



The 7C's: Covenant

Welcome! We are so glad you are here! As a Tribe we commit to a social contract of honor, respect and privacy. Please stay mindful of what is shared here. May we all grow with intention and integrity.

Introductions

As we kick off this time together please take a moment to share your name with this group.

Class Lesson: Focus: Covenant

We need a healthy community in order to ask people to enter into Covenant.
Our commitment to one another is bigger than words or emotion.
Finding your Tribe is about choosing Covenant before personal destiny.
How does me, fulfilling my personal destiny, make these people better?
We don't "lose" ourselves, we get "us" with the Tribe God has put us with.
Covenant relationships require vulnerability and high levels of trust.
Relationships that are willing to sacrifice people for the sake of personal destiny are not Covenant relationships, they are unhealthy and narcissistic.
We don't get there alone. Everybody reaches their destiny with other people somehow.
Someone gave them a boost.

**What is the key to maintaining Covenant relationships? Unity.
What causes disunity and can break Covenant? Offense.**

How we handle offense, and our ongoing efforts to operate in unity and maintain Covenant relationships is critical to our overall success, and our ability for all of us to receive our promised blessings.

Table Discussion/ Questions:

Unity has to be the result of the bond of the Spirit. When it is a movement legislated by man instead of the conviction of the Holy Spirit, it turns religious and controlling.

-Read 2 Chronicles 30:12

“Also in Judah, the Hand of God was *on* the people *to give them unity of mind* (being of one mind), to carry out what the king and his officials had ordered, following the word of the Lord.”

1: The “Hand of God” is widely considered to be a reference to the Holy Spirit. What role do you think the Spirit being *ON* people, plays in being able to stay in unity? Is this distinct from the Holy Spirit being *IN* people?

2: What does “being of one mind” mean? Must all parties agree on everything in order to function in unity? How is this demonstrated in marriage? In the church community?

3: The last phrase in Matt 18:15 states “Receive this truth, whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you release on earth will be released in heaven.” Unpack that statement. What could the greater implications be to living in disunity, and out of Covenant?

4: We have all had experiences being offended. Without naming names/specifics- what have you learned from past offenses that did not end in resolution, unity, and maintaining Covenant? Do you have examples of offense successfully being worked out into stronger unity/ Covenant?

5: At what point does a relationship become a “Covenant” relationship? Is it ever ok to break Covenant? Why or why not? What are some scriptures that reference this?

Closing Activation & Prayer

Be still and draw near to Holy Spirit. Ask Him for tangible ways you can purpose to prioritize your Covenant relationships, not sacrificing them for the sake of your personal destiny. What are ways you can go after your personal destiny *in order* to build up and bless those same people?

1 Corinthians 13:4-13

“Love is large and incredibly patient. Love is gentle and consistently kind to all. It refuses to be jealous when blessing comes to someone else. Love does not brag about one’s achievements nor inflate its own importance. Love does not traffic in shame and disrespect, nor selfishly seek its own honor. Love is not easily irritated or quick to take offense. Love joyfully celebrates honesty and finds no delight in what is wrong. Love is a safe place of shelter, for it never stops believing the best for others. Love never takes failure as defeat, for it never gives up. Love never stops loving.”