



## The Place to Start

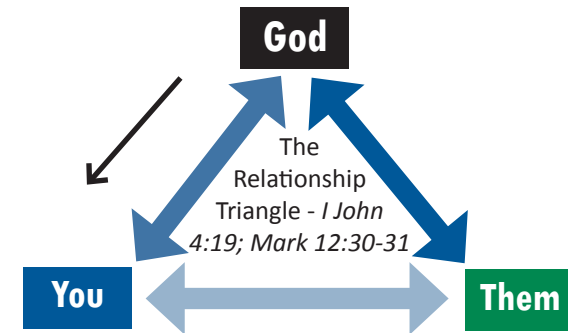
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- Satan wages a \_\_\_\_\_ against the God-honoring relationships because marriage, family and the church family are designed to be a \_\_\_\_\_ of God's grace.
- The war within us ends up becoming the war \_\_\_\_\_ us.

*What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? James 4:1*

<sup>28</sup> One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" <sup>29</sup> "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.' <sup>30</sup> **Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'** <sup>31</sup> The second is this: '**Love your neighbor as yourself.**' There is no commandment greater than these." **Mark 12:28-31**

- If you "love" Jesus - you'll grow \_\_\_\_\_ to others.



- \_\_\_\_\_ One Another

*Accept **one another**, then, just as Christ **accepted** you, in order to bring praise to God. Romans 15:7*

- \_\_\_\_\_ for One Another

*Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and **is also interceding for us.** Romans 8:34*

- \_\_\_\_\_ One Another

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, **just as in Christ God forgave you.** Ephesians 4:32*

- \_\_\_\_\_ One Another

*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Mark 10:45*

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2*

### Next Steps: Connecting People to the Life-Changing Love of Christ

- ☐ Valentine's Verse: Memorize 1 John 4:19
- ☐ BEGIN "75": Practice spending 7 minutes in prayer & scripture 5 times this week.
- ☐ Attend "The Art of Marriage" with your spouse.
- ☐ Bring a friend next Sunday for "Love and War – Part II."