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Sermon: Proper Relationships

Scripture: Proverbs 22, Galatians 6:1-10, Colossians 3:12-14

Main Message: Everyone needs healthy boundaries, but can you discern when and by how much?

Life is complicated... right? That has been the topic for the last few weeks. A big problem why our life is complicated is because of, *our own self*. We know we can procrastinate. We know we worry. These are called "sin." We are missing the mark. There is another way we complicate our lives that is going to be super tough for some. This is far more difficult than the last two weeks. I won't be saying much today, but rather reading from the Word of God which brings an expertise that

Let me read to you a few verses to put this week's topic in focus.

2 Corinthians 6:14 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

Proverbs 25:17 Let your foot be seldom in your neighbor's house, lest he have his fill of you and hate you.

Proverbs 22:24 Make no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man

Titus 3:10 As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him.

Who are these statements addressed to?

Sometimes we allow others to complicate our life. It can be almost anyone. It can be a boss, a friend, a family member, a neighbor, or even a BFF. Do you recognize this in your life? Healthy boundaries make for healthy relationships and less complication in our life. This is not a message about cutting everyone out of your life, because that is not proper either. But if you can't find it in your own heart to ever say "NO" when you don't want to do something you may be overcomplicating your life. We all must be prepared to set up healthy boundaries with everyone.

{Read Proverbs 22} We will all deal with these various types of people.

Relationships are complicated. If you focus your energy on putting GOD into the middle of it, and often, then you will be able to not only simplify your relationship, you will also strengthen it and bringing proper perspective.

Now if you think I am only saying shed the weight of your relationships, well it is going to be challenging because you do have some responsibility towards others, but it is up to you to walk with God's wisdom. You aren't responsible for everyone's happiness, but you must avoid being a stumbling block. Easier said than done, but we must endeavor.

Read Galatians 6:1-10

Reading this section of Galatians demonstrates to us the need for a good healthy balance. Who are you most likely to be out of balance with? It depends, but some friends you do not evolve, or grow, especially in the direction of God, might ultimately have an expiration date – not of being kind or helpful, but in investment of time when others may benefit more for that.

Colossians 3:12-17 – This is the best finish.