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**“Authentic Relationships”**

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**The NT picture**

The New Testament portrays a picture of dynamic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ where God’s people are intensely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to each other and are open and authentic with each other.

Jesus shared tremendous interpersonal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with his Apostles (John 13:22-25; 21:15-19)

The church was dynamically \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 2:42-47 and 4:32-35)

This kind of community is not just modeled by Jesus and the early church but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by scripture, as seen in three key commands:

* Galatians 6:1-2: *Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.**Bear each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*
* 2 Corinthians 12:9 *But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.*
* James 5:16: *Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*

**The contemporary reality**

Most Christians struggle to ­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ each other enough to share and bear each others’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to be open and honest about their weaknesses, and to confess their sins to each other.

Much of the North American church is burdened under hypocrisy, consumerism, sin and addiction, and a lack of meaningful discipleship—all things that are propagated by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ relationships.

Most Christians don’t have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that they can share \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with.

**Obstacles to achieving healthy, authentic relationships**

* Pride and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Legalism and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Liberalism and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Secret sin
* Unhealed pain
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Cultural obligations/norms

**Requirements**

* Grace and truth (John 1:14, 17) 🡺 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* “Total honesty with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, total transparency with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Philippians 2:3-7; 1 Peter 5:5)
* A “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” model of leadership (1 Thessalonians 2:7-8)
* A Church committed to the “\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”…Teach and preach and teach and…

The “One Anothers” of The New Testament

Be at peace with each other (Mark 9:50)

Love one another (John 13:34-35; John 15:12,17; Romans 13:8)

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love (Romans 12:10)

Honor one another above yourselves (Romans 12:10)

Live in harmony with one another (Romans 12:16)

Stop passing judgment on one another (Romans 14:13)

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you (Romans 15:7)

Greet one another (Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20, 2 Corinthians; 13:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:26)

When you come together to eat, wait for each other (1 Corinthians 11:33)

Have equal concern for each other (1 Corinthians 12:25)

Affirm one another in love (2 Corinthians 13:12)

If you keep on biting and devouring each other you will be destroyed by each other (Galatians 5:15)

Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other (Galatians 5:26)

Carry each other’s burdens (Galatians 6:2)

Be patient, bearing with one another in love (Ephesians 4:2)

Be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32)

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:19)

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ (Ephesians 5:21)

Do not lie to each other (Colossians 3:9)

Bear with each other (Colossians 3:13)

Forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another (Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13)

Teach one another (Colossians 3:16)

Admonish one another (Colossians 3:16)

Make your love increase and overflow for each other (1 Thessalonians 3:12)

Encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 4:18, 5:11; Hebrews 10:25)

Build each other up (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Encourage one another daily (Hebrews 3:13)

Spur one another on toward love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24)

Do not slander one another (James 4:11)

Don’t grumble against each other (James 5:9)

Confess your sins to each other (James 5:16)

Pray for each other (James 5:16)

Love one another deeply, from the heart (1 Peter 1:22, 4:8)

Live in harmony with one another (1 Peter 3:8)

Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling (1 Peter 4:9)

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others (1 Peter 4:10)

Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another (1 Peter 5:5)

Love one another (1 John 3:11,23, 4:7,11,12; 2 John 5)

**Three examples at IBC:**

* Restorational Discipline
* Confession Chapel
* Teams

**Where do I go from here?**

* Modeling
* Training
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as Jesus taught (John 13:34-35) and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as Jesus prays (John 17:20-23)