

# COMMITTING TO CONNECTION

## #6 "Connecting with Others in Relationship"

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### Sermon Notes

*For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.* Colossians 1:16-17

### OUR LIFE IN CHRIST IS A Commitment to Connection

*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."* John 13:34-35

### A Connection WITH OTHERS IN RELATIONSHIP

### Is a Commitment TO LOVE AND "DEPTH OF LIFE"

#### I. Colossians 3:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. <sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.

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### Commit to BEING OPEN & VULNERABLE

*Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God. <sup>4</sup> so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup> After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples'*

feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. John 13:3-5

## **II. Colossians 3:7-10**

<sup>7</sup> You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup> But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

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### **Commit to BEING HONEST & AUTHENTIC**

*That's the kind of people the Father is out looking for: those who are simply and honestly themselves before him in their worship. God is sheer being itself—Spirit. Those who worship him must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration.” John 4:24 MSG*

## **III. Colossians 3:11-12**

<sup>11</sup> Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. <sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

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### **Commit to RESPECT & MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING**

*So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 7:12*

## **IV. Colossians 3:13-15**

<sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. <sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

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### **Commit to FORGIVENESS & RECONCILIATION**

*Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. Matthew 18:21-22*

## **V. Colossians 3:16**

**<sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.**

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## **Commit to SHARE OUR FAITH & PRAY FOR OTHERS**

*After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.<sup>2</sup> He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Luke 10:1-2*