</sup>
- c. I'm o.k. AN ADULT (FACTUAL) JUDGMENT ABOUT ME
- d. You're o.k. AN ADULT (FACTUAL) JUDGMENT ABOUT YOU

(written on back)

## Review from Session I

1. The trend towards RELATIONSHIPS or, as I am saying, FUNCTIONAL TRANSACTIONS

2. The basis of functional transactions

- Belgum A. Admit the guilt of my relationships -- CULPABILITY  
Glasser B. Admit the reality of what I presently am -- HONESTY  
Thos. Harris C. Pursue the values of a functional transaction -- NOT PARENT or CHILD but ADULT

3. The Word of God identifies those values in the Sermon on the Mount in four systems

- A. I'm not o.k. → QUESTION Here all "me" oriented
- B. You're not o.k.
- C. I'm o.k.
- D. You're o.k. → Values thus far

- A. Dependency
- B. meekness (Question: How do you develop that true rela. where you can surrender it all to God?)

QUESTIONS?