



# Matthew 19 –

Kingdom design for community... in the nuclear family.



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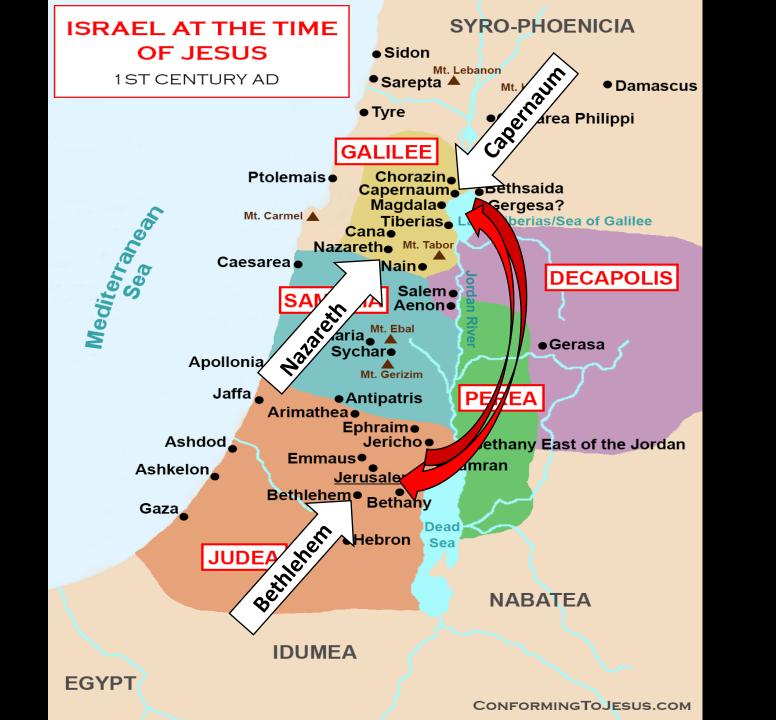
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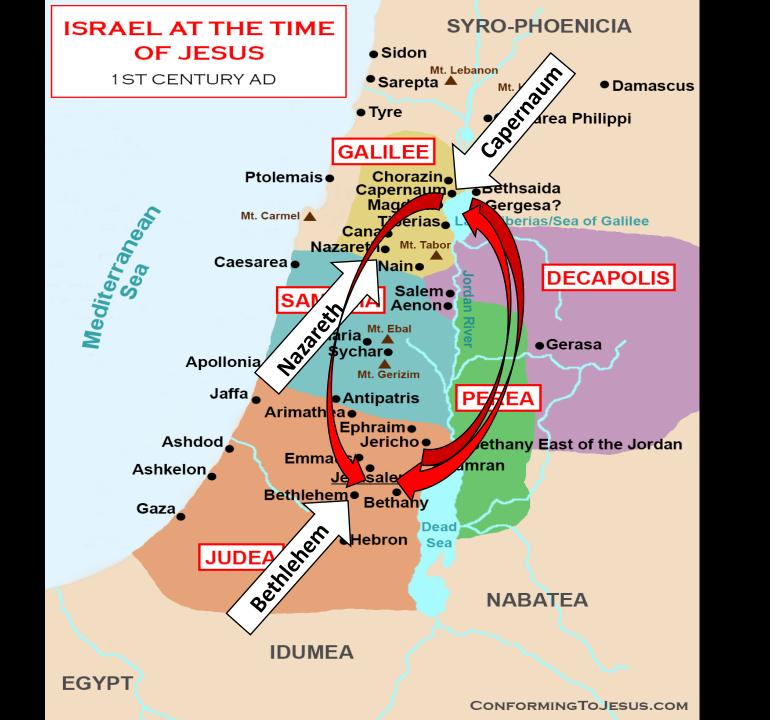






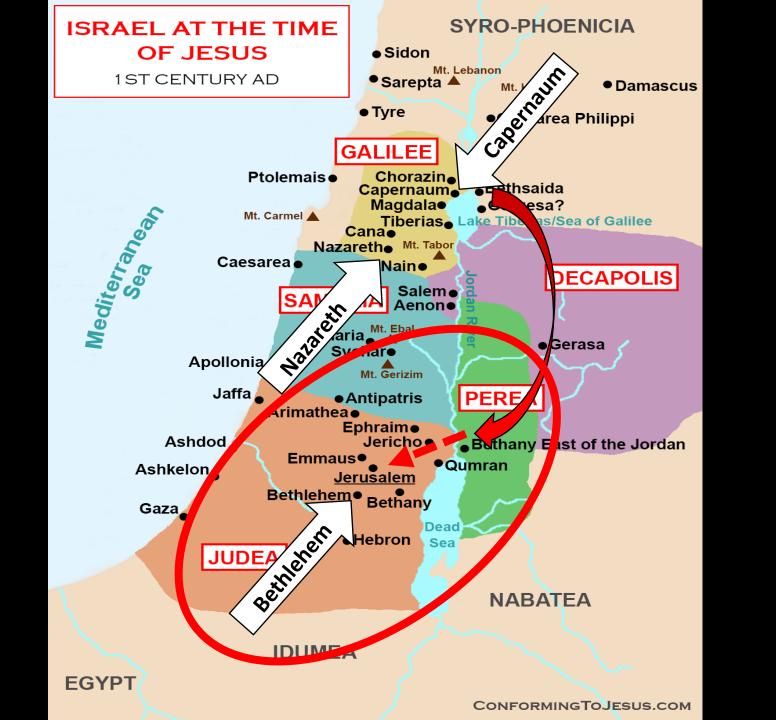












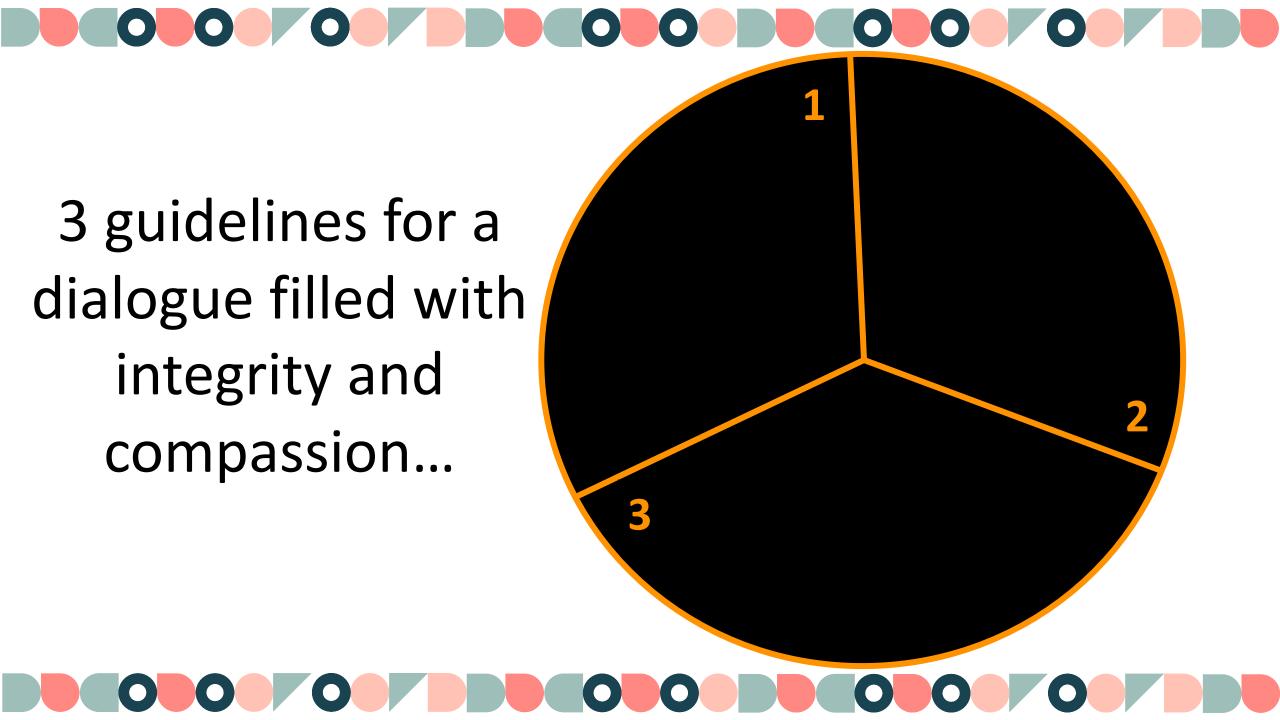
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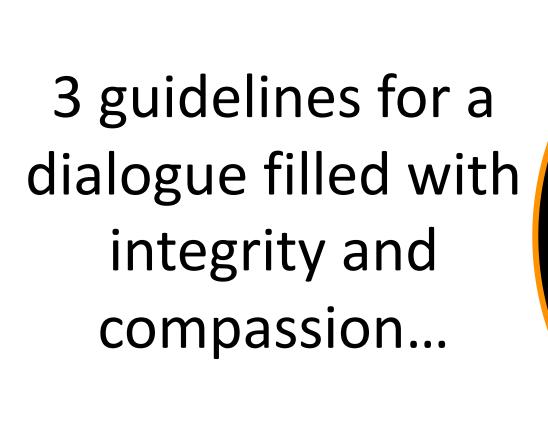
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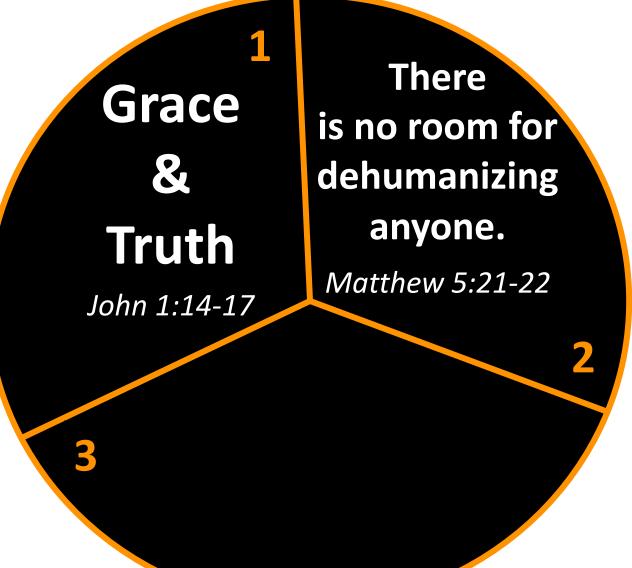
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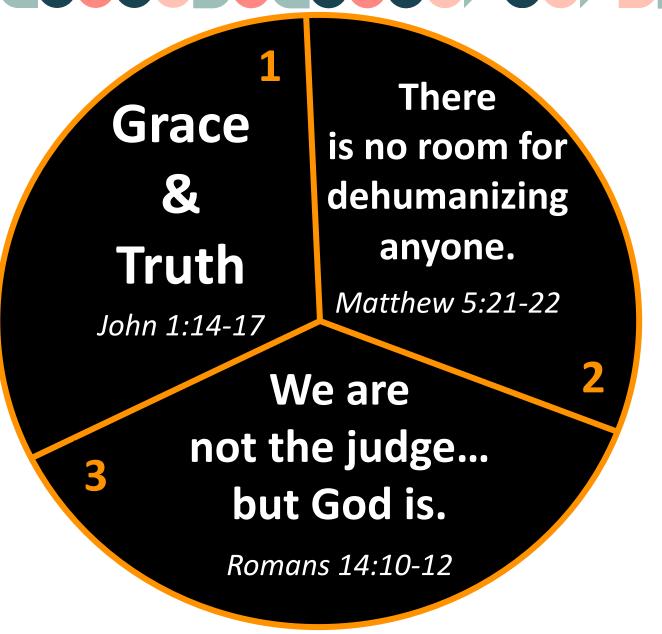


Grace 3 guidelines for a dialogue filled with Truth integrity and John 1:14-17 compassion...





3 guidelines for a dialogue filled with integrity and compassion...



The Sanctity of Marriage...

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Hebrews 13:4a

Let marriage be held in honor among all....

### The Sanctity of Marriage...

...a God established, purposeful, special union in which a man and a woman build and share a life together.

It is a covenant relationship marked by the highest order of commitment, companionship, growth, fidelity, sexual intimacy, and love.

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# Greek: ktizo

**Transliteration:** ktizó

**Definition:** to build, create

**Usage:** to create, to form, to shape, to make, used only and always of God.

properly: to create, which applies only to God who alone can make what was "not there before" (Latin, ex nihilo, out of nothing); figuratively to begin or to "found", especially what is habitable or useful.

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#### **Archetype:**

the original pattern or model of which all things of the same type are representations or copies....images.

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**Greek:** poieo

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Usage: (a) I make, manufacture, construct, (b) I do, act, cause.

It is a 'construct' founded in the unchanging and compassionate mind and heart of God for the good of mankind.

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Transliteration: kollaó **Definition**: to glue, unite

Usage: to join myself closely, to cleave, I keep company (with), to bond (cleave),

adhere to (literally, "glued together");

join to; (figuratively) intimately connected in a soul-knit friendship.

It is used frequently in ancient medical language of "the uniting of wounds".

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#### **Greek: sarx**

**Definition:** flesh

**Usage:** flesh, body, human nature, materiality; kindred.

- -flesh ("carnal"), merely of human origin or empowerment.
- -is not always evil in Scripture. *It is used positively in relation to sexual intimacy in marriage (Eph 5:31)* as well as for the sinless human body of Jesus (Jn 1:14; 1 Jn 4:2,3). Indeed, *flesh* (what is *physical*) is necessary for the body to live *out* the faith the Lord works *in* (Gal 2:20).]

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#### Genesis 3:1-24 The Fall

<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman,

"Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"

<sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent,

"We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,

but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

<sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman,

"You will not surely die.

For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

- <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.
- Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.
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...commit to fighting tenaciously for our marriages.



