



2-PART

SERMON SERIES



RELATIONSHIPS:

Reel

Real?

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Reel or Real?

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GOD CREATED US
TO CONNECT

HEALTHY CONNECTIONS
ARE ESSENTIAL
FOR US TO GROW



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MEMORY **V**ERSE



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John 13:34



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1 John 4:7-12 NIV

Dear friends, **let us love one another, for love comes from God** ... Whoever does not love does not know God, because **God is love** .

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Dear friends, **since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another** . No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us .



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PART 2

Real LOVE





ACCEPT

Romans 15:5-7



ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER

Romans 15:5-7 NIV

May the **God** who gives endurance and encouragement **give you the same attitude of mind toward each other** that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Accept one another**, then, **just as Christ accepted you**, in order to bring praise to God.



ACCEPT

proslambanó (προσλαμβάνω)

- To take in addition, take to one's self
- To take by the hand
- To take into friendship or grant access to one's heart
- To take/receive into one's home (with collateral idea of kindness)



TO ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER IS TO

- Appreciate our differences and unique personalities
(1 Corinthians 12:12-27)
- See one another the way God sees us



ACCEPTANCE IS NOT

- Accepting or condoning sin (John 8:11)
- Accepting toxic behavior (Romans 16:17)







ENGAGE



ENGAGE AS JESUS DID

- **Get INVOLVED in the lives of others**
 - Relationships are built with time
 - Show up and be present
 - Be interested and concerned





GALATIANS 6:2 NIV

GALATIANS 6:5 NASB 1977



***Engage but don't get
entangled or enmeshed***



ENGAGE AS JESUS DID

- Get **INVOLVED** in the lives of others
- Be **INTENTIONAL** to develop new connections and deepen existing ones



***Jesus was a master at going beyond the surface
to relate to people at a deeper level,
making them feel seen, heard, and valued.***

JOHN 4:4-26, LUKE 19:1-10



Connect And Relate Deeper In Trinity!





FORGIVE

Ephesians 4:32

Colossians 3:13

Matthew 6:14-15, 18:21-34



FORGIVE AS CHRIST FORGAVE US

EPHESIANS 4:32 NASB

COLOSSIANS 3:13 NIV



JESUS' TEACHING ON FORGIVENESS

MATTHEW 6:14-15 NIV

MATTHEW 18:21-22 NIV



FORGIVE

aphiémi (Matthew 6:12, 14-15; 18:21-35)

To let go, to give up, a debt, by not demanding what is owed

charízomai (Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:13)

To grant forgiveness, to pardon (showing grace and benevolence)





FORGIVING IS NOT

Forgetting what
happened

Declaring the other
person not guilty

FORGIVING IS

Acknowledging
the pain and hurt

Releasing mercy
instead of judgment



Hebrews 12:15 NASB

See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God;
that no **root of bitterness** springing up **causes trouble**,
and by it many become defiled;



***Forgiveness frees us to pursue and enjoy
meaningful, deep, and authentic
relationships again***



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