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THE ESSENTIAL PRACTICE OF HOSPITALITY

The Essential Practice of Hospitality - “Expectantly Welcoming Others into the Presence and Peace of Jesus”

“Expectantly Welcoming Others...”

(Leviticus 19:33-34, Romans 12:13, 1 Tim. 5:10, Heb. 13:1-3, 1 Peter 4:9)

Consider:

-What has been an experience that you have had of being welcomed, cared for, especially if it was not by someone that you knew?

As We Practice Wise Welcoming...

...Remember, having been invited into the family of God, through the finished work of Jesus. (Titus 3:3-7)
...See all people as made in the image of God, valued and loved by Him. (Gen. 1:27)
...Ask the Holy Spirit to draw you to the next right person, family, small group, etc., to invest in. (Acts 10:9-23)
...Most likely, there are first steps, easily overlooked, to build connections with people close to you already.
...Expect nothing in return, extending kindness to those who cannot reciprocate. (Luke 14:13)
...Drop the perfectionism. Be real and genuine. Invite into your lived-in spaces. Focus on comfort and care. Don't pretend to love, truly make it your goal. (Romans 12:9-13)
...Set healthy boundaries. You can't be everything to everyone; you are one part of the Body. (1 Cor. 12:12-27)
Prayerfully discern your emotional, physical, financial limits so that you can safely welcome without feeling endangered, bitter, or grumbling. (1 Peter 4:9)
...Invite people to participate in places where hospitality is already happening. (Acts 2:42-47)
...Above all, make Jesus the reason for your intentionality, the Hero of the stories shared, and the One who offers the Presence and Peace that everyone is looking for.

“...Into the Presence and Peace of Jesus.”

(Matt. 5:13-16, Phil. 2:14-15, 2 Cor. 5:20, Philippians 4:6-7)

-We carry with us His **Presence**, representing His Kingdom Home wherever we go.

-The eternally existing, all-powerful Jesus, appeared in time and space to real people, beginning His work of valuing and loving them simply by showing up. (John 1, John 4, Matt. 19:13-14, Luke 19:1-10)

Consider:

Practicing the Ministry of Presence...

...Remember names. Ask good questions. Turn off your phone and try to avoid other distractions.
...Show up for someone else's life events, or in their spaces, even if it is outside your comfort-zone.
...Find a time to talk on the phone instead of just texting.
...Hugs, handshakes, high-fives, other appropriate greetings bring presence and comfort. (1 Thess 5:26)
...Continue to remind people that they are not alone, not only because you and other people care for them, but because Jesus is with them and offering a forever relationship.

-We carry His **Peace**, which helps set things right, passes understanding, and provides rest in the midst of turmoil.

-The story of the Good Samaritan is an amazing depiction of hospitality. (Luke 10:25-37) This Samaritan gives his presence to the injured man, stopping and seeing him when others had passed by. He then works to bring him into a place of peace, ministering to his wounds, caring for his lostness, setting him up for total healing.

Consider:

Practicing the Ministry of Peace...

... “Be a Thermostat, not a Thermometer.” Help regulate the emotional temperature in the room through patience, pauses before responding, making sure people are listening, safe, and valued. (Romans 12:12)

...Speak words of Truth in Love, where lies have been proclaimed and believed. (Eph. 4:14-15)

...Serve in ways that meet practical needs. (More on this next week!)

...Using wisdom and discernment, with the Holy Spirit’s help, guide those in need towards healthy and productive next steps. (2 Thess. 3:11-15)

...Pray for healing, restoration, and breakthrough, along with those who are struggling. (James 5:13-18)

...Highlight Jesus as the One who brings ultimate peace. (2 Thess. 3:16, Eph. 2:14, Phil. 4:6-7)