

Clotured in Christ



2023

 Cornerstone
Church

Imitating God

Eph. 5:1-2; Gen. 50:15-21

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“Imitation is the highest form of flattery”

“You are what you imitate”

Parents, friends, celebrities,
athletes, teachers



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- Eph. 5:1-2 *“Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children; ...”*

*Greek: “Mimetes” from which we derive “mimic”

“Consistent lifestyle; REPRODUCTION”

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- Eph. 5:1-2 *“...and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us,...”*

***Self-sacrifice is resisted/rejected by the West**

-We are Individualistic

-We are not Community-minded

Imitating God: *It's not about me!*

- DYING TO SELF

*1 John 2:6 *“The one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked”*

* Mark 14:32-36 Jesus prays at Gethsemane

“I don't want to. But it's not about Me”

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- OTHERS COME FIRST

*Eph. 4:32 *“Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ has also forgiven you”*

* Matt. 18:23-35 The Unmerciful Servant

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- YOUR LIFE IS NOT TO BE GRASPED

**1 Pe. 2:212 “For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example to follow in His steps”*

** Gen. 50:15-21 Joseph and his brothers*

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- An encouragement:

None of us has “arrived”... it’s OK! Be gracious to yourSELF as well as others!

“Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own” Phil. 3:12