

SERIES - LIKING THE ONES YOU LOVE

LIKING YOUR FRIENDS

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Friendships require grace because people aren't perfect!

Colossians 3:12-15 (NIV)

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

God's people live and relate differently!

CHOOSE to respond differently

Matthew 22:39 (NASB)

"YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

I Corinthians 13:4-8 (NIV)

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

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CHOOSE to forgive the bad!

Colossians 3:13 (NIV)

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

Romans 12:17 & 21 (NIV)

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

TO FORGIVE: Choose to release the pain

Hebrews 12:15 (NIV)

See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

TO FORGIVE: Choose to release the penalty

Romans 12:18-19 (NIV)

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

You can't have deep friendships without deep forgiveness!

NEXT WEEK: SPECIAL THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

We're so glad you joined us. If you would like more information about God, Jesus and the Bible, please talk with any of our church leaders.

Thank you for joining us!