



## “Relationally Healthy: The Servant’s Posture”

Week 3 | October 21, 2018

**Sermon Summary:** The idea of being Relationally Healthy is having the mind of a servant in whatever relationship that we are attached to. When our FIRST instinct is to SERVE rather than to BE SERVED we move towards the example given by Christ as He took on the role of not just Savior but also one of Servant.

John 13: 1-17, 34-35

Christ decided to spend His last fleeting hours not with the large crowd but rather with the EACH OTHER, those that would take the Good News to the World. What does that say about how He felt about developing a Relationally Healthy spirit with His Disciples? What it mean to you to maintain the core idea that to be Relationally Healthy that you need to develop a Servant’s Posture?

### The Three (3) Components of a Servant’s Posture:

1. Humility— John 13:4-5

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. 6 Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross. – Philippians 2:5-8

2. Patience—John 13:6-11

Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love.  
Ephesians 4:2

3. Reconciliation— John 13:12-17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. – 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

### The Two Witnesses of a Servant’s Posture:

Internal Witness – A TRUE LOVE One for Another (CARING) (v. 34)

External Witness – An OBSERVED LOVE One for Another (v. 35)

What is the hardest part of developing a Servant’s Posture?

Where do you fall short and how can you help make it better?

Do you believe the current Church displays a Servant’s Posture?

How has that helped or hurt our witness to the world?