

JAN 27, 2019

DEVOTED TO ONE ANOTHER

“Be _____ to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.” – Rom. 12:10

_____ = An inspiring love, typically used to describe reciprocal affection amongst members of a _____.

Reality:

We all come from familial backgrounds with varying degrees of _____. We bring that with us into _____.

Opportunity:

- ☛ We can learn to admit and embrace that this is so _____ and yet so _____ to grow through. Paul’s letters, particularly 1 & 2 Cor., Gal., and Eph.; cf. Matt. 12:46-50
- ☛ We can learn to speak, share, and experience _____ in the face of _____. Eph. 4:29-5:2; 2 Pet. 3:14-18
- ☛ We can help others see that we are learning how to be a more _____, especially since we’re expecting to _____. Rom. 12:1-21 and the rest of Romans

Our Family _____:

- ☛ Because we have a _____ who is wholeheartedly devoted to our family’s _____ - _____. Eph. 3:14-21; 1 Thess. 5:23-24; 1 Pet. 5:6-11; Heb. 11:7-12
- ☛ Because we have a _____ who deeply understands our unique stories of _____. Heb. 2:10-18
- ☛ Because we have the _____ to _____ and teach us how to fight for this family’s _____. John 14:15-31; Eph. 4:1-6

TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week can really help clarify the things that God is teaching you and let others learn from your experiences. Get with someone this week and talk about your answers to the following questions:

What thought stood out most in the message to you?

Why is it important to notice that in this passage, the word that we’ve commonly translated to “devoted” is a unique reference to affectionate love that is observed in special family relationships?

Discuss the “reality” statement: “We all come from familial backgrounds with varying degrees of dysfunction. We bring that with us into this family.” Why is this critical to be aware of? What other thoughts do you have based on this assessment of our individual lives and the family of God.

Talk through the different opportunities that we have as the family of God. How do those differ from how we might unfortunately treat our families?

Talk through the stated reasons for why the family of God “rules”. In what ways do these statements make you grateful for this family of God that you can or have been adopted in to?

What are some ways that you can contribute to the growth and betterment of our family at Sunridge?

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Reality:

We all come from familial backgrounds with varying degrees of DYSFUNCTION. We bring that with us into THIS FAMILY.

Opportunity:

- ☛ We can learn to ADMIT and EMBRACE that this is so DIFFICULT and yet so WORTHWHILE to grow through. Paul’s letters, particularly 1 & 2 Cor., Gal., and Eph.; cf. Matt. 12:46-50
- ☛ We can learn to speak, share, and experience GRACE in the face of DISSAPOINTMENT. Eph. 4:29-5:2; 2 Pet. 3:14-18
- ☛ We can help others see that we are LEARNING HOW to be a more FUNCTIONAL FAMILY, especially since we’re expecting to GROW. Rom. 12:1-21 and the rest of Romans

Our Family RULES:

- ☛ Because we have a FATHER who is wholeheartedly devoted to our family’s WELL-BEING. Eph. 3:14-21; 1 Thess. 5:23-24; 1 Pet. 5:6-11; Heb. 11:7-12
- ☛ Because we have a BROTHER who deeply understands our UNIQUE STORIES OF SUFFERING. Heb. 2:10-18
- ☛ Because we have the SPIRIT to UNIFY and teach us how to FIGHT for this family’s UNITY. John 14:15-31; Eph. 4:1-6

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