

House Church – The Series
Week 2 – I Don't Care (Caring)
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It is not good for people to live alone. –Genesis 2:18

Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. – Ecclesiastes 4:9

1. I don't care what it costs me—I'm not going to leave your side.

Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. -Ruth 1:16-17

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2. I don't care about my preferences—I'm going to treat everybody with compassion and respect.

If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them! And if you do good only to those who do good to you, why should you get credit? Even sinners do that much! Love your enemies! Do good to them. -Luke 6:32-35

Do to others as you would like them to do to you. -Luke 6:31

Christian doctrine, on the contrary, is to love the neighbor, to love the whole human race, all people, even the enemy, and not to make exceptions, neither of preference nor of aversion.

3. I don't care what other people think—I'm going to do what nobody else is willing to do.

Large crowds followed Jesus as he came down the mountainside. Suddenly, a man with leprosy approached him and knelt before him. "Lord," the man said, "if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean."

Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be healed!" And instantly the leprosy disappeared. Then Jesus said to him, "Don't tell anyone about this. Instead, go to the priest and let him examine you. Take along the offering required in the law of Moses for those who have been healed of leprosy. This will be a public testimony that you have been cleansed." - Matthew 8:1-5

The problem is we have a million dollar dream and a minimum wage work ethic. Great relationships are only going to happen when we do what nobody else is willing to do.

4. I don't care about my need to be right—I forgive you.

When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word to them, four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven." -Mark 2:1-5

Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future.