

# NEW RELATIONSHIPS

## Three Essentials for Rebooting Your Relationships.

### I. LOVE

John 13:34-35 *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.*

- A. Realize that Love is an Investment
- B. Invest in the Love Bank.

#### Four Ways to Make Relational Investments

- a. Action
- b. Affirmation & Appreciation
- c. Attention
- d. Affection

### II. HONOR

Romans 12:10 CSB *Love one another deeply as brothers and sisters. Take the lead in honoring one another.*

#### The Honor Cycle

### III. FORGIVE

Colossians 3:13 *"Forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

#### Forgiveness is not...

1. Forgiveness is not tolerating sin.
2. Forgiveness is not forgetting.
3. Forgiveness is not foolishness.
4. Forgiveness is not waiting until they say they are sorry.

#### Forgiveness is....

1. Forgiveness is cancelling the debt.
2. Forgiveness is setting yourself free.
3. Forgiveness is giving up the right to get even.
4. Forgiveness is looking past the hurt to the person.
5. Forgiveness is making four promises.
  - "I will not dwell on this incident."
  - "I will not bring up this incident again and use it against you."
  - "I will not talk to others about this incident."
  - "I will not let this incident stand between us or hinder our personal relationship."
6. Forgiveness is ultimately wishing the other person well.
7. Forgiveness is something that usually takes some time.
8. Forgiveness is walking in step with God.

#### Conclusion:

- Love, Honor, and Forgiveness must be received before they can be given
- Love, Honor, and Forgiveness must be remembered before they can be extended.