

## THE MESSAGE FROM GOD'S LIFE-BUILDING WORD

### **Build Up Community with Gifting and Re-Gifting**

July 16-17, 2016

#### **INTRODUCITON: Our "Free" Vacation.**

John 3:16 (New International Version 1984)

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

#### **Giving Drives All 5 Love Languages / Giving Fills All 5 Love Tanks**

1. Words of Affirmation
2. Quality Time
3. Receiving Gifts
4. Physical Touch
5. Acts of Service

### **Build Up Community with Gifting and Re-Gifting**

#### **1. The world's love gives to manipulate for self-love. God's love gives to love.**

- Psalm 107:1 *Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.*

- Psalm 107:2a *Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story...* (New International Version 2011)
- Psalm 107:8-9 <sup>8</sup>*Let them give thanks to the LORD because of his mercy. He performed his miracles for Adam's descendants.* <sup>9</sup>*He gave plenty to drink to those who were thirsty. He filled those who were hungry with good food.* (GOD'S WORD)

**2. The world's love gives to bargain for relationship. God's love gives to build community.**

- James 1:17-18 <sup>17</sup>*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.* <sup>18</sup>*He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.*

**3. The world's love gives to get back. God's love gives to give more.**

- John 3:16-17 <sup>16</sup>*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.* <sup>17</sup>*For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

**CONCLUSION: Have You Received?**

# G.P.S. Grow. Pray. Study.



Things I'd like to remember from this week's message:

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**Monday:** Read *John 3:16*. When have you received a gift from someone that impacted the relationship between you and the giver? Why do you think part of God's nature is that "God loves, therefore, God gives"?

**Tuesday:** Read *Psalms 107:1*. The world's motivation for giving can be summed up as "I give so you'll give to me" or in love tank language – "you fill my emotional love tank, I'll fill yours." How is God's love so different from the world's motivation to love? What are five specific areas you can thank God for today?

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**Wednesday:** Read *Psalms 107:2a*. In the NIV 2011 translation of this verse it reads, "**Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story...**" What is your story of God's love at work in your life? What has God been doing in your life this month? (Be Specific!)

**Thursday:** Read *Psalm 107:8-9*. When do you give thanks to the LORD? Do you wait for something good to happen? Can you place an intentional time in your schedule to give thanks to God? When will it be each day?

**Friday:** Read *James 1:17-18*. We are so used to gifts with strings that we become suspicious of all gifts. James reminds us God is the giver of all good gifts? As you look over this year, what good gifts have you received from God? When you think of giving to others – what part of the gift giving process do you enjoy the most – ideas for the gift, getting the gift, giving the gift, or watching the joyful reaction to the gift you give? How has gift giving impacted your relationship with others? Who do you know that receiving gifts is their primary love language?

**Saturday:** Read *John 3:16-17*. The Word says that what goes around comes around. With God's love, we know when God's love goes around everything changes. Why is it so important to remember these two verses together? Inspired by how God gives, where do you need to grow in your ability to give gifts to others?

Going Deeper:

Read the *5 Love Languages* by Gary Chapman.

Download the app at iTunes or go to [5lovelanguages.com](http://5lovelanguages.com).

Give a thoughtful, loving, and caring gift to someone you love who you believe has receiving gifts as their primary love language. Reflect on the impact such a gift had on that person and on you.