

PILLARS

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS THAT LAST

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WARM UP QUESTION: Do you have a story you can share from a family gathering?

READ: Genesis 1:27

FOCUS: God created us to be unique persons united in relationships.

OBSERVE:

- When we understand the nature of God, a tri-union with the aspect of differentiation, then we can fully embrace that God created us as individuals united in relationships.
- Bearing God's image means we were designed for connection, not isolation.
- Learning and practicing differentiation, the ability to stay connected to others while keeping individuality, helps us more closely reflect the way God created us in His image.
- When we embrace the power of differentiation and put it into practice, we break free from the grip of co-dependency and isolation.

DISCUSS:

- What stood out to you or what did the Holy Spirit bring to your attention from this study?
- Have you experienced isolation or codependency? What did you think and what did you feel like?
- Is the Holy Spirit showing you that you need to be more balanced in your individuality and connectedness to others?

TAKE ACTION:

- Get connected to the source of love and stay connected through spiritual disciplines such as reading the Bible, prayer, worship and fellowship.
- A practical step as you think about building these relationships connected with our church may be participating in a life group, joining our Go Team or attending a discipleship class.
- Resist the extremes of co-dependency and isolation.

PRAY: Heavenly Father, thank You for creating us in Your image. Lord Jesus, thank You for Your sacrificial death. Holy Spirit, thank You for residing in us so we can be both differentiated and connected, to serve on our Kingdom mission more effectively. We pray this in Jesus' Name, Amen.