

Paper Walls: Moving Beyond the Excuses that Hold You Back

Week three - "You Don't Have to Like It"

Genesis 4:2-8, Romans 8:1-4, 14-17, and John 17:20-23

Bottom line: Dislike is an excuse for disunity.

- 1. What are some of the foods you don't like? What would the circumstances have to be for you to eat those things?
- 2. How does your "like" or "dislike" for someone impact how you interact with them?
- 3. Andy Stanley says that "Disagreement is unavoidable, but division is always a choice." What do you think about that statement?
 - a. How is the world getting this right or wrong?
 - b. How is the Church getting this right or wrong?
 - c. How are you getting this right or wrong?
- 4. Read John 17:20-23.
 - a. How does Jesus describe the "oneness" He is praying for us to have with each other?
 - b. Why does our unity matter so much?
- 5. What difference does it make for your life and your faith to know that God not only loves you, but He also likes you? How does God's affection for us change the way we feel about and act toward each other?