



# Flood Blantyre

## 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 Yesu.



# RELATIONSHIP GOALS



# Love in Relationships

1 Corinthians 13

# 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 (NKJV)

1. Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging symbol.
2. And though I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.
3. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

# 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 (NKJV)

4. Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

5. Does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;

6. Does not rejoice in iniquity but rejoices in the truth;

7. Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8. Love never fails...



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# 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 14:1 (NKJV)

- ▶ 12:4 There are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit. 5 There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. 6 There are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all
- ▶ 13 - LOVE
- ▶ 14:1 Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts...

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- ▶ NASB: Unrighteousness
- ▶ ESV: Wrongdoing
- ▶ NLT: Injustice
- ▶ NIV: Evil

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- ▶ Matt 5:21-22 — “ You’ve heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of judgment’, But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of judgement.”

# Hard Truth

- ▶ Jesus redefined sin/iniquity
- ▶ Jesus focused on the heart / intentions
- ▶ Sinful thoughts invoke the same punishment as sinful actions - judgement

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# Genesis 3:8-9 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> Then the Lord God called to Adam and said, “Where are you?”

# Genesis 3:10-11 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> So he said, “I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup> and He said, “Who told you that you were naked?”

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**God / Truth**

I am accepted

I am free

I am significant

I am His Son/Daughter

# Psalm 103:14 (NKJV)

- ▶ 14 For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.
  - ▶ Love knows that you're in process

## 2 Cor 3:17-18

<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. <sup>18</sup> But we all with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

# Next Steps

1. Where are you?
2. Who will you invite into your secrets?
3. What are you going to put down?
4. What are you going to pick up?
5. Ash Wednesday Service: 6-7pm
6. 40 day devotional - are you in?