

## Walking as Jesus Walked: Loving Relationships

→ Three Keys to Intentional Loving Relationships:

- Be Realistic: anger ↓
- Be Respectful: value ↑
- Be Responsible: loving feelings ↓

→ REALISTIC RELATIONSHIPS

- Intend to Accept One Another - Ro 15:7  
...our differences may be the voice of God calling us to love like He loves
- Look at One Another with Love, Not Just for love - Matt 9:36;14:14; Lk 10:33; 15:20; Col 3:12  
...refuse the temptation to love the dream of one another more than actually loving one another  
...drop your demands to be loved on your terms only

→ RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

- The Intent to Love Requires Us to Pay Attention to Each Other - Phil 2:3-4  
...spend more energy working to understand the other, rather than changing them - Ja 1:19
- Three Skills That Demonstrate Respect:
  - 1) Affirming without flattering - Ro 12:10; Eph 4:29
  - 2) Listening without defensiveness - Prov 18:13, Ja 1:19  
...empty ...pretend you are a mirror
  - 3) Receiving one another's messages without attacking - Heb 4:15; Ga 6:1

→ RESPONSIBLE RELATIONSHIPS

- Cultivate Faithfulness and Trust - II Co 1:18; II Thess 3:3  
...treat one another as non-disposable
- Personalize Your Love - Heb 10:23-24  
...find the door to one another's heart - Jo 10:1-10
- Take care of the whole person  
...spirit ...soul ...body

\*Remember: The Realistic, Respectful, Responsible One Lives in You!