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LOVE IS RESPECTFUL
50 DAYS OF LOVE

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Part 4 of 7

“Love is not rude. It is not self-seeking.” 1 Cor. 13:5

“Show respect for everyone and love your Christian brothers and sisters.” 1 Peter 2:17

Definition of Respect: Showing value and honor to others by your actions.

“One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to come to his home for a meal, so Jesus accepted the invitation and sat down to eat. A certain immoral woman heard he was there and brought a beautiful jar filled with expensive perfume. Then she knelt behind him at his feet, weeping. Her tears fell on His feet, and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing his feet and putting perfume on them. When the Pharisee who was the host saw what was happening and who the woman was, he said to himself, This proves that Jesus is no prophet. If God had really sent him, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. She’s a sinner...” Luke 7:36-39

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FOUR SIGNS OF RESPECT

1ST SIGN – STOP TALKING AND LISTEN.

“Titus remembers the way you listened to him and welcomed him with such respect and deep concern.” 2 Cor. 7:15 (NLT)

Why did Titus feel respected? Because of the way they welcomed him and because of the way they listened to him.

IDEA: Get a button and put it in your pocket with your change or put it in your change purse and every time you reach for change and you feel that button maybe it could be a subtle reminder to Stop talking for a minute and value and honor what someone else has to say.

2ND SIGN – KEEP YOUR PROMISES.

“People who promise things that they never give are like clouds and wind that bring no rain.” Proverbs 25:14

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"...let your Yes be Yes and your No, No ..." Matthew 5:37 (NIV)

"...good planning and insight ... fill you with life and bring you honor and respect." Proverbs 3:21, 22 (NLT)

God models this idea for us because He keeps all of His promises.

3RD SIGN – YIELD YOUR RIGHTS AND SERVE.

"So I will very gladly spend for you everything I have and expend myself as well..." 2 Cor. 12:15 (NIV)

SERVICE IS NOT:

- Scorekeeping

SERVICE IS:

- When we do our very best for others.

"The Lord Almighty says ... I am your Father and Master, but where are the honor and respect I deserve? You have despised my name!" Malachi 1:6-8

Service is about others.

4TH SIGN – SLOW DOWN AND TAKE TIME TO SEE OTHERS LIKE GOD DOES.

"Get along with each other. Don't be stuck up. Make friends with nobodies. Don't be the great somebody." Romans 12:16 (MSG)

"Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love." Eph. 4:2 (NLT)

Everyone in the story that we studied this morning from Luke 7 about Jesus and the woman saw her as an interruption at best and a prostitute, except for Jesus. Jesus saw her as a worshipper and as a daughter in His kingdom.

What would change in our day if we made this statement:

"Lord help me see every person I meet today as you do."

As you look at other people, remember:

When Jesus was on the cross, they were on His mind.

Do you see them like that?