

Sermon Notes  
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## Authentic Community

John 13:34-35



### We were created for community.

John 13:34-35 - "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

*Christian community is the final apologetic.* – Francis Schaeffer

**It's easier to be \_\_\_\_\_  
than it is to be \_\_\_\_\_.**

### In a REAL Community...

**R**\_\_\_\_\_ are essential.

*People care for people they know well.*

**E**\_\_\_\_\_ is the enemy.

**Philippians 2:3-4** - Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

**You know you have a servant's heart when you get treated like one and it doesn't \_\_\_\_\_.**

**A**\_\_\_\_\_ is everything.

**If ego is the enemy, \_\_\_\_\_ is the solution.**

**Philippians 2:5-7** - 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...

**L**\_\_\_\_\_ is the engine.

**1 Corinthians 13:4-8a** - Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

### Building Authentic Community requires:

**T**\_\_\_\_\_

*One of the most realistic ways to spell love is T-I-M-E.*

**T**\_\_\_\_\_

**Solid trust must be \_\_\_\_\_ and respected.**

**T**\_\_\_\_\_

**Not everyone will be at the same level of spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Not everyone will be \_\_\_\_\_ healthy all the time.**

**Not everyone will be on the \_\_\_\_\_ at the same time.**

**T**\_\_\_\_\_

**James 1:3-4** - ... you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

**If this is your home, that makes you a \_\_\_\_\_.**