

THRIVE: Thrive by Cultivating Community Part 2
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Cultivating covenant community takes courage and humility.

QUESTIONS:

1. Do you find yourself living under the new internal transformational covenant, or are you still living under an old external transactional covenant?
2. How have you experienced belonging through the cross of Christ?
3. What does restorative community look like based on 2 Corinthians 3:12-18?
4. Encourage one another by declaring over them how they are known by God! Speak truth and life over one another - especially in any areas of brokenness!

FULL NOTES:

Host: Lauren Pickthorn - Adult Community
Worship: Jake Schwein and Andrea Vorvick

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Satan wants us focused on the lock *down* when we need to be locked *in*:

- Divided
- Distracted
- Disconnected
- Discouraged

The Old Covenant was Transactional (External)
The New Covenant is Transformational (Internal)

Exodus 19:5

Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession.

Jeremiah 31:31-33

“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord. “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Luke 22:20

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new **covenant** in my blood, which is poured out for you."

Jesus was the fulfillment of the Old Covenant.

Jesus came to cancel sin, not the sinner.

Matthew 11:19

The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners."

If Jesus ran a campaign slogan it would be "Vote for Jesus, Friend of Sinners"

1. Covenant Community moves us from Accursed to Affirmed**Galatians 3:8,9 (NLT)**

What's more, the Scriptures looked forward to this time when God would make the Gentiles right in his sight because of their faith... So all who put their faith in Christ share the same blessing

Galatians 3:10,11 (NLT)

But those who depend on the law to make them right with God are under his curse, for the Scriptures say, "Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the commands that are written in God's Book of the Law." So it is clear that no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law.

Galatians 3:13 (NLT)

But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing.

Galatians 3:26,27

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

2. Covenant Community moves us from Accusing to Aligning**Galatians 3:28**

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

3. A Covenant Community moves us from Rejecting to Restoring

Restore: To reset a bone for proper healing

A restorative community is about committing to mending the gap between our brokenness and God's brilliance.

2 Corinthians 3:17,18

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory