Saturday & Sunday – May 11 & 12, 2019

The Balcony or the Basement

Affirmation

John 15:11-17 (NIV) *I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.* [12] *My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.* [13] *Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.* [14] *You are my friends if you do what I command.* [15] *I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.* [16] *You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.* [17] *This is my command: Love each other.*

- LOVE from the HEART.

1 Peter 2:1, 17 (NLT) [1] *So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech.*

[17] *Respect everyone, and love the family of believers. Fear God, and respect the king.*

Romans 12:9-10 (NLT) *Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good.* [10] *Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.*

- LISTEN from the HEART.

Ephesians 4:2 (NLT) *Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.*

- CARE from the HEART.

WHO HAS AFFIRMED YOU?

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WHO ARE YOU GOING TO AFFIRM?

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Additional Notes...

scriptures that relate

Monday: John 15:11-17
Tuesday: Proverbs 25:11-13
Wednesday: Ephesians 4:31-32
Thursday: 1 Peter 2:9-10
Friday: James 1:19
Saturday: Luke 10:30-37

small groups—talk it over

1. How do you form those types of meaningful, affirming relationships?
2. How do we relate to each other in a way that it really makes a POSITIVE difference?
3. How do we affirm people in a way that changes how they feel about themselves?

pastor mark's prayer requests

Monday: Pray for victims of violence in its many forms.

Tuesday: Pray for our local, state and national leaders.

Wednesday: Pray for those graduating students preparing for a major life change.

Thursday: Pray for revival in our churches that we would seek God's will.

Friday: Pray for our neighbors and that they would know God by our love.

Saturday: Pray for our first responders for their protection and strength.