



## How to have lasting, satisfying relationships:

### 1. Make Christ's love the \_\_\_\_\_ of your relationships.

*Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? 2 Corinthians 6:14*

### 2. Let Christ's love change your \_\_\_\_\_ toward your relationship.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

<sup>21</sup> Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. <sup>22</sup> Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. . . <sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. Ephesians 5:21-22,25

### 3. Make practical \_\_\_\_\_ into your relationship.

- **Accept** one another. (Romans 15:7)
- **Care** for one another. (1 Corinthians 12:25)
- **Carry one another's burdens.** (Galatians 6:2)
- **Comfort** one another. (2 Corinthians 1:4)
- **Encourage** one another. (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- **Forgive** one another. (Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13)
- **Greet** one another. (Romans 16:16)
- **Instruct** one another. (Romans 15:14)
- **Pray** for one another. (James 5:16)
- **Rejoice** with one another. (Romans 12:15; 1 Corinthians 12:26)
- **Serve** one another. (Galatians 5:13)
- **Weep** with one another. (Romans 12:15)

### 4. Utilize the power of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*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. James 5:16*

#### Next steps for today's message:

- ☐ Loving my \_\_\_\_\_ as Christ has loved me.
- ☐ Attending next Sunday's luncheon for new and prospective members.
- ☐ Reading Luke 5 before next Sunday's message on Jesus calling the disciples.
- ☐ Coming next Sunday to celebrate the Lord's Supper.