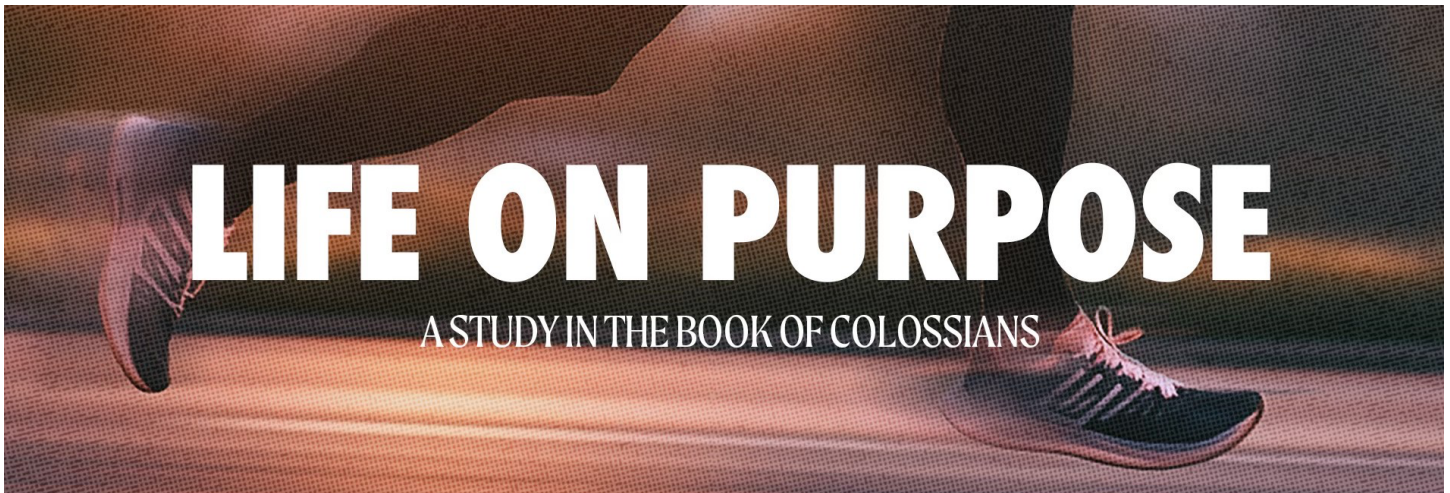




LIFE ON PURPOSE – How to Have Better Relationships

Relationships can be tough no matter what the age, what are the top three qualities of a solid relationship? How do you rate yourself on a scale of 1-10 on living those qualities out for others?

Memory Verse:

Colossians 3:12-14 NIV

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Read: Colossians 1:1-4

Why does Paul, and other biblical writers, use familial language?

We've spent a lot of time talking about being "in Christ", but how can you tell if you're in Christ?

How does the health of our relationships speak to our maturity in Christ?

What drives our tendency to live lives of "crowded loneliness"? (Lives marked by being around people but not knowing or being known by them?)

Read: Colossians 3:12-14

How do the various aspects of this verse help us have more God honoring relationships?

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people,

How does the knowledge that we are chosen by God affect the way we interact with each other?

holy and dearly loved,

When God looks upon His children (that is all believers) he sees them as holy (set apart for His glory) and dearly loved. How might internalizing this fact help someone have healthier relationships?

clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

What might it look like to clothe yourself with these characteristics? How might this affect us in regards to spiritual warfare? (Eph 6)

13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

What role does forgiveness, or a lack of it, play in healthy relationships?

Does faking it count? Why or why not?

14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

John 13:34-35 CSB

34 "I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Once again we see Paul give love special treatment in regards to the godly qualities that are to be exhibited among his people. We also see it in 1 Cor 13. What is the greatest challenge in "loving one another"?

How can we pray for each other in regards to the health of our relationships?