GRACE AND TRUTH

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How Jesus relates to us shows us how to relate to one another.

Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus lived.

1JOHN 2:6

12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

—13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Grace is unmerited and undeserved love,

not unconditional and unchallenged behavior.

"...as much as it's time to confront those and other issues, we have to acknowledge that our lack of tolerance for vulnerable, tough conversations is driving our self-sorting and disconnection."

BILL BISHOP, "THE BIG SORT"

1. You feel more fear than love

2. You sometimes view others with suspicion or as a threat to your own standing or security

3. You have no relationships (or very few) where someone can challenge your behavior and still offer you love and relationship

4. You have no relationships (or very few) where there is mutual submission

5. You desire to feel more connected, understood or accepted but don't know how to get there 15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven."

21 From that time on, Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders,

the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

60 Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed.

LUKE 22:60-62

61 The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times."

LUKE 22:60-62

62 And he went outside and wept bitterly.

LUKE 22:60-62

4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

JOHN 21:4-6

5 He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. 6 He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some."

JOHN 21:4-6

When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

JOHN 21:4-6

20 Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?")

JOHN 21:20-22

21 When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?"

JOHN 21:20-22

22 Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me."

JOHN 21:20-22

There is no greater reality than to know

you are deeply flawed and fully loved by God.

3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature,

having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, selfcontrol;

and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.