



**Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020**

**Teaching and Equipping Series:** "The Mission of the Church"

**TWCC Teaching Connection Outline and Notes:** "Connecting the Found to Each Other - Part 1"

**Read Matthew 28:18 - 20 (NLT)**

- Anything that **GROWS** and **THRIVES** does so because of its \_\_\_\_\_.
- **THE THREE S's of CONNECTION: (#1)** - \_\_\_\_\_ - This is protection for the believer as they grow in the Local Church. **(#2)** - \_\_\_\_\_ - this is needed because when the winds blow and the storms rage, and they will, every believer needs to be rooted so they have a place of stability when the storms of life come. **(#3)** - \_\_\_\_\_ - This gives a new believer as well as a mature believer the food and nutrients they need to grow and sustain growth.
- **Read Psalms 92:12 - 14 (NKJV)** Every child of God, every believer in Christ, should and needs to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to their Local Church.

**THREE BIG CONNECTIONS TO HELP THE FOUND MAKE:**

- **(1<sup>st</sup>) Connection to the \_\_\_\_\_:** **Romans 10:17 (NKJV)** - "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
  - **Read 1 Peter 2: 2 (NKJV)** Without a balanced diet, a believer can become **malnourished**. Even worse, their understanding of the Lord can become **malformed**.
- **(2<sup>nd</sup>) Connect to the \_\_\_\_\_:** **Galatians 5:13 (NKJV)** - "For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."
  - \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the most vital connection points a member can have to their local Church. We are not \_\_\_\_\_ to sit. We are saved to \_\_\_\_\_!
- **(3<sup>rd</sup>) Connecting to Each \_\_\_\_\_:** We are to \_\_\_\_\_ to one \_\_\_\_\_ is through our: **(1)** Compassionately \_\_\_\_\_ each other **(2)** our \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ each other and **(3)** by our intentional and impactful \_\_\_\_\_ with one another. **Read Hebrews 10:24 - 25 (NKJV)**
- Two types of healthy, spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ we need to make as a part of the Spiritual Family (the Church) are: (1<sup>st</sup>) A strong \_\_\_\_\_ up to Pastors and spiritual leaders (2<sup>nd</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_ across / around to our Peers and Faith Partners.
- Some truths of about \_\_\_\_\_:
  - If you don't have healthy, genuine, authentic, good \_\_\_\_\_ you can become easily \_\_\_\_\_ from people, and easily become disgruntled, disengaged and disenchanting with people.
  - Solid, healthy \_\_\_\_\_ breed and fuel COMMITMENT, COMPASSION and CARE.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ increases your influence and impact in every situation. In other words, our **CONNECTING skills** are to be bigger and better than our **COPING skills**. We can get so good at padding our hearts and minds against the pains, problems and persecution of other people that we fail to develop and deploy our connecting skills to and with others.

- \_\_\_\_\_ is all about \_\_\_\_\_. Connecting begins when the other person feels valued. Our using our GIFTS and GRACES, our loving and life-giving words we share and speak, the Christ-like attitudes we display and the love of God and faith we show and share are to be for the benefit and blessing to others.
- \_\_\_\_\_ goes beyond \_\_\_\_\_. The more you do to go beyond words, the greater the chance you will connect with people.
- **A SUGGESTED CONNECTION CHECKLIST: (1) INTEGRITY** - Did I do my best? **(2) EXPECTATION** - Did I please the Lord and my leaders or co-laborers? **(3) RELEVANCE** - Did I understand and relate to the people I served or spoke to? **(4) VALUE** - Did I add value to my Pastors, partners, and peers? **(5) CHANGE** - Did I make a difference?
- \_\_\_\_\_ always requires ENERGY, EFFORT and ENGAGEMENT.

**CONNECTING UP TO PASTORS AND SPIRITUAL LEADERS:**

**James 4:6 - 7 (NKJV)** - "But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble." Therefore **submit** to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

**James 4:10 (NKJV)** - "**Humble** yourselves in sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up."

**1 Peter 5:5 - 7 (NKJV)** - "<sup>5</sup>Likewise you younger people, **submit** yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be **submissive** to one another, and be clothed with **humility**, for "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the **humble**." <sup>6</sup>Therefore **humble** yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, <sup>7</sup> casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."

- **God calls us as Christian believers and Christ-followers to a whole new level of righteous living that begins with \_\_\_\_\_.** \_\_\_\_\_ comes before the empowering touch of \_\_\_\_\_!
- These verses outline keys for us to glean:
  - **1<sup>st</sup>** - KEY is \_\_\_\_\_ = The Key to \_\_\_\_\_
  - **2<sup>nd</sup>** - KEY is \_\_\_\_\_ = The Key to \_\_\_\_\_
  - **3<sup>rd</sup>** - KEY is \_\_\_\_\_ = The Key to the \_\_\_\_\_ (**Philippians 4:6 - 7**).
  - **4<sup>th</sup>** - KEY is \_\_\_\_\_ = The Key to \_\_\_\_\_
- **Friends, we must also come to grips with the fact and truth that there is \_\_\_\_\_ good for us outside of the Will of God!**
- To do \_\_\_\_\_ with God is to obey Him - **Acts 5:32 (NKJV)** - "And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who **obey Him**."
- The highest form of \_\_\_\_\_ is to obey Him - **Hebrews 5:9 (NLT)** - "In this way, God qualified Him as a perfect High Priest, and He became the source of eternal salvation for all those who **obey Him**."

**WHO'S HAND ARE YOU UNDER?**

- **1 Peter 5:6 (NKJV)** - "Therefore **humble** yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time."
- **AREAS OF RELATIONAL NEED:** (1) Those who you \_\_\_\_\_ to for mentoring, correction, getting a mature perspective from and coaching - Paul's (2) Those who \_\_\_\_\_ you to \_\_\_\_\_ you in the things of God (Crazy, Committed Faith Friends) - Barnabus' - People who are familiar with your pain, who can prescribe you with encouragement or admonishment.
- The area of your \_\_\_\_\_ are the areas of your \_\_\_\_\_; the areas of your neglect are the areas of your \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Read 1 Corinthians 16:15 - 16 (NKJV)** \_\_\_\_\_ Submission and **Hebrews 13:17 (NKJV)** - \_\_\_\_\_ Submission. (**Who's Hand Are You Under?**)