

MSG: SOMETIMEY

Scripture: **Matt. 5:43-44 NIV, Titus 3:3-7 KJV**

Series: Love Like Jesus

Matt. 5:43-44 NLT

“You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!”

Titus 3:3-7 KJV

“For we ourselves also were SOMETIMES foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

A healthy frame work for true love is absolutely essential in knowing how to be good family members, a good friend, a great partner and loving spouse. But see it's the challenge of loving my enemy where I'm constantly challenged. The middle, the difficult, the unclear, the gray, the uncharted, unknown and in some cases unknown unconditional love ethic of Jesus.

SOMETIMEY - Used to describe someone who only wants to know you when they want something - other than that you never hear from them.

We've experienced so much SOMETIMEY-NESS that we begin to process this as normal or even expected and unfortunately any idea or demand of unconditional sacrifice, consistent vulnerability or even more, "voluntary crucifixion" seems impossible or unrealistic. Receiving that or giving that. This Love Ethic that Jesus calls us into is incredibly sobering.

You see MARRIAGE CANNOT BE AN IDOL,

FAMILY IS A BLESSING But family looks different for each of us. We don't ignore that. We lean into that.

Married or single, the church is a family and The Body exist for us to be in family.

Safety, security and vulnerability. Where this love ethic of Jesus can radically be lived out and by the power of Holy Spirit , transform us and also with everyone we relate to.

BUT when cats are SOMETIMEY it makes it harder to live out.

And then the “Professionals”, We’re inundated with Toxic advice of broke down, broken hurt men , spewing venom of resentment. The writer of Psalms reminds us at the very opening; “Blessed is the person who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the Law of the Lord, And on His Law he meditates day and night.” Psalms 1:1-2

...SO How do we deal with SOMETIMEY PEOPLE....
BY NOT BEING SOMETIMEY!

Let’s figure out how:

1. SOMETIMEY FORGIVENESS

SELF-PRESERVATION BRINGS SELF-DESTRUCTION

Matt 16:24-25 NLT

“Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.”

FALL ON THE SWORD, FIRST

-Say I’m sorry a lot.

-Get used to saying “I forgive you”, “It’s all good”

DIE DAILY

Galatians 2:20 NIV

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

-Walking Dead, crucified.

-Holding on to your rep, cred, ego, image or brand will leave you in constant strain

-I HAVE NO REPUTATION

-willingly rush to restoration

2. SOMETIMEY ROMANCE

SOMETIMEY Jump offs, reckless hook ups, and side pieces leave you disappointed.

"Knowing how to be solitary is central to the art of loving. When we can be alone, we can be with others without using them as a means of escape."

-Bell Hooks

COVENANT vs CUFFING

COVENANT is a binding promise or partnership which allows for couples to commit to shared expectations and unity to facilitate growth towards a common goal.

CUFFING

“Cuffing season refers to a period of time where single people begin looking for short term partnerships to pass the colder months of the year. Cuffing season usually begins in October and lasts until just after Valentines Day”

“We are inviting short term access with long term expectations”

-Lydia Osborne

“When there is a covenant...living together, sleeping together, waking up together, the covenant can be nurtured.”

Here are three question, you can yourself about your relationship:

3. **Where is my God in this?**
4. **What are my boundaries?**
5. **What are my expectations?**

To married Couples, About Love making:

Hebrews 13:4 NIV

“Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.”

6. **Enjoy Each other.**
7. **Educate Yourselves.**
8. **Experiment Together.**
9. **Exclude Others!**
10. **Embrace each other's changes.**
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12. **SOMETIMEY HONOR**

1 Cor 13:4-5

'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 HONORS

Kavod

Honor is expressed when the receiving party feels honored not other way around.

Honor erodes Classism and racism.

Honor exposes Sexism and Misogyny

HONOR IS EXPRESSED THROUGH TIME.

Take the time to learn people

Take the time to hear their story

Take the time to value the people in our lives

HONOR YOUR FRIENDS

Ecclesiastes 4:8-10 NIV

“There was a man all alone; he had neither son nor brother. There was no end to his toil, yet his eyes were not content with his wealth. “For whom am I toiling,” he asked, “and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?” This too is meaningless—a miserable business! Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.”

-Pray Together

-Encourage each

-Hold each other down

-Be friendly

-Don't be a loner all the time.

HONOR YOUR SPOUSE

-How are we doing?

-Regular Therapy or Intense Therapy when needed

-Marriage Coach

*Porn- Stop watching other humans having sex!

*Adultery- Stop cheating on your spouse!

HONOR THE O.G's

Get a mentor in your life that can check you and keep you accountable to your destination (Mothers and Fathers)

- Honor dissolves ageism and generational battling.
- Listen to the perspectives of other Godly brothers and sisters

Philippians 2:6-8 NIV

“Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!”