

SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER

08.15.10 Creekside Various Life is 35 Min
ONE YEAR AGO... Was my 1st candidating sermon. I was so nervous. "Preaching for my life" now, since then, 46 sermons. I still get nervous, but a good kind. God is Good!

PRAYER and then INTRODUCTION

Attn: **Blow up dummy – Airhead Albert** He just came to our church today for first time
Theme: **How do we accept/support each other?** Seeker to mature believer, how do you Relv: (Do you promise to hear me in love?) I've had **too many people say here that we are not a welcoming group**, or it is hard to find relationship. **97 families in 1 yr**

SERIES SUMMARY:

- **Going through all the one another psgs** – 61 psgs in 6 week (little did you know)
- 1. **Love:** Do we love each other like Christ loved us? Basis of all the "One Anothers"
- 2. **Serve:** Giving of ourselves selflessly for the betterment of the whole – **Ken's phrase**
- 3. **Befriend** (at peace with): Robette's way of applying last week's sermon: "I loved all the Bible verses and then the practical applications to correct our wrong attitudes. I came home and made an index card with the attitude at the top and then an arrow and the action item underneath."
- 4. **Support** – **today we'll look under the hood of the car called "Christian relationships."**

(Struct) THE PROCESS FOR CHRISTIAN COMRADERY:

1. ACCEPT - SEEING EVERY PERSON AS A CHILD OF GOD.

- A. **WE ARE ALL DIFFERENT – UNIQUE ON PURPOSE. PICTURES OF JAKE AND I**
 - **Romans 12:5, "so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another."** – Go there and read through vs 8
 - **All different gift mixes (Men's assessment).** This is the way God meant it
 - **"Be yourself because others are already taken"** – Oscar Wilde
 - **APP: Find beauty in difference and celebrate them, don't be separated by them.**
- B. **WE MUST BE OF LIKE MIND – TOWARD CHRIST AND TOWARD EACH OTHER**
 - **To be "like minded" means to live in harmony with one another.** We are trying to make our lives pleasing unto him, not a noisy wreck (animal on drums)
 - **Romans 12:16, "Love in harmony with each other"**
 - **Romans 15:5, "May the Lord grant you to live in harmony..."**
 - **Don't be that guy** – Don't be the one that is always purposefully beating the drum at the wrong place by spreading gossip, looking for the next person to be mad at, always complaining about something... **Don't love conflict, live peace.**
- C. **WE ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST HAS ACCEPTED US**
 - **Romans 15:7, "Therefore welcome (or accept) one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."** App: daily (@ sbux) and at church
 - **Greeting, ushering, guest services, Coffee, kids concierge**

FOR THE SON OF MAN IS COME TO SAVE THAT WHICH WAS LOST. Matthew 18:11 KJV

- **Our passion is the seedbed of reaching a lost and dying world.** We burn for what Christ burned for. As our passion develops for Christ it will want ppl to get it
- **We need to ensure our heart beats for what God's heart beats for.**
- **It's a mandate from Heaven to reach the lost and broken world.**
- **We are God's spiritual GPS system.** He directs His love, affection and acceptance into the Gospel of Christ through us. Don't be off or hearing "calculating route"
- **When the church stops being the church and the church starts doing church, then we become a dead monument with builds and rituals.**

2. DEVOTE - PLEDGING YOUR ALLEGIANCE TO SUPPORT SOMEONE

Romans 12:10, "Love one another" or "Be devoted ... in brotherly affection"

A. TOLERATE ONE ANOTHER

- **Eph 4:2, "with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another (or "Tolerate") in love"** ppl you love the most can irritate most
- **I wish I could tell you that everyone was going to be just like you... but for me that would be "Hell."** There will be ppl that rub you the wrong way.

WALKING WITH ONE ANOTHER WILL INVOLVE:

- 1) **RISK:** If we're going to fulfill the purpose God has for our lives, we have to be prepared to take risks. Relationally, service-wise, emotionally – we do it for JCI!
- 2) **PAIN:** **The goal of life is not to end up at death safely.** Life hurt; eternity won't.
- 3) **LOSS:** Definition of sacrifice: **Giving up something that you love for something that you love even more.** Time, Money (positions), Expertise.
 - **Brother this month that gave his liver and died.** Ryan & Chad Arnold

B. FORGIVE

- **Eph 4:32, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."**
- **Col 3:13, "bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other, as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive."**
- **We forgive because we have an eternal mindset:** We're not a product of time, but a product of eternity. Christ forgave us for all of eternity, so we do same

3. SUPPORT - BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER TO ERADICATE SIN.

A. BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS

- **Gal 6:2, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."**
 - **We need to help carry people out of their sin, b/c they can't always do it alone.** I have a friend that I have committed to carrying no matter cost
- **James 5:16, "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."**
 - **Don't go around spewing your sin. Honesty is not for the sake of getting attention but for the sake of transformation. Streaking**

B. SPEAK TRUTH

- **Eph 4:25, "Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another."**
- **App: Supporting one another doesn't always look like cheerleading** – Sometime the best support someone can give you is the truth.

4. UNITE - WORSHIPING CHRIST TOGETHER NOW AND FOREVER.

1 John 1:7, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

A. TOGETHER AS ONE ON EARTH, WITH CHRIST AS OUR HEAD

B. TOGETHER FOREVER IN HEAVEN WITH CHRIST AS OUR OBJECT OF WORSHIP

SO WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE:

- We look for way to **ACCEPT** all as God's image bearers – this week in your world
- We **DEVOTE** and **SUPPORT** those who God has in our live and in this church
- We **UNITE** to worship Christ

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