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# CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM

**LOVE**

**GOD + NEIGHBOUR**

# KINGDOM RELATIONSHIPS



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# Kingdom Relationships:

- **ALL** relationships within His kingdom are governed by the **KING**
- His **WORD TEACHES US HOW** we are to relate to one another



# KINGDOM RELATIONSHIPS

## 1. Be at Peace with Each Other



**Mark 9:50 (NLT)** — “Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavor, how do you make it salty again? You must have the qualities of salt among yourselves and **live in peace with each other.**”

# KINGDOM RELATIONSHIPS

## 2. Be Devoted to One Other



**Romans 12:10 (NLT)** — “Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.”

**Romans 12:10 (NIV84)** — “**Be devoted** to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.”

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## devoted

- zealous
- ardent in attachment, loyalty, or affection

# KINGDOM RELATIONSHIPS

## 3. Honor One Other



**Romans 12:10 (NLT)** — “Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in **honoring each other.**”

**1 Corinthians 12:25 (NLT)** — “This makes for harmony among the members, **so that all the members care for each other.**”

# KINGDOM RELATIONSHIPS

## 4. Don't Judge One Other



**Romans 14:13 (NLT)** — “So let’s **stop condemning each other**. Decide instead to live in such a way that you will not cause another believer to stumble and fall.”

**Romans 14:4 (NLT)** — “**Who are you to condemn someone else’s servants?** Their own master will judge whether they stand or fall. And with the Lord’s help, they will stand and receive his approval.”

James 4:11 (NLT) — “**Don’t speak evil against each other**, dear brothers and sisters. If you criticize and judge each other, then you are criticizing and judging God’s law. But your job is to obey the law, not to judge whether it applies to you.”

James 5:9 (NLT) — “**Don’t grumble about each other**, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. For look—the Judge is standing at the door!”

**A Common  
Human Failing  
is to Judge  
Others**





**DO NOT  
JUDGE**

# KINGDOM RELATIONSHIPS

## 5. Accept One Other



**Romans 15:7 (NLT)** — “Therefore, **accept each other** just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.”

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# acceptance

- heartfelt need we all have
- God created us all different
- natural tendency to place higher value on those who are like us



**James 2:1,8-9 (NLT)** — “My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ **if you favor some people over others?**... **8** Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ **9 But if you favor some people over others, you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law.”**

Prejudice is a  
**HEART** problem  
that is in **ALL** of us...



# KINGDOM RELATIONSHIPS

## 6. Teach and Admonish One Other



**Romans 15:14 (NLT)** — “I am fully convinced, my dear brothers and sisters, that you are full of goodness. You know these things so well you can teach each other all about them.”

**Colossians 3:16 (NLT)** — “Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. **Teach and counsel/admonish** each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.”

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# admonish

- to caution, advise, or counsel against something.
- to reprove or scold, esp. in a mild and good-willed manner
- to urge to a duty; remind

**Jesus told us there  
were TWO roads**



**Narrow Path →**  
**← Broad Path**

**Matthew 7:13–14 (NKJV)** — “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. **14** Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to **life**, and there are few who find it.”

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## **zoe**

- the quality of God's life
- abundant life
- life with meaning and purpose





**Disciples follow Jesus...**

# KINGDOM RELATIONSHIPS

## 7. Greet One Other



**Romans 16:16 (NLT)** — “Greet each other with a sacred kiss. All the churches of Christ send you their greetings.”

**1 Corinthians 16:20 (NLT)** — “All the brothers and sisters here send greetings to you. Greet each other with a sacred kiss.”

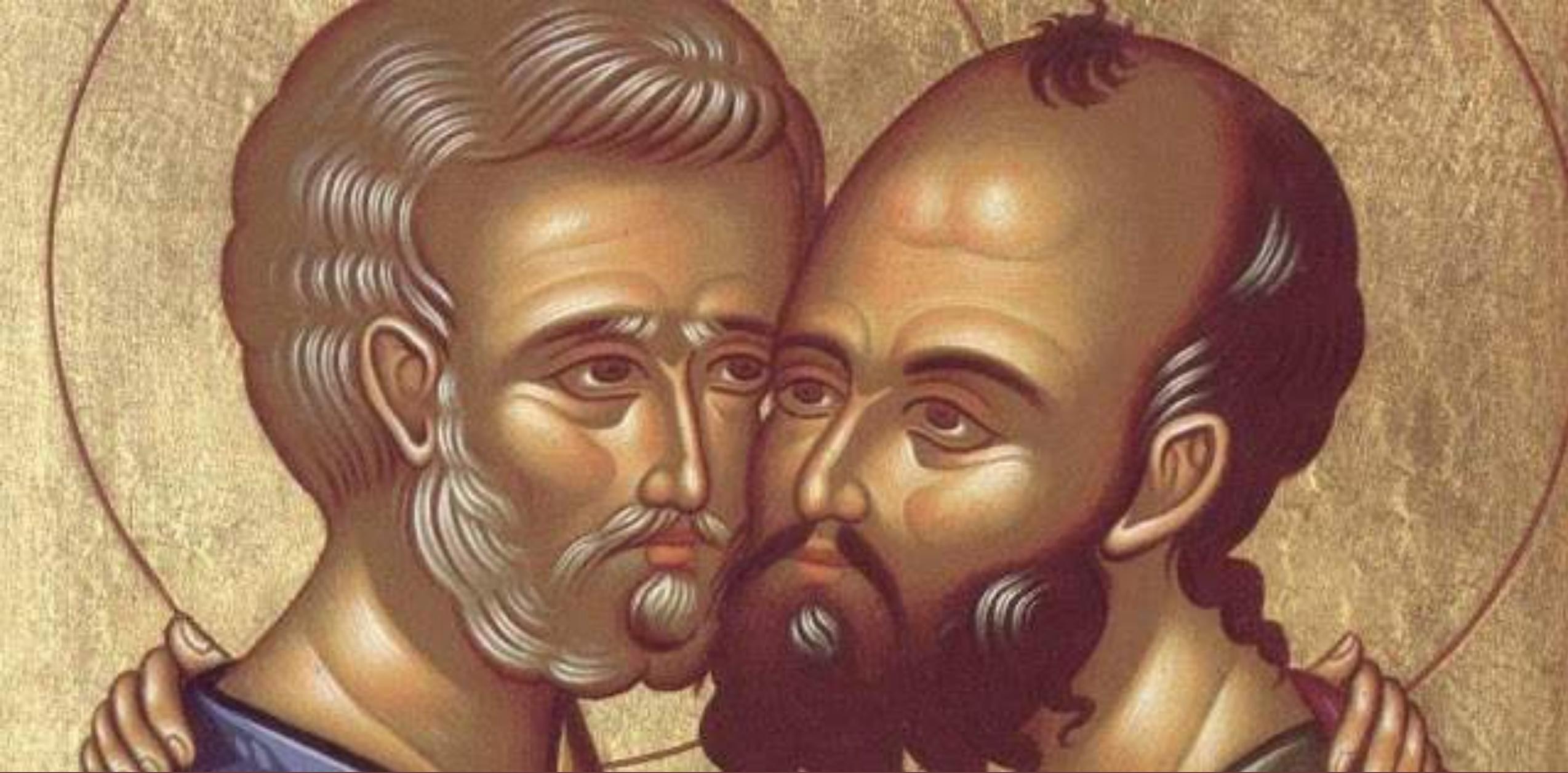
**2 Corinthians 13:12 (NLT)** — “Greet each other with a sacred kiss.”

**1 Peter 5:14 (NLT)** — “Greet each other with a kiss of love. Peace be with all of you who are in Christ.”

**1 Peter 4:9 (NKJV)** — “Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.”

**People LOVE to feel WELCOMED...**





**The Sacred Kiss Implied Full Acceptance**

**How Do We Practice This TODAY?**



# KINGDOM RELATIONSHIPS

## 8. Agree With One Other



**1 Corinthians 1:10 (NLT)** — “I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to **live in harmony with each other** (*NIV “agree with one another”*). Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.”

**Amos 3:3 (NKJV)** — “Can two walk together, unless they are **agreed**?”

**Amos 3:3 (NLT)** — “Can two people walk together without **agreeing** on the direction?”

**Matthew 18:19–20 (NLT)** — “I also tell you this: If two of you **agree** here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you. **20** For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.”

**Unity of Purpose  
Brings POWER**



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# Foundational Things:

- Bible is God's Word
- Jesus is God, Savior of mankind
- Salvation comes by God's grace, by faith, not of any work I do



# **AGREEMENT** is Critical in **ALL** Kinds of Relationships



# KINGDOM RELATIONSHIPS

## 9. Wait for Each Other



**1 Corinthians 11:33 (NLT)** — “So, my dear brothers and sisters, when you gather for the Lord’s Supper, **wait for each other.**”

“Wait for each other”  
deals with **Communion**  
and sharing meals



# KINGDOM RELATIONSHIPS

## 10. Serve One Another



**Galatians 5:13 (NLT)** — “For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don’t use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, **use your freedom to serve one another in love.**”

A dramatic landscape featuring a sunset or sunrise over a mountain range. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright orange and red near the horizon. The text is centered and spans across the middle of the image.

**YOU ARE A SLAVE  
NO LONGER!**

**Mark 10:42–45 (NLT)** — “So Jesus called them together and said, ‘You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. **43** But among you it will be different. **Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, 44** and **whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. 45** For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.’”

**James 4:10 (NLT)** — “Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.”

THE  
WAY UP  
IS THE  
WAY  
DOWN



**Philippians 2:3–4 (NLT)** — “Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others (*NIV* ‘*consider*’/ *NKJV* ‘*esteem*’) as better than yourselves. **4** Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.”



# KINGDOM RELATIONSHIPS

## **11. Don't Provoke or Be Jealous of One Another**



**Galatians 5:26 (NLT)** — “Let us not become conceited,  
or **provoke** one another, or **be jealous of** one another.”

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# How Christians Should Live:

- In the power of the Spirit
- In step with the Spirit
- Guided by the Spirit



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# What if we SKIP this Obedience?

- conceited
- proud
- arrogant
- self-promoters
- leads to competition

# KINGDOM RELATIONSHIPS

## 12. Be Patient With One Another



**Ephesians 4:2 (NLT)** — “Always be humble and gentle. **Be patient** with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love.”

**Colossians 3:13 (NLT)** — “**Make allowance for each other’s faults**, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.”

# KINGDOM RELATIONSHIPS

## **13. Be Kind and Compassionate With One Another**



**Ephesians 4:32 (NLT)** — “Instead, **be kind to each other**, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.”

**1 Thessalonians 5:15 (NLT)** — “See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to **do good to each other** and to all people.”

**Ephesians 5:19 (NLT)** — “singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts.”

# KINGDOM RELATIONSHIPS

## 14. Submit to One Another



Ephesians 5:21 (NLT) — “And further, **submit to one another** out of reverence for Christ.”

# KINGDOM RELATIONSHIPS

## 15. Speak the Truth in Love



**Colossians 3:9 (NLT)** — “**Don’t lie to each other**, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds.”

**Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)** — “Instead, we will **speak the truth in love**, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.”

# KINGDOM RELATIONSHIPS

## 16. Encourage One Another



**1 Thessalonians 4:18 (NLT)** — “So **encourage each other** with these words.”

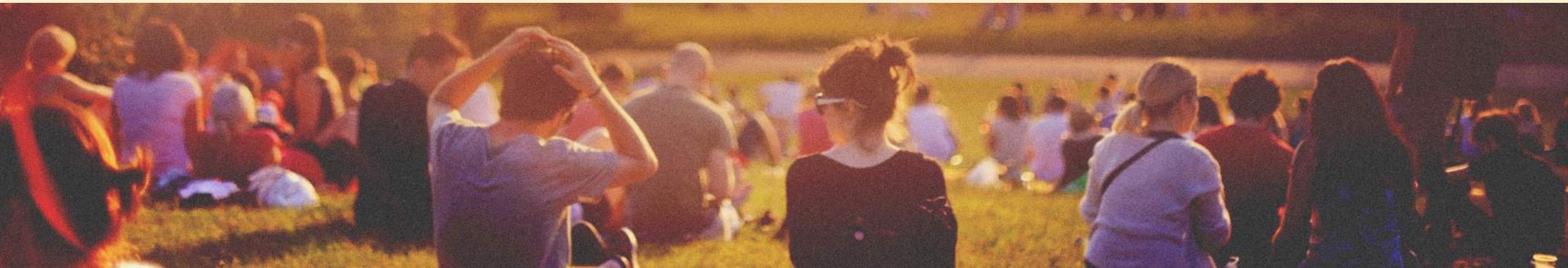
**1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT)** — “So **encourage each other** and build each other up, just as you are already doing.”

**Hebrews 3:13 (ESV)** — “But **exhort one another** every day, as long as it is called ‘today,’ that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”

**Hebrews 10:24–25 (NLT)** — “Let us think of ways to **motivate one another** to acts of love and good works.  
**25** And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, **but encourage one another**, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.”

# KINGDOM RELATIONSHIPS

## 17. Confess Yours Sins to One Another



**James 5:16 (NLT)** — “**Confess your sins to each other** and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.”

**1 Peter 5:5 (NLT)** — “In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you, **dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another**, for ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’”

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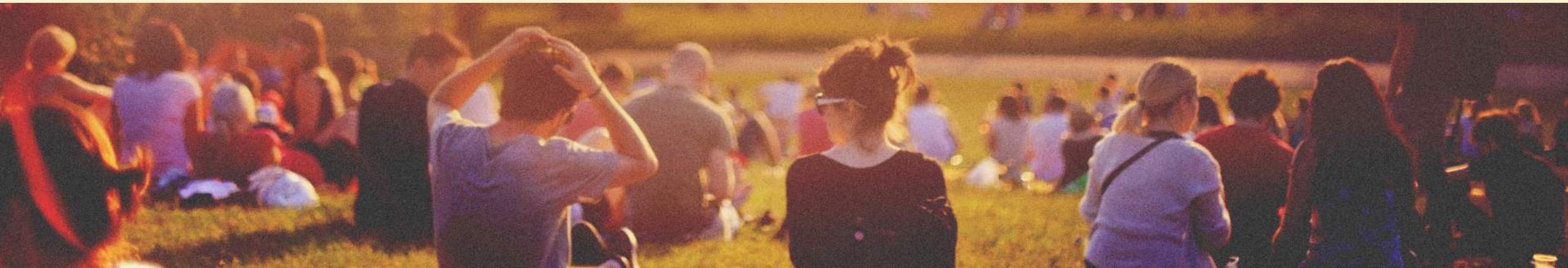
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## 19. Have Fellowship With One Another



**1 John 1:7 (NLT)** — “But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we **have fellowship with each other**, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.”

**Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)** — “And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.”

# KINGDOM RELATIONSHIPS

## 20. Love One Another



**John 13:34–35 (NLT)** — “So now I am giving you a new commandment: **Love each other. Just as I have loved you**, you should love each other. **35** Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

**John 15:12 (NLT)** — “This is my commandment: **Love each other** in the same way I have loved you.”

**John 15:17 (NLT)** — “This is my command: **Love each other.**”

**Romans 13:8 (NLT)** — “Owe nothing to anyone—  
except for your obligation to love one another. If you  
love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of  
God’s law.”

**1 Thessalonians 4:9 (NLT)** — “But we don’t need to  
write to you about the importance of loving each  
other, for God himself has taught you to **love one  
another.**”

**Hebrews 13:1 (NLT)** — “Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters.”

**1 Peter 1:22 (NLT)** — “You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. **Love each other deeply with all your heart.**”

**1 Peter 4:8 (NLT)** — “Most important of all, continue to **show deep love for each other**, for love covers a multitude of sins.”

**1 John 3:11 (NLT)** — “This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should **love one another.**”

**1 John 3:23 (NLT)** — “And this is his commandment: We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, **and love one another**, just as he commanded us.”

**1 John 4:7 (NLT)** — “Dear friends, let us continue to **love one another**, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.”

**1 John 4:11–12 (NLT)** — “Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely **ought to love each other**. **12** No one has ever seen God. But if we **love each other**, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.”

**2 John 5 (NLT)** — “I am writing to remind you, dear friends, that **we should love one another**. This is not a new commandment, but one we have had from the beginning.”

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