**RELATIONSHIPS**

 *How to Hug a Vampire*

**INTRO:**

**Text: Eph. 4:22-32**

* *Ephesians 4:22 That ye* ***put off concerning the former conversation the old man****, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;*

*23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;*

*24 And that ye* ***put on the new man****, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*

* Act according to your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ
* *Ephesians 4:25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.*
* If \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ someone – be honest
* If someone has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – be honest
* *Ephesians 4:26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:*
* It’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be angry at being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against.
* It’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to sin because of your anger.
* *Ephesians 4:27 Neither give place to the devil.*
* Bitterness is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through which \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into our relationships.
* Bitterness in one relationship will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ other relationships.
* *Ephesians 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.*
* In order to deal effectively with bitterness, you must develop \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* You must cease being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ focused and begin focusing on the needs of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.*
* When we don’t deal promptly with bitterness, it will come out in our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* We are not to deal with others on the basis of what they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but on the basis of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*
* The Holy Spirit is wanting to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you
* When we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to act in accordance with His leading, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Him.
* *Ephesians 4:31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:*
* Our only 2 options when being wronged are bitterness and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* If you don’t choose forgiveness, you’ve chosen bitterness
* Bitterness has less to do with the magnitude of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and more to do with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the offender.
* *Ephesians 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.*
* We know we’ve forgiven when we can demonstrate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** toward the offender.
* What compels us to forgive others is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of us.