



2-PART

SERMON SERIES



RELATIONSHIPS:

Reel

Real?

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Real Connections
Week 2:
Loving or Real



GOD CREATED US TO CONNECT

- a. God created us not to be alone
- b. God forms communities

HEALTHY CONNECTIONS ARE ESSENTIAL

- a. In families
- b. In church
- c. For spiritual growth



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MEMORY VERSE



**"A new command I give you: Love one another.
As I have loved you, so you must love one another.**

John 13:34

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PART 2

Real LOVE



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- v7 – *love comes from God* – the origin of love
- v11 – *since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another* – the instruction to love
- v12 – *if we love one another, God lives in us* – the reality of God in a biblical community that loves



ACCEPT

Romans 15:5-7




ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER, THEN, JUST AS CHRIST ACCEPTED YOU

Proslambanó


- To receive, to take aside, to welcome
- It means to receive people fully, lovingly, and warmly into fellowship





WITH THE SAME ATTITUDE OF MIND THAT CHRIST JESUS HAS TOWARD US AND EVERYONE ELSE

phronéō

- To be of the same mind as Jesus
 - To think and feel like how he would for people
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***We are to accept one another like
how Christ Jesus accepts us***





WE ACCEPT PEOPLE WHEN WE

- Acknowledge they are made in God's image
- Accord love to people
- Afford people the time to grow
- Appreciate the differences
- Adopt the attitude of Christ





ENGAGE

John 4:4-26

Luke 19:1-8





***Jesus was intentional and
took the initiative to engage***

***That resulted in the
impact of lives***



***We engage when we choose to
step out of our comfort zone and
step into someone's life to
connect with them***





FORGIVE

Matthew 6:12-15; 18:21-35



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aphiémi

Means to lay aside, to leave,
to let go, give up a debt






EPHESIANS 4:32

COLOSSIANS 3:13

charízomai

To grant forgiveness, to pardon,
to show grace and benevolence



***"Bitterness and unforgiveness is like
drinking poison and then waiting
for the other person to die."***

St Augustine



We show love when we

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so that we can pursue deep, committed
relationships in the biblical community



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