

Uncommon - Part 1 - Uncommon Love Mark Rouse - mark@epicchurchbuffalo.com January 29, 2017

Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. **10** If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.

- Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

WHY ARE HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS UNCOMMON?

- ✓ People can be **DIFFICULT**.
- ✓ **TECHNOLOGY** is changing the nature of relationships.
- ✓ We're too BUSY.
- ✓ We've been <u>HURT</u> in the past.
- ✓ We're following relationship principles that <u>ARE NOT</u> WORKING.

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. – Romans 12:2

4 UNCOMMON RELATIONSHIP COMMITMENTS

1) **NURTURE** my important relationships.

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing. – 1 Thessalonians 5:11

2) **RESTORE** my broken relationships.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. **18** If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. – Romans 12:17-18

3) **CONSIDER THE COST** of harmful relationships.

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm. – Proverbs 13:20

4) **INITIATE** meaningful relationships.

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.
- Proverbs 27:17

There was a man all alone; he had neither son nor brother. There was no end to his toil, yet his eyes were not content with his wealth. – Ecclesiastes 4:8

UNCOMMON LOVE

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

- John 3:16

Memory Verse:

Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. – 1 John 4:11

✓ The secret of uncommon relationships is <u>RECEIVING</u> and GIVING God's love.