

Dead to Me

Part Three - Keeping Relationships Alive

- **God wants us to keep relationships alive.**

John 15:13, There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

1 Corinthians 12:21, The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you."

- **Keeping friendships alive requires us to choose David over Saul.**

Acts 13:22, But God removed Saul and replaced him with David, a man about whom God said, "I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do."

- **Choose L.I.F.E over death for your relationships.**

Deuteronomy 30:19, I am now giving you the choice between life and death, between God's blessing and God's curse, and I call heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Choose life.

L - Love

1 Corinthians 13:4-7, Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. 6 It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. 7 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

I - Investment

Matthew 6:21, For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

F - Faithfulness

Proverbs 3:3-4, Never let loving devotion or faithfulness leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 Then you will find favor and high regard in the sight of God and man.

E - Encouragement

Hebrews 10:25, We should not stop gathering together with other believers, as some of you are doing. Instead, we must continue to encourage each other even more as we see the day of the Lord coming.

- **Telling someone you're "Dead to Me" is treating a relationship as a disposable rather than a discipline.**

John 13:35, "By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."