

Sunday Morning | September 13, 2015

**FAITH-FAMILY-FRIENDS**  
**HURT IN THE CHURCH**

**ACTS 2:42-47 (NASB)**

**I. HURTS ARE A FACT OF LIFE.**

**INSIGHT:** Non-biblical response to hurt in the Church causes divisions, destroys our witness and disillusion the unchurched.

**TRUTH:** Resentment is the great destroyer of relationships (*Hebrews 12:15 AMP*).

**II. UNITY WAS A MAIN FOCUS OF THE EARLY CHURCH (v. 42).**

**INSIGHT:** A core commitment of the first church was protecting the unity of the Church.

**INSIGHT:** The early Church was devoted to relational unity.

**TRUTH:** There have always been relational challenges in Church life.

**III. PRACTICE SHARED GRACE.**

Three reasons why you should do something so hard:

1. You yourself need grace from others.
2. Resentment is unhelpful.

**TRUTH:** Resentment is emotional suicide (*Job 18:4 GN*).

3. Resentment is unhealthy (*Job 21:23-25 GN*).

**TRUTH:** If you are holding a grudge, you are holding on to hurt, and it's unhealthy and brings God's discipline.

**IV. ADMINISTER GOD'S CURE (*Matthew 18:15*).**

Common signs of festering resentment:

1. Cold shoulders, animosity
2. Going off on them
3. Turning mean and nasty

**TRUTH:** Grace acts to settle the offense.

**INVITATION:** Biblical love doesn't hold grudges.