



The Vineyard Church of Conroe

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### **Sermon Outline Notes**

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14*

### **God is Faithfully Present by:**

#### **A. PURSUING US**

*John 15:16a*

#### **B. IDENTIFYING WITH US**

*Philippians 2:7*

#### **C. OFFERING US A FLOURISHING LIFE**

*John*

*10:10*

#### **D. DEMONSTRATING SACRIFICIAL LOVE**

*1 John*

*4:10*

#### **I. Hebrews 13:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. <sup>2</sup> Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

**God Calls Us to Be Faithfully Present TO EACH OTHER**

**Even when we feel...**

**UNIMPORTANT, REJECTED, OR WOUNDED**

*“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 everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:34-35*

## **God Calls Us to Be Faithfully Present TO “THE OTHER”**

**Even when we feel...**

### **FEARFUL, UNCOMFORTABLE, OR OVERBUSY**

*<sup>40</sup> “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ Matthew 25:34-40*

#### **II. Colossians 3:23-24**

**Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, <sup>24</sup> since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.**

## **God Calls Us to Be Faithfully Present IN OUR TASKS**

### **At...WORK, SERVICE, & HOME**

*<sup>17b</sup> ...Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.” John 5:17b*

#### **III. John 13:3-5**

**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.**

## **God Calls Us to Be Faithfully Present WITH OUR INFLUENCE**

### **From...ROLES, RESOURCES, & RELATIONSHIPS**

**Influence is a function of acceptance. I have to be aware if I’m acting out of influencing your acceptance of me or of Christ’s acceptance of me. Am I willing to let my acceptance take a hit in order to be influential?**

*Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over*

*them. <sup>26</sup> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— <sup>28</sup> just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:25-28*