

Jeremy White, Lead Pastor Valley Church February 7, 2021 Week 6 – Be Devoted to One Another

Introduction:

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. (Romans 12:10)

Loyal Devotion...Building a Culture of Honor:

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The commands of the New Testament are descriptive, not prescriptive!

What is the "flesh?"

- False thinking patterns
- Sinful coping mechanisms
- Selfish survival strategies

2. L	ook to Jesus as the	way to live
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Acts 3:2, 6

Not even the Messiah had a Messiah Complex... So neither should we!

3. Accept your limitations...but _____ genuinely

We can't be Jesus to everyone, but we can certainly show Jesus to everyone...

New Series Begins Next Weekend:

Twisted Scripture: Untangling the Lies We Believe

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

 In your opinion, have the values of "loyalty/devotion" and "honor" shifted or changed in our culture over the course of your life? If so, how? Discuss...

Ponderings:

- 2. Why is it often so challenging for us to truly believe that we've been given a brand new nature (new spirit, new heart) as a free gift of God's grace? Discuss...
- 3. In what way(s) is trusting in God's provision of your new Christlike nature so paramount to actually living the Christian life as His disciple?
- 4. When we look at Jesus as the "normal" way to live (accepting our limitations, trusting the Father to work through us), how does this combat our fleshly tendency to get trapped in a "Messiah Complex?"
- 5. Were you surprised to learn that Jesus couldn't be "best friends" with everyone when He was here in his human body? Did you realize that there were people He didn't heal? What do these realities teach you about living a genuinely "Christlike" life?
- 6. When we accept our limitations, we free ourselves to love genuinely rather than under pressure to be superhuman. In the message, the point was made that Christianity is not about us "living for Jesus" as much as it's about Jesus "living through us." How does this paradigm shift affect the way we approach our relationship with Christ? With others? With ourselves? Discuss....

Promptings:

7. Are there practical things you can share that God is teaching you in the process of learning to "let Him live through you" rather than "striving in your own energy" to live the New Life? What are the joys you're discovering? What are the frustrations you're encountering? Discuss...