

“Guardians of God’s Ties”

Sunday, November 6, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI
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Selected Scriptures

BIG IDEA: Christ-followers are Guardians of Relational Ties.

*“And may the Lord cause you to increase and overflow with love
for one another and for everyone,
just as we do for you.”
1 Thessalonians 3:12 (CSB)*

 **Jesus Christ’s Disciples realize, “My ties are God’s ties.”**

 **Jesus Christ’s Disciples guard their family ties.**

- **Spousal Relationships: Husbands and Wives.**
- **Parental Relationships: Moms and Dads.**
- **Generational Relationships: Children and Siblings.**

 **Jesus Christ’s Disciples guard their ties that bind.**

- **Love one another.**
- **All the other “one anothers”.**

 **Jesus Christ’s Disciples guard their ties that rescue.**

- **By giving attention to their witness.**
- **By redeeming the time.**
- **By proclaiming the Gospel.**

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Read: See the Scriptures referenced in the message.

Think: Think about your relational ties, then ask these questions: *How does The Great Commandment inform our relationships? How do spouses guard their relationship to one another? How do parents guard their relationship to their children? How do siblings guard their relationships to one another? Why does the command to love one another cover all the other “one another” statements of the New Testament? What “one another” statements are easier for you to fulfill? Which ones are harder for you? Why? Who do you know that needs to hear the Gospel?*

DO: Write out a plan to manage each of your relational ties more strategically. Identify ways you can grow and develop within your immediate family, the family of God, and in your relationships to lost people.