

God Is Shaping You

Live a life of love, just as Christ loved us. (Ephesians 5:2, NIV)

God uses relationships to
make us more Christ-like.

Usually when problems arise in a relationship,
we blame the other person.
But more often, the reactions of the other person are
a mirror in which we can see
ourselves and
our faults more clearly.

God uses these tough times to
teach us and
reshape us.

He is giving us hands-on training in
patience, forbearance,
gentleness, and self-sacrifice.

He is teaching us
to set ourselves aside to make someone else happy,
to reach out and understand the other person,
even when they seem the most unfair.

Do you want the mind of Christ?
He forms it in us through people.
When painful, demanding situations arise,
live love.
God is doing a good work in you.

*Are any of your personal relationships difficult?
Don't be discouraged!
God is using them to a wonderful purpose!
Perhaps more than anything else,
God uses the daily pressures of relationships to
form Christ in us.*

Hymn: [Beyond Myself](#)

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