

## NORTHERN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

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### THE RELATIONSHIP PRINCIPLES OF JESUS

Principal #2: Act Like Your Feelings are Important

Principal #3: Love One Another, AS I have Loved You

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*"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder... but I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment."*

Matthew 5:21-22

### HOW TO ACT LIKE YOUR FEELINGS ARE IMPORTANT

#### 1. GIVE YOUR HEART PRIORITY

*"First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift."*

Matthew 5:24

#### 2. TAKE YOUR HEART SERIOUSLY

*"If your right hand causes you to sin; cut it off and throw it away."*

Matthew 5:30

#### 3. TREAT YOUR HEART PRACTICALLY

*"Love is patient and kind; loves does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly, does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails..."* 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

*"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another just as God in Christ Jesus has forgiven you."* Ephesians 4:32

*"Let's not get tired of doing what's right for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get tired and discouraged and give up."*

Galatians 6:9

### HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR LOVE-ABILITY

- **A BETTER EXAMPLE** *"... as I have loved you ..."* John 13:34

*"And you should follow my example, just as I follow Christ's."*

1 Corinthians 11:1

1 Timothy 1:16; 1 Thessalonians 1:7

- **A STRONGER FOUNDATION**

*"... I have loved you..."* John 13:34

- **A HIGHER PURPOSE**

*"... by this all the world will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."* John 13:35

- **A STRONGER POWER**

*"We love because He first loved us."* 1 John 4:19

### THE RESULT OF OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST'S NEW COMMANDMENT

- **LIGHT!**

*"At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining."* 1 John 2:8

*"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* John 8:12

- **VICTORY IN ETERNITY!**

*"The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne."*

Revelation 3:21