

## **CULTIVATE HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS**

(When Christians Disagree)

Message 1 – June 7, 2020

**Romans 14, NKJV**

### WE SHOULD RECEIVE EACH OTHER BECAUSE – **The Lord Receives Each Believer** (14:1-3, NKJV)

**14** Receive one who is weak in the faith, *but* not to disputes over doubtful things. <sup>2</sup>For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats *only* vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him.

“Paul’s point is that, if God Himself does not make an issue of such things, what right does one of His children have to do so? If the strong and the weak have equal acceptance by and fellowship with the Lord, it is sinful arrogance for those two kinds of believers not to accept each other.”  
John MacArthur

### WE SHOULD RECEIVE EACH OTHER BECAUSE – **The Lord Sustains Each Believer** (14:4, NKJV)

<sup>4</sup>Who are you to judge another’s servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

“A believer’s personal assessment of other believers does not in the least affect their standing before the Lord.” John MacArthur

<sup>27</sup>My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. <sup>28</sup>And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. John 10:27-28, NKJV

<sup>33</sup>Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? *It is* God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Romans 8:33-34, NKJV

<sup>38</sup>For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39, NKJV

<sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

<sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

<sup>32</sup> And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:30-32

<sup>24</sup> Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling,

And to present *you* faultless

Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

Jude 24, NKJV

### **NLC's verse for 2020**

<sup>20</sup> As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! *John 20:20, NLT*