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"40 Days of Community" - Part 3 of 7

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1 John 4:18

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³⁷Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind."³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'⁴⁰All the other commandments and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments." Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT)

1. _____ **DESTROYS RELATIONSHIPS.**

¹What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ²You want something but don't get it. James 4:1-2a (NIV)

_____ **BUILDS THEM.**

⁴Don't think only about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too... Philippians 2:4 (NLT)

2. _____ **DESTROYS RELATIONSHIPS.**

First pride, then the crash—the bigger the ego, the harder the fall. Proverbs 16:18 (MSG)

_____ **BUILDS THEM.**

...live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. 1 Peter 3:8 (NIV)

...there must be a spiritual renewal of your thoughts and attitudes. ²⁴You must display a new nature because you are a new person, created in God's likeness—righteous, holy, and true. Ephesians 4:23-24 (NLT)

Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself... ⁵Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. ⁶Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. Philippians 2:3,4-5 (NLT)

3. _____ **DESTROYS RELATIONSHIPS.**

The fear of human opinion disables... Proverbs 29:25 (MSG)

_____ **BUILDS THEM.**

¹⁵All who proclaim that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. ¹⁶We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in him. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. ¹⁷And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid... 1 John 4:15-17 (NLT)

4. _____ **DESTROYS RELATIONSHIPS.**

²¹ Then I realized how bitter I had become, how pained I had been by all I had seen. ²²I was so foolish and ignorant—I must have seemed like a senseless animal to you. Psalm 73:21-22 (NLT)

_____ **BUILDS RELATIONSHIPS**

¹³You must make allowance for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Colossians 3:13 (NLT)

¹⁸"But forget all that—it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. ¹⁹For I am about to do a brand-new thing. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness for my people to come home. I will create rivers for them in the desert! Isaiah 43:18-19 (NLT)