

Building Authentic Community

Power Verses for Transformation - Part 3 of 10

“...being of the same mind, maintaining the same love....intent on one purpose.”
Philippians 2:2 (NAS)

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself...’
Matthew 22:37-39

Five reasons we are compelled to be a part of an Authentic Community:

1. We are compelled to love God’s family, because _____.

Life is about learning to love.

“We love because God first loved us.” 1 John 4:19

“Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”
1 John 4:11

2. We’re compelled to love God’s family, because God _____.

Love is an act of our will.

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”
John 13:34

- Love is a command
- Love requires community
- Love carries high standards.

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”
Galatians 2:20

3. We’re Compelled to Love God’s Family, because it shows _____.

Loving other believers is the evidence that we belong to God’s family.

“We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love other believers.”
1 John 3:14

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.”
Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

“Everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been miraculously given to us by getting to know, personally and intimately, the One who invited us to God.”
2 Peter 1:3

“To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”
John 1:12

4. We’re Compelled to love God’s Family, because we’re a _____.

We long to belong.

“Now you are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but you are members of God’s very own family, citizens of God’s country, and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian.”
Ephesians 2:19 (LB)

“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.”
Romans 12:10

5. We’re Compelled to love God’s family, because it is a _____ to the _____.

The whole world is watching how we love one another.

“Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”
John 13:35