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Series: THE POWER OF AGREEMENT

Text: Matthew 18:18-20

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Thematic Focus Text: Matthew 18:18-20

¹⁸“Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

¹⁹“Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.”

²⁰“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

- I. The strength of agreement is based upon the blending of the spiritual union, spiritual harmony and natural balance.

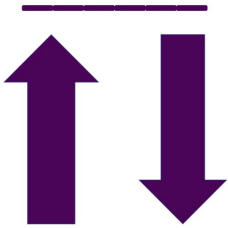
There are three dynamics to Agreement:

- Vertical – God
- Inner – Self
- Horizontal – Others

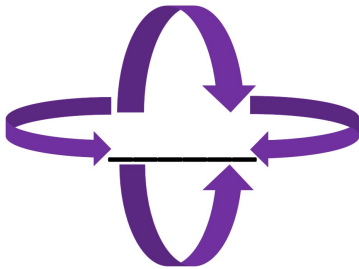
II. Each of these dynamics require work.

The work of:

1. The Vertical – _____



2. The Inner – _____



3. The Horizontal – _____



Luke 10:27

“And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.”

Again the lawyer asked, Who is my neighbor?
Neighbor – fellow human

III. Building relationships with fellow humans is more than a challenge.

A. Many times, relationships fail because we:

1. Do not properly build the needed _____
_____.

2. Are _____
because so many relationships are so emotional.

3. Choose to _____
and say we will cross that bridge when we get there.

B. Every relationship needs some type of foundation. Over the course of our lives, all relationships will fall into at least three(3) categories:

- _____ – persons who you may only meet once. The Priest, the Levite and the Samaritan were portrayed in this light... by chance there came.

Verse 31

“And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.”

- _____ – persons who you will be in close proximity to for a few weeks to a few months with a special interest connecting you. Although this special interest could be romantic in nature, it could also be work related. Paul sent many ministers to regions on a temporary assignment.

Colossians 4:7-8

⁷“All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, *who is* a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the Lord:”

⁸“Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts;”

- _____ – persons who are close to you for many months/years. Marriage, parents and close connections, co-workers, church members, etc.

C. Within Long-term Relationships you are going to have one of three types of connections:

- _____ – persons may or may not be in your active space but there is no deep connection.
- _____ – persons who you may not see on a regular basis, but they are only a phone call away.
- _____ – persons who you will see almost on a daily basis, and they are active in your life.

IV. According to an article in Psychology Today, each of these relationships they can be measured.

The Scale:

- _____/_____ – jockeying for power; the one who wins the argument sets the rules. This rulership is temporary or short lived. The emotional climate is tense.
- _____/_____ – one person is calling the shots or doing the heavy lifting and the other goes a long for the ride. The climate is neutral.
- _____/_____ – raw power on the part of one; intimidation is the motive and fear on the part of the other. The climate is high in tension on the part of the one accommodating: walking on eggshells
- _____/_____ – both parties avoid touchy subjects. The climate is courteous and cold.
- _____/_____ – working together and complementing each other is the goal. The climate is caring, relaxed though it may experience some tense periods of transition.

The purpose of going through this was to push us to the 5th measure or scale of relationships. Accepting/balance requires positive and productive work. The others also require work, but it is not positive or productive work.

V. Every relationship will come with some _____.

Your bridge must be able to support the _____

_____.

VI. Now the building of your bridge must be done in _____

_____.

The infrastructure

There are no _____.

There are only _____.

➤ The Warning:

_____!!!

Next week, we will examine the Four (4) Pillars.