

#### **EPHESIANS 4:32**

<sup>32</sup> Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

## WALKING IN LOVE

Theme: Walking in love for, and being kind to, one another means that we are protecting others' spiritual well-being by being wholly committed to purity in our personal speech and conduct.

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## THE COMMAND: WALK IN LOVE

<sup>1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; <sup>2</sup> and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

## ROMANS 5:8

<sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

# THE CONTRADICTION: WALKING IN SELFISHNESS

<sup>3</sup> But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints; <sup>4</sup> and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

#### HEBREWS 13:8

<sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

#### MATTHEW 5:17-18

<sup>17</sup> "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfil. <sup>18</sup> "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

## GENESIS 1:28

<sup>28</sup> "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

#### GENESIS 2:24

<sup>24</sup> For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

### MATTHEW 19:4-5

<sup>4</sup> And He answered and said, "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE, <sup>5</sup> and said, 'FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH'?

### LEVITICUS 18:22

<sup>22</sup> 'You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:9–10

<sup>9</sup> Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, <sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

## MATTHEW 5:27-28

<sup>27</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY'; <sup>28</sup> but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

#### SONG OF SOLOMON 2:7; 3:5; 8:4

"Do not stir up or awaken passion until it pleases"

#### PSALM 139:14–16

<sup>14</sup> I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.

<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skilfully wrought in the depths of the earth;

<sup>16</sup> Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them.

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#### THE CONSEQUENCE: WALKING UNDER GOD'S WRATH

<sup>5</sup> For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.<sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.



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#### 2 – Love one another by walking in purity