

SERMON SERIES: Relationships
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Key Line

Christ-centered relationships become life-giving relationships.

Introduction

Conflict in family relationships is one of the most painful types of conflict.

- How do you deal with conflict in your family? Do you fight, get angry, shut down and isolate yourself, try to prove that you're right, or have some other reaction?

Seek the Word

Read Romans 12:9-21.

- What does Paul mean when he says love must be sincere? What is sincere love? (*It is not motivated by selfishness. It is true and committed forever. It is unconditional.*)
- Paul says we should hate what is evil and cling to what is good. Why is it hard to think about what is good about a person and let go of what is bad?
- In verse 10, Paul says we should be devoted to one another and honor one another above ourselves. What does that mean? (*Honoring one another means attaching a high price tag to another person. Making them more important than yourself.*)
- In verse 11, Paul says to keep our spiritual fervor. How does our ability and desire to honor and love one another affect our ability to worship God? (*Conflict with others affects all of our relationships, even that with God.*)
- Romans 12:13 says we should share and practice hospitality. What does hospitality mean in the Greek, according to Scott? (*Serve and care for strangers and those around us.*)
- Paul says we should bless others and not curse them. What does that mean? (*We work to become a blessing to those we love.*)
- List some of the other things Paul says we should do in verses 14-21. Explain what those things mean and how they affect our relationships with other people. (*Read verses 14-21.*)

Talk About It

- Share some ways you are successfully implementing the things Scott talked about doing in relationships.
- Share some areas of growth, ways you can improve in relationships.