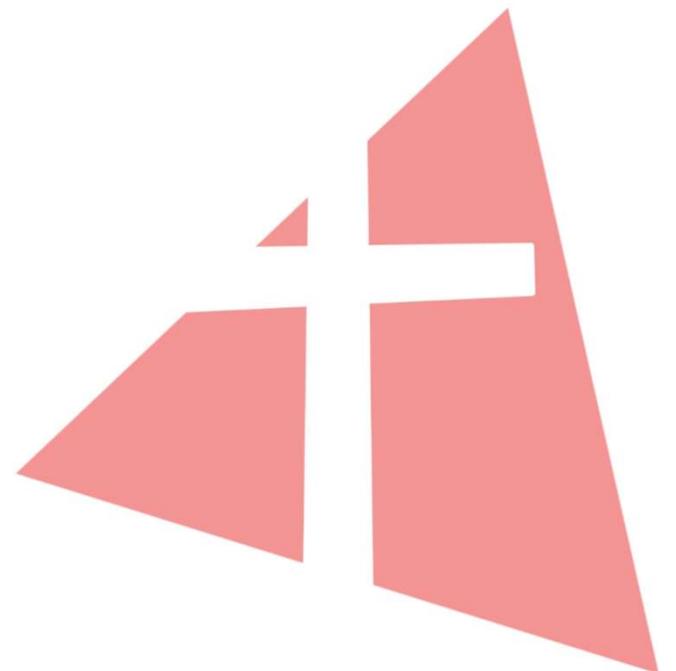


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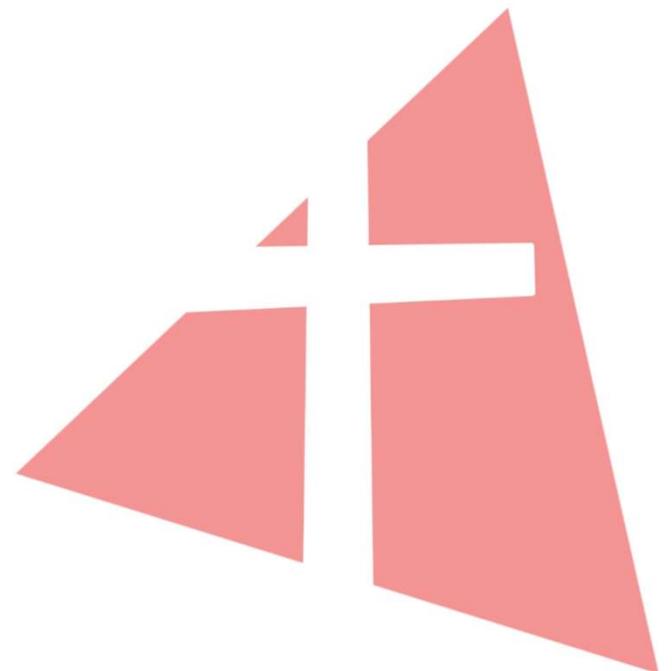
**Relationships & Family Series**

**October 07<sup>th</sup> 2018**



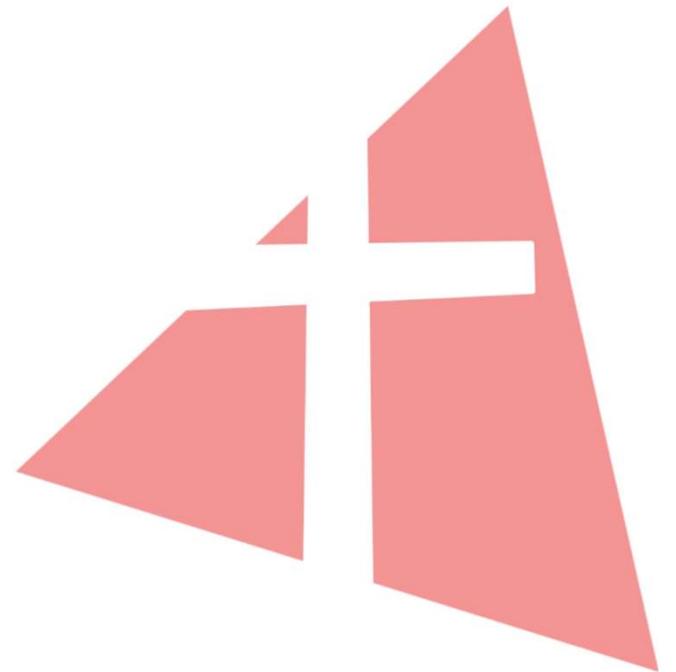
# OUR SERIES

- **Forgiveness**
- **Anger**
- **Singleness**
- **Marriage**
- **Parenting**



# THE CONCLUSION

- Relationships within the church



# “ONE ANOTHER”

*John 15:17 These things I command you, that you love one another.*

*Romans 12:10 Be tender loving one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another;*

*Romans 12:16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.*

*Romans 13:8 Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loves another has fulfilled the law.*

*Romans 15:5 Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:*

# “ONE ANOTHER”

*1 Corinthians 12:25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.*

*Galatians 5:13 For, brethren, you have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.*

*Galatians 6:2 Bear you one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*

*Ephesians 4:2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;*

*Ephesians 4:25 Therefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.*

# “ONE ANOTHER”

*Ephesians 4:32 And be you kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you.*

*Ephesians 5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.*

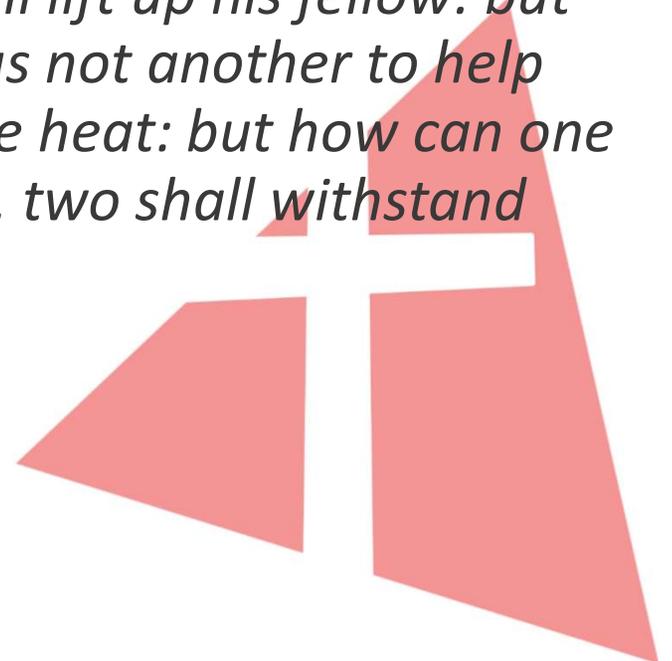
*Colossians 3:13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do you.*

*Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

*1 Thessalonians 4:18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.*

# TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE

*Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falls; for he has not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevails against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.*



# THE POWER OF PRAYER

*James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*



# THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SAME COIN

- **People who call themselves Christians but are not living in community might not be Christians at all**

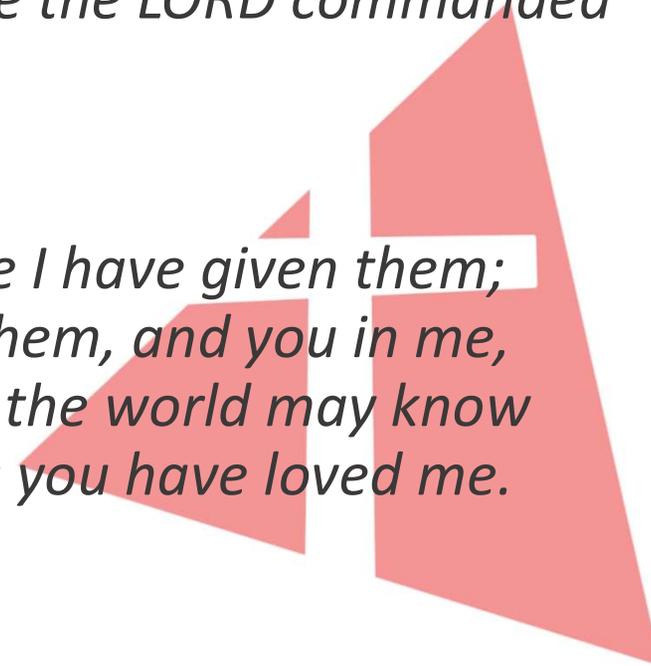
*1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin.*



# COMMUNITY: FOR GOD'S GLORY

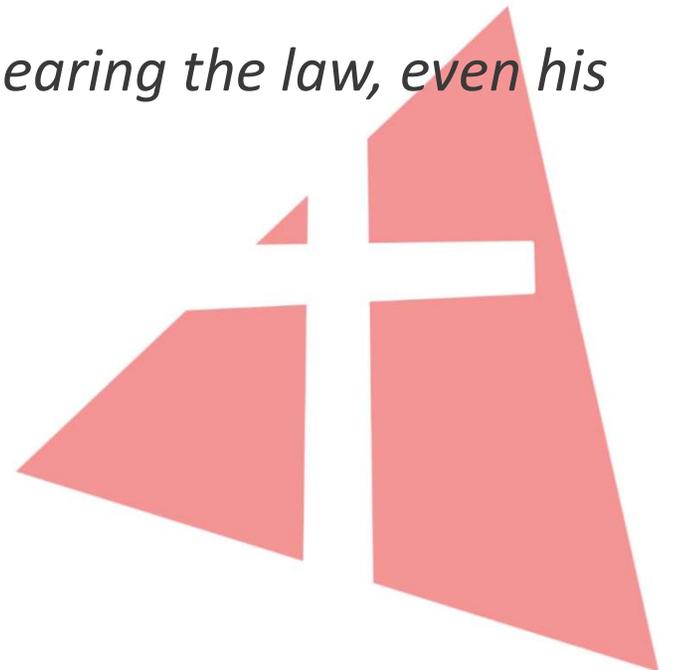
*Psalms 133:1-3 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life forevermore.*

*John 17:22-23 And the glory which you gave me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and you in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that you have sent me, and have loved them, as you have loved me.*



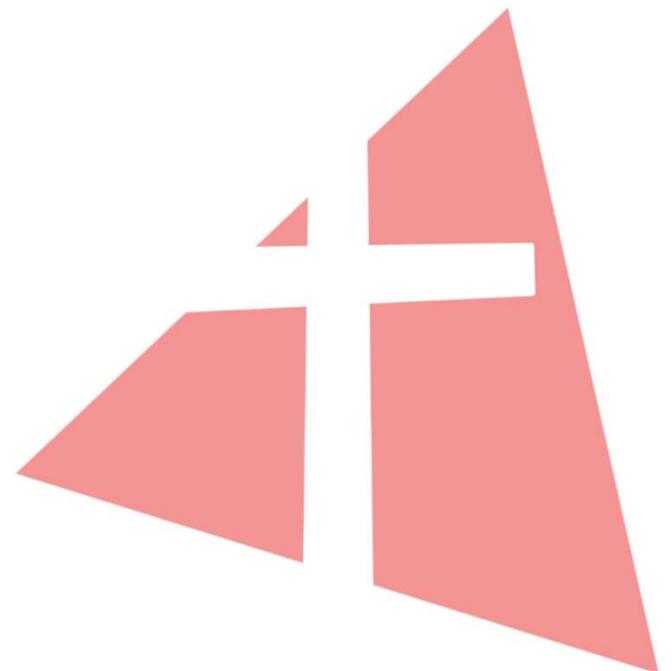
# PRAYER AND OBEDIENCE

*Proverbs 28:9 He that turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.*



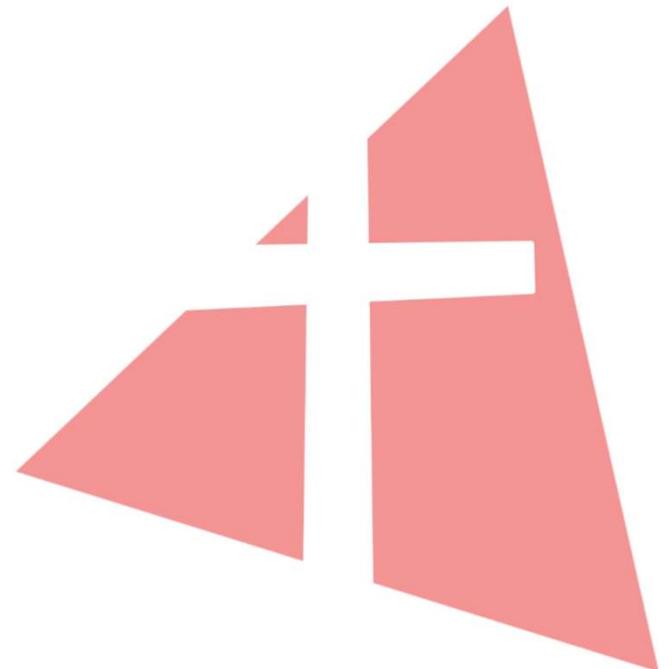
# OUR AIM

- **We are working towards a close community**
  - No close community = Pseudo Christianity



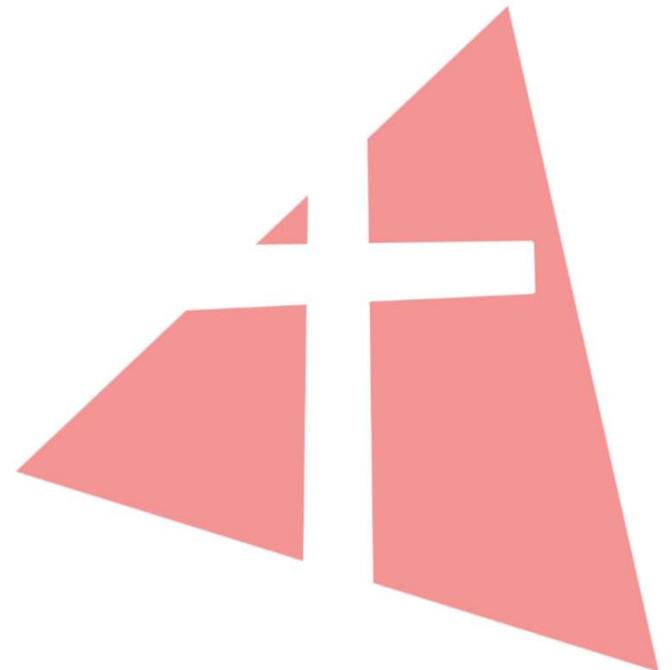
# OUR AIM

- **Staying in touch with each other throughout the week**
- **Accountability partners**
- **Small Groups throughout the week**
- **Spending free time together**
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# REALITY

- **Close community comes with challenges**



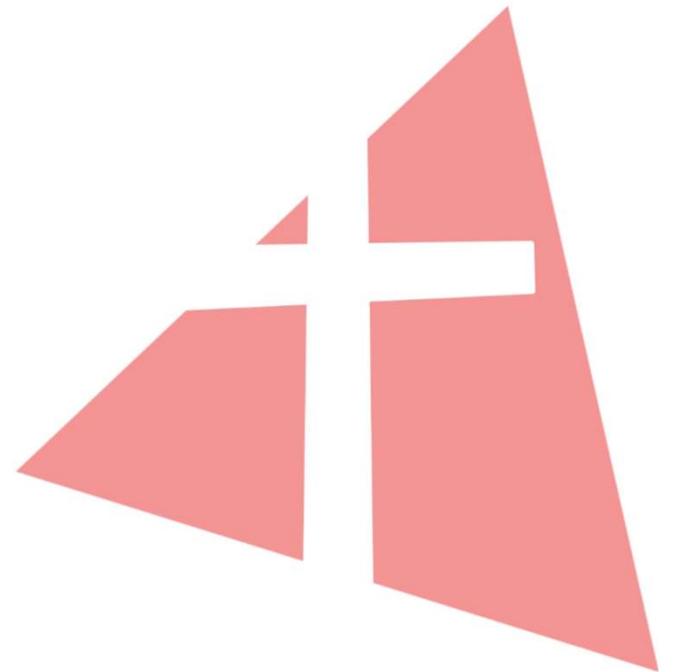
# REALITY

- We are constantly pulled between “our need for community” and “temptation to withdraw from community”



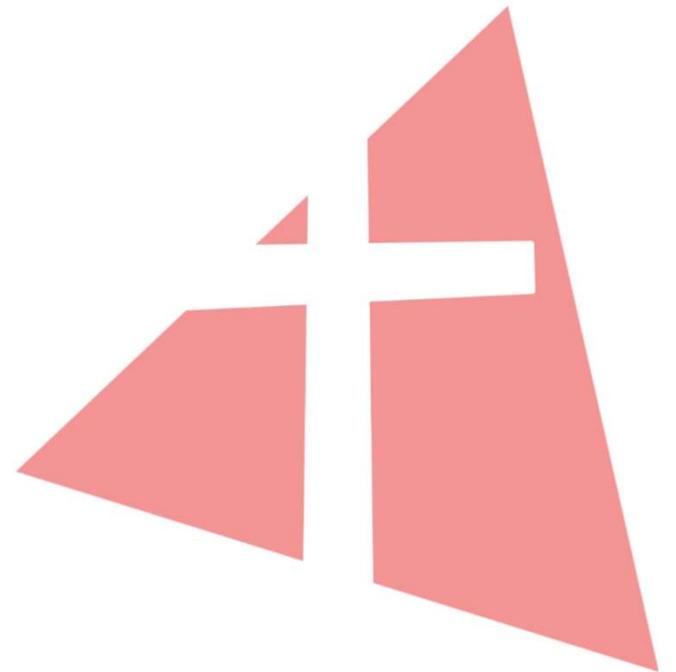
# WHAT CAN WE DO?

- **Do what we know is right**



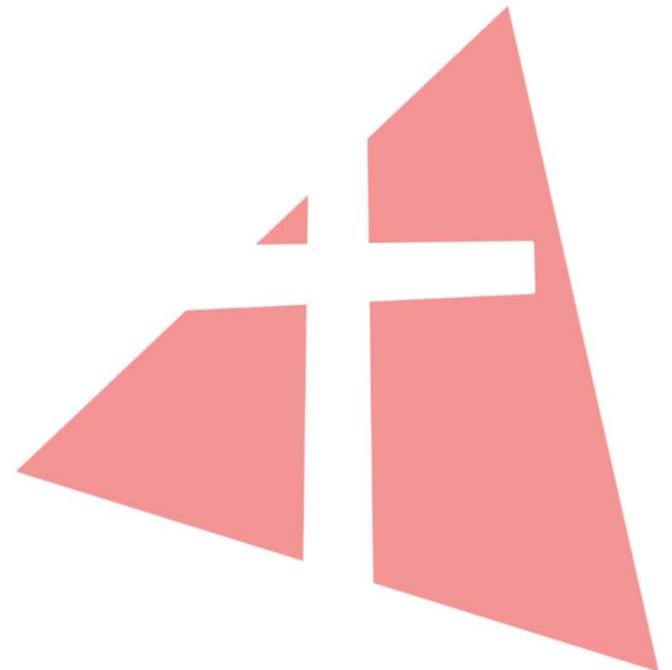
# WHAT CAN WE DO?

- Prayer



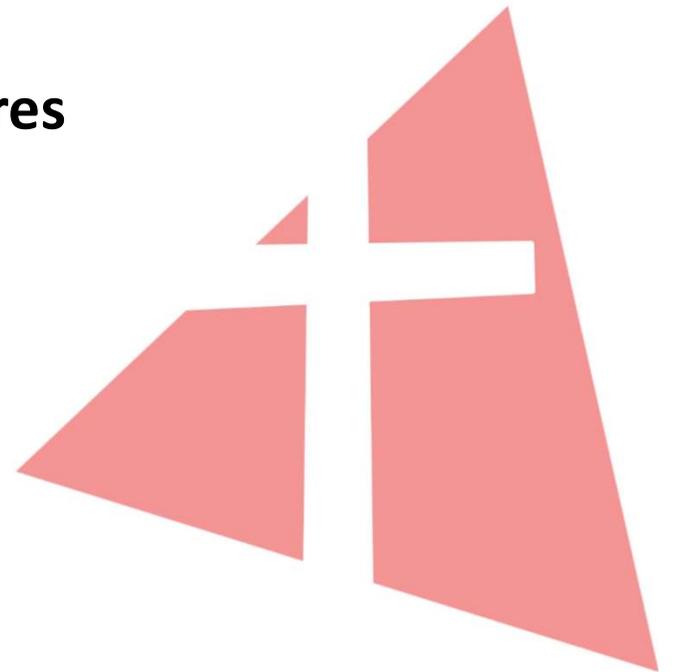
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- **See challenges as an opportunity to grow**



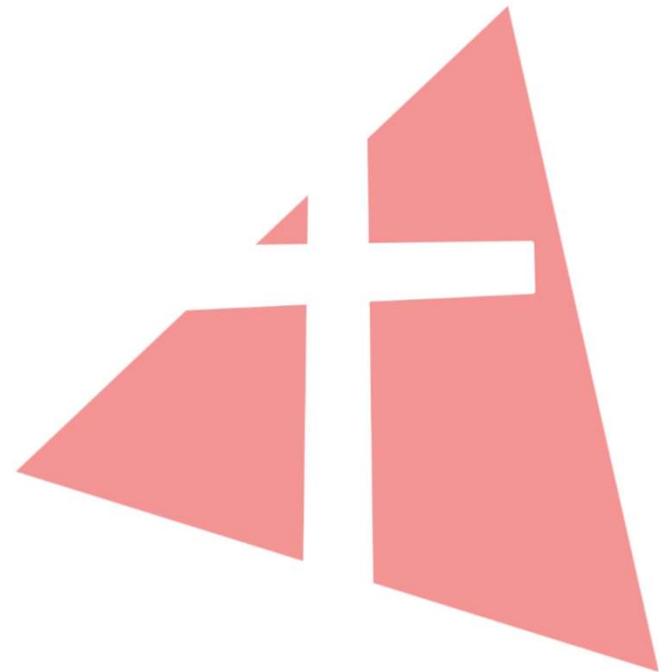
# WHAT CAN WE DO?

- **Focus on the Glory of God, not our own desires**



# WHAT CAN WE DO?

- **Seek community to give, not to receive**



# THE CONNECTION

- **What we practice “at home” will overflow into all parts of our lives**



# OUR CONVICTION

- **How we manage our family will have a direct impact on the church**

*The whole world will be completely transformed, if we embrace Biblical principles on love, dating, marriage and sex*

