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 - How has the Gospel been a **Blessing** to you this week?
 - What are you hearing from God as you **Listen** to the Spirit & read God's Word, the Bible?
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 - Who has God led you to **Serve** this week?
 - In what ways have you been able to **Share** about Jesus this week?
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3. Where do you see division and strife in our world caused by differences? What do you think is the solution to these issues?
4. Read Romans 15:1-7,13. What does it look like to live for the sake of others? How is this different from being a "people pleaser"?
5. What active step can you take to build up others in your family and in our church family?
6. What individual or types of people do you have difficulty accepting? What is God saying to you in this regard? How does v. 7 challenge your thinking?
7. Read Phil. 2:1-11. In what way does Jesus embody grace and acceptance? How does the example and sacrifice of Jesus inspire you to change? What action steps can you take to apply these principles?



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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

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With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor

July 17, 2016

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One Another

The Love of Jesus at Work in His Church

Big Idea: Accept one another just as Christ has accepted you.

Romans 15:1-7,13 We who are strong must be considerate of those who are sensitive about things like this. We must not just please ourselves. ² We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord. ³ For even Christ didn't live to please himself. As the Scriptures say, "The insults of those who insult you, O God, have fallen on me." ⁴ Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.

⁵ May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus.

⁶ Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory... ¹³ I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

What does it look like to accept one another?

- **We don't let differences divide us.** v. 1

"In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in everything, love."

- **We seek to help people grow into Christ-like maturity.** v. 1-4

- **We strive for harmony for God's glory.** v. 5-6

- **We embody the grace of God.** v. 7, 13

Phil. 2:1-11

Romans 15:1-7 (The Message) ¹⁻² Those of us who are strong and able in the faith need to step in and lend a hand to those who falter, and not just do what is most convenient for us. Strength is for service, not status. Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, "How can I help?" ³⁻⁶ That's exactly what Jesus did. He didn't make it easy for himself by avoiding people's troubles, but waded right in and helped out. "I took on the troubles of the troubled," is the way Scripture puts it. Even if it was written in Scripture long ago, you can be sure it's written for us. God wants the combination of his steady, constant calling and warm, personal counsel in Scripture to come to characterize us, keeping us alert for whatever he will do next. ***May our dependably steady and warmly personal God develop maturity in you so that you get along with each other as well as Jesus gets along with us all. Then we'll be a choir—not our voices only, but our very lives singing in harmony in a stunning anthem to the God and Father of our Master Jesus!*** ⁷ ***So reach out and welcome one another to God's glory. Jesus did it; now you do it!***

The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation(NLT and The Message Bible (MSG).