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Relationship Remarks *by Bob Thomas*



When Ben was four years old, he went exploring. Rhonda Jo and I engaged in a frantic search and rescue mission. We found him a couple of blocks away, checking out the grade school where he would attend kindergarten in the fall. We had a conversation! During this conversation he said to us, without any intended disrespect, "I am four years old. I can do whatever I want". With a swift swat, I impressed on him that even though he was nearly "a grown man", he could not do whatever he wanted.

People still have the misinformed notion that freedom is permission to do whatever you want without accountability. Even though God gives mankind a free will, our "freedom" does not equal total autonomy or antinomianism. God is sovereign. His authority extends to every part of our lives.

Ben's four year old assumption that he was free to do whatever he wanted without any accountability was horribly short-sighted. Likewise, freedom at it's best is living in light of and honoring God's authority. John 8:31-32 & 36 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

God Bless You! *BTM*

Camping With The Bixby Boys

May & June were filled with great fun family time! I went tent camping with Josh & The Bixby boys. We went to the Black Mesa in the northwest tip of The OK Panhandle. We took the 8.4 Mesa hike. The next day we went to Mt. Capulin, a dormant volcano in New Mexico. We walked up to & around the rim. We had way too much fun!!



Hudson
Graham
Bob
Josh



Storm rolling in on the Black Mesa



Explorer pose



52nd



June 21st - The longest day of the year. We celebrated 52 years together! I thank God for Rhonda Jo. She is a dedicated follower of Christ, a great wife, fantastic mom & wonderful Mimi! The Thomas Tribe is better because of her!

Duncanville FWBC, Duncanville, TX

Royce Laverman & I traveled to the Dallas/Fort Worth Metro to minister to the Duncanville FWB Church. This church is located on the busiest intersection in Duncanville. In a 10 mile radius of the church there are hundreds of thousands of people. The church is ripe for a major revitalization initiative. Pray with me for this church.



Royce Laverman & Veronica Keller

Veronica Keller is a teacher in the DFW area. I met her at the scene of a horrible wreck, about 100 yards from Duncanville Church. We talked & prayed on the street corner. She said she would come to the Sunday p.m. service – and she did! What a blessing! When I get home from ministry trips, Rhonda often says, “Bob, tell me about your new very best friend”.

This time I said, “Veronica Keller is my new very best friend”.

God is so crazy good to me! By His grace, over the years, I have collected tons of “new very best friends”. Praise The Lord!



Royce, Bob & Pastor Kevin



Rodney Anderson & Pastor Kevin Williford

Rodney has a Texas title company. He grew up in the Duncanville Church. His parents are Bennie & Sandie Anderson, great BTM partners. Recently Rodney traveled to Washington, DC, to meet with USA cabinet members about the real estate industry in Texas.

Home Church, Chaffee Crossing, Barling, AR

This one of my favorite ministry assignments. I preached for them on Mother's Day. Rhonda joined me for the festivities & worship service. They had a great crowd & a delicious breakfast. My focus was Proverbs 31:1-9. This passage reveals encouraging insights into the heart of Bathsheba & the advice she gave to Solomon.



Pastor Kevin & Sally Johnson, great friends



Home Church worship was authentic & effective. The response was genuine & strong.



Lovin' every minute of what God's called me to do



We went to Minnesota to celebrate the high school graduation of Nathaniel Thomas. July 6th he goes to Marine Boot Camp in San Diego, CA. For at least the next five years, he will be serving our nation. I am quite proud of him. Please call his name in prayer.

Praise
His Presence & Patience
His Grace
The Holy Spirit & Scripture
Sufficient Power to do His Will

Prayer
Wisdom & Holiness
Diligence & Effectiveness
Traveling Protection

July Road Trips
Meet with a variety of preachers...
An ongoing part of BTM's God Jobs

20 – 23 KC, MO Free Will Baptist
National Convention