

STRANGER RELATIONSHIPS

Stranger Things

SERIES BIG IDEA:

The life we experience in Jesus because of grace is a powerful and stranger thing.

The posture that governs our relationships, especially with our closest family and friends, is a posture of self-giving.

¹As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ²Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:1-3 (NIV)

This is strange and upside-down compared to how most of us think.

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. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus...

Philippians 2:3 (NIV)

THINK LIKE JESUS:

- **Other Oriented**
- **Self-Sacrificing**
- **Enemy Embracing**

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

We are like Jesus when we use power to serve rather than to control.

People who want to look like Jesus practice putting power under as opposed to power over.

Even when you know more, are smarter than, and you know you are right:

- **Love and serve your spouse.**
Ephesians 5:21-33 (NIV)
- **Honor and respect your parents.**
Ephesians 6:1-3 (NIV)
- **Humbly teach and guide your children.**
Ephesians 6:4 (NIV)

- **Serve and respect those with whom you work.**

Ephesians 6:5-8 (NIV)

Jesus has all power, all wisdom, all knowledge and He is right, yet he used his power to serve, not control.

Further reading for this week

Day 1: Ephesians 6:1-3

Day 2: Ephesians 6:4-9

Day 3: Ephesians 6:10-12

Day 4: Ephesians 6:13-17

Day 5: Ephesians 6:18-20

Day 6: Ephesians 6:21-24

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