♦SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, February 14, 2010

"LOVE LETS IT GO"

(1 Corinthians 13:5)

A couple of weeks ago we talked about "EGR" people – "Extra Grace Required." How do we live in a Christlike way with people who can be hard to live with? Today we find that love lets it go.

1. Love is not rude. So... "Stop being bitter and angry and mad at each other. Don't yell at one another or curse each other or ever be rude. Instead, be kind and merciful and forgiving. Forgive others, just as God forgave you because of Christ" (Ephesians 4:31-32, CEV). 2. Love does not demand its own way. So..._ "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness" (Philippians 2:5-7, NIV). 3. Love is not irritable. So... "Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others" (Colossians 3:13, NIV). 4. Love keeps no record of wrongs. So..._____ "He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends" (Proverbs 17:9, NIV).

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2. Love does not demand its own way. So <u>I must be understanding</u>, <u>not demanding</u>.

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"A man's wisdom gives him patience. It is his glory to overlook an offense" (Proverbs 19:11, NIV).

3. Love is not irritable. So I must be gentle not judgmental.

"Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted" (Galatians 6:1, NIV).

"Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others" (Colossians 3:13, NIV).

"Each of us will give an account of himself to God. Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another" (Romans 14:12-13, NIV).

4. Love keeps no record of wrongs. So <u>I don't repeat it</u>, <u>I delete it</u>.

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"And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins" (Mark 11:25, NIV).