

Sermon Notes

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Sermon Series: Christians Connecting in Community

Title: Creating an Environment for Healthy Relationships

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:9-21

What is brotherly love? It's essentially a commitment we make with each other in our spiritual family. I'm committed, I'm devoted to loving you like family because in Christ we are family.

I will express my love, care, concern, kindness, appreciation, my listening ear, support, encouragement to you like I would to members of my biological family.

Why we devote ourselves to practice of brotherly love?

1. It demonstrates we are really living in possession of a new nature in Jesus Christ.
2. It strengthens and confirms the faith of those we love.
3. It displays the glory of Jesus Christ because He empowers us to live this way. It is a reflection of His character.
4. It attracts the world to Jesus to love Him and receive from Him all that He is.

How do we devote ourselves to brotherly love? Pray that Jesus will fuel our desire for affectionate love for others and will express this as the opportunities arise.