



path to purpose

Sermon series

Sundays 8:45 & 10:30

Love One Another



***A family gets better when parents LOVE their children.
A church gets better when members LOVE their church
family.
A nation gets better when citizens LOVE their country.***

1 Peter 2 The Message

¹³⁻¹⁷ Make the Master proud of you by being good citizens. Respect the authorities, whatever their level; they are God's emissaries (representatives) for keeping order. It is God's will that by doing good, you might cure the ignorance of the fools who think you're a danger to society. Exercise your freedom by serving God, not by breaking the rules. Treat everyone you meet with dignity (respect). Love your spiritual family. Revere God. Respect the government.

John 13 The Message

³⁴⁻³⁵ “Let Me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are My disciples—when they see the love you have for each other.”

Acts 2:42-47 New International Version

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Here is how family connection has changed over time:

- Working together (1800s-1900s): Families worked side-by-side to survive. They farmed, built, and cooked as a team. This built strong bonds.**
- Listening to the radio (1920s): The radio brought families to one room. They used their imaginations. They talked and reacted together.**
- Watching TV (1950s): Families gathered around one screen. They shared the same experience. Yet, it also lowered direct conversation.**
- Isolating together (2010-Present): Homes have multiple screens. Family members sit on the same couch but look at different phones. This isolates them in plain sight**

Ecclesiastes 4:8 New Living Translation

⁸ This is the case of a man who is all alone, without a child or a brother, yet who works hard to gain as much wealth as he can. But then he asks himself, “Who am I working for? Why am I giving up so much pleasure now?” It is all so meaningless and depressing.

Proverbs 27:19 Living Bible

¹⁹ A mirror reflects a man’s face, but what he is really like is shown by the kind of friends he chooses.

God's purpose is discovered and developed through healthy, Christ-centered relationships.

- 1. Prioritize important relationships.**
- 2. Repair damaged relationships.**
- 3. Redefine harmful relationships.**
- 4. Intentionally seek out meaningful relationships.**

1. Prioritize important relationships.

If relationships are God's pathway to purpose, then we must learn to protect and prioritize the relationships that matter most.

Revelation 2 New Living Translation

⁴ “But I have this complaint against you. You don’t love Me or each other as you did at first! ⁵ Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to Me and do the works you did at first. If you don’t repent, I will come and remove your lampstand from its place among the churches.

Every healthy relationship flows out of our relationship with God. If we neglect our relationship with Him, eventually every other relationship suffers.

4x's a week challenge

***Talk with God, Read your Bible &
Worship Jesus 4x's a week until August.***

Marriage Builders

Start each day with a hug

Say “I love you” when you part ways

Compliment freely and often

Slow Down (put down your phone)

Go on regular dates

Kiss unexpectedly

Apologize sincerely

Be forgiving

Let her give you directions when you drive

Laugh at his jokes

Men: Ask her to marry you again

Women: Say yes

Never wake up mad (try hard not to go to bed that way)

Always work it out

2. Repair damaged relationships.

Romans 12:17-18 New International Version

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Colossians 3:13 New Living Translation

¹³ Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

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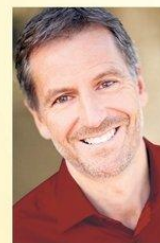
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The Bait of Satan exposes one of the most deceptive snares Satan uses to get believers out of the will of God—offense. This trap restrains countless Christians, severs relationships, and widens the gulfs between us. Jesus said, “It is impossible that no offenses should come” (Luke 17:1). Although you *will* encounter offense, you can choose how you will react.

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**DON'T LET ANYONE AFFECT YOUR
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD!**



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3. Redefine harmful relationships.

Proverbs 13:20 New Living Translation

**²⁰ Walk with the wise and become wise;
associate with fools and get in trouble.**

1 Corinthians 15:33 New International Version

³³ Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.”

2 Corinthians 6:14 New International Version

**¹⁴ Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do
righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what
fellowship can light have with darkness?**

Unhealthy Relationships Often:

- **Normalize compromise—they make sin comfortable.**
- **Drain spiritual passion—they leave you discouraged instead of strengthened.**
- **Distract from purpose—they consume energy while producing little spiritual fruit.**

***Every relationship is either pulling you toward Jesus
or away from Jesus.***

4. Intentionally seek out meaningful relationships.

2 Timothy 2:2 New International Version

² And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

A Paul-Someone ahead of us

A Barnabas-Someone beside us

A Timothy-Someone behind us

Accountability Questions:

- 1. Have you been in a compromising situation this week?***
- 2. Have you been ethical in your finances this week?***
- 3. Have you had any struggles with lust this week?***
- 4. Have you spent quality time with God at least 4 times this week?***
- 5. Have you given priority time to your family this week?***
- 6. Have you been intentional about making a difference this week?***
- 7. Have you just lied to me?***

**You will never discover God's purpose in isolation.
The path to purpose is paved with relationships.**

- 1. Is there a relationship you need to nurture?**
- 2. Is there someone you need to forgive?**
- 3. Is there a relationship that needs new boundaries?**
- 4. Is there a Paul, Barnabas, or Timothy missing from your life?**