

ADVENT SEASON

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FIVE MOVEMENTS



INTERDEPENDENCE

THE ESSENCE OF GOD

way of bearing witness
path of formation



way of bearing witness -

"I give you a new command, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another"

-- **John 13:34-35**



path of formation -

"As God's chosen people, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony" - **Colossians 3:12-14**



Week 1 - essence of God, the eternal and internal nature of God as relationality - Father, Son, Spirit - love is at the center of God's social reality.

Week 2 - At the core of our being human we are designed for and defined by our relationships. Fundamentally we are relational souls. If love is at the center of God's relational nature, and we bear the image of God, then how do we bear witness to this love in our relationships?



Anam Cara (soul friend) -

friend in whose compassionate presence you can unmask
and open your heart

Accountability vs Editability -

accountants keep records, editors wipe away errors while
keeping the voice of the author



Accountability vs Editability -

Author-editor relationship -- author submits a rough draft, the editor makes suggestions, even disagrees at times with the author. Author considers the editor's suggestions, and will often make adjustments. Author and editor continue to go back and forth until the project is complete. Entire process is a one of a give and take collaboration.



KEY

clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. -- Colossians 3









The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. -- Psalm 24:1



The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden to till it and keep [shamar] it – Genesis 2:15

The Lord bless you and keep (shamar) you - Numbers 6:24



When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him... -- Psalm 8:3-4

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. -- Psalm 19:1-3

