Sermon Notes for 2nd Sunday in October 2022

**Queens Chapel U.M. Church**

**Beltsville, MD**

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**“The Power of Fellowship” (Part 2)**

1. There are **4 components** to becoming Kingdom Focus and Disciple Strong: they come from **Acts 2:42**

“And they continued steadfastly in the…”

1. Teaching and Preaching of God’s Word
2. Strong Fellowship of Believers
3. Observing the Sacraments of the church—Communion& Baptism
4. Corporate & Private Prayers
5. The Greek word for fellowship is koinonia, *[koy-nohn-ee’-ah]*

1. When we emerge into a strong Koinonia Family of God: 6 elements of power manifest:
2. We are Unified as a family of God
3. We work as a Team in the ministry
4. We Grow Spiritually Together
5. We Worship as a Body
6. We Develop Disciplesfor God’s Kingdom
7. We give our time, spiritual gifts, and financial resources
8. Love relationships serve as the foundation for these 6 elements of power.

**John 13:34-35**

 34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

 35 "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

1. The Lord God wants us to build relationships and not destroy them
2. **Loyalty Builds Relationships**

**Proverbs 17:17**

“A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to

help in time of need.”

 **Self-centeredness Destroys the Relationships**

**James 4:1-2 (NIV)**

“What causes fights and quarrels? Don’t they come from your

desires that battle within you? You want something

but you don’t get it.”

**Proverbs 28:25 (GNT)**

“Selfishness only causes trouble.”

1. **Ministering Disciples Builds Relationships**

**Proverbs 27:17**

**“**As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.”

 **Unforgiveness destroys Relationships**

**Proverbs 17:9**

Love prospers when a fault is forgiven but dwelling on it

separates close friends.

1. **Negative Human Opinion Destroys Relationships**

**Proverbs 29:25 (The Message)**

“The fear of human opinion disables.”

**Ephesians 4:31**

Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking

be put away from you, with all malice.

 **Perfect Love Builds Relationships**

**1 John 4:18 (NLT)**

“Love has no fear because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid

 . . . it shows that his love has not been perfected in us.”

**1 John 4:15-17 (NLT)**

“All who proclaim that Jesus is the Son of God have God living

in them . . . We know how much God loves us, and we

have put our trust in him. God is love . . .

And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect.

So we will not be afraid.”

1. **Bitterness Destroys Relationships**

**Job 5:2 (GNT)**

“To worry yourself to death with resentment is a

foolish, senseless thing to do.”

**Psalm 73:21-22 (NAB)**

“Since my heart was embittered and my soul deeply wounded,

I was stupid and could not understand.”

**Hebrews 12:15 (TLB)**

“Look after each other . . . Watch out that no bitterness takes

root among you, for as it springs up it causes deep

trouble, hurting many in their spiritual lives.”

 **Forgiveness Builds Relationships**

**Colossians 3:13 (NLT)**

“You must make allowance for each other's faults and forgive

the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord

forgave you, so you must forgive others.”

**Isaiah 43:18-19 (GW)**

“The Lord says, “Forget what happened before and do not think

about the past. I am going to do something new

. . . I will make rivers on dry land.”