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Awakening a City of Hope

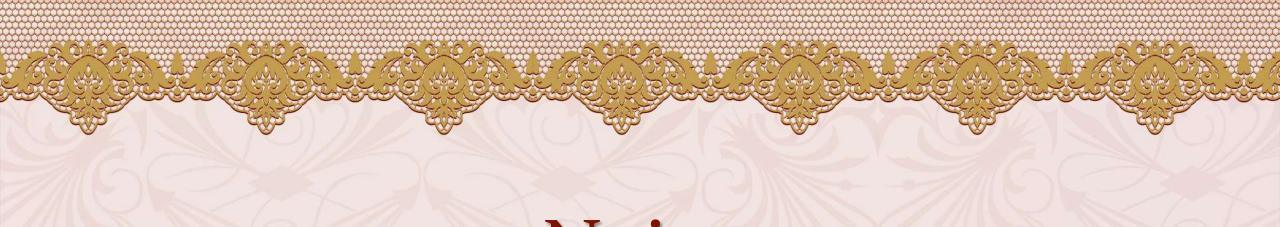
Our mission is to serve the city in love and faith with authentic connections to develop a movement of hope filled people rooted in Yes.





RELATIONSHIP GOALS





Noise

Introducing 1 Corinthians 13



¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.



1 Corinthians 13:1-3



Noise

- We think we are more useful when we are gifted, so we grow our ambitions and skills... but God says we are more useful when we are loving.
- Our measure of where we stand with God is not power, speech, knowledge, or faith.
- God measures who we are and where we are based on love.
- The spirit of God in you cannot make you hate what God is doing in other people through the Spirit.
- God draws us to each other;
 We find reasons to cut our lives off from each other.

- 1. Giftedness does not mean approved (You are not your gifts)
- 2. Busyness does not mean accepted (It's not how much we are doing but what God is inviting us to do)
- 3. Performance does not mean valued (We are valued because of grace not because of what we do)

Our world defines importance by how you are gifted, busy, and effective/eloquent. God defines importance based on our love.



Next Steps

- 1. What are the things that you are doing that are just noise?
- 2. How are you defining what love is?
- 3. Share in communion to experience the love Christ has for you



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