

Community & Vulnerability

1 John 4:7-21

“The Depths Believers experience with one another is linked directly to their level of honesty. Any relationship built on the facade of Lies will surely crumble over time.” - Dustin Willis, Live in Community

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“I’m not suggesting we create sin police who constantly bust people in their depravity. I am, however, encouraging us to become a people who love one another enough to hate the things that hurt us.” - Dustin Willis, Live in Community

The Spirit makes the heart of Christ real to us: not just heard, but seen; not just seen, but felt; not just felt, but enjoyed. The Spirit takes what we read in the Bible and believe on paper about Jesus’s heart and moves it from theory to reality, from doctrine to experience. - Dane Ortlund, Gentle and Lowly

That God is rich in mercy means that your regions of deepest shame and regret are not hotels through which divine mercy passes but homes in which divine mercy abides. - Dane Ortlund, Gentle and Lowly

Shame identifies that we are unacceptable. Dirty and disgraced. Sent away. Distanced from people and God’s promises. We notice that life can feel more like death. We become unacceptable because of our own sin; we also become unacceptable because of our association with things connected with death such as weakness, disease, and the sins of others. No matter how sin-death gets its hands on us, it brings shame, and shame must receive the appropriate remedy. - Ed Welch

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