People's Church

# **FALL INTENSIVE: THE FIGHT**

PART 6 | HOW TO BRIDGE LIFE'S GREAT DIVIDES

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I. CHOOSE YOUR FIGHT:			
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What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? <sup>2</sup> You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. <sup>3</sup> When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. <b>James 4:1-3 NIV</b>			
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<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. <b>2 Corinthians 5:17-21 NIV</b>			
II. SIX ETERNAL RESULTS THAT FAITH HOPE AND LOVE PROVIDE.			
And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these <i>is</i> love. <b>1 Corinthians 13:13 NKJV</b>			
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In Christ we are set free by the blood of his death, and so we have forgiveness of sins. How rich is God's grace, **Ephesians 1:7 NCV** 

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For forty days after his death he appeared to them many times in ways that proved beyond doubt that he was alive. They saw him, and he talked with them about the Kingdom of God. **Acts 1:3 GNT** 

<sup>3</sup> I passed on to you what I received, which is of the greatest importance: that Christ died for our sins, as written in the Scriptures; <sup>4</sup> that he was buried and that he was raised to life three days later, as written in the Scriptures; <sup>5</sup> that he appeared to Peter and then to all twelve apostles. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred of his followers at once, most of whom are still alive, although some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, and afterward to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all he appeared also to meeven though I am like someone whose birth was abnormal. 1

#### Corinthians 15:3-8 GNT

<sup>19</sup> And you will know that God's power is very great for us who believe. That power is the same as the great strength <sup>20</sup> God used to raise Christ from the dead and put him at his right side in the heavenly world. <sup>21</sup> God has put Christ over all rulers, authorities, powers, and kings, not only in this world but also in the next.

## Ephesians 1:19-21 NCV

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<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. **John 3:16-17** 

#### NKJV

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<sup>16</sup> Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on

what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. **2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NIV** 

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<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, **1 Peter 1:3-4 NIV** 

But as it is written in the Scriptures: "No one has ever seen this, and no one has ever heard about it. No one has ever imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." **1 Corinthians 2:9 NCV** 

Jesus said, "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust in me. <sup>2</sup>There are many rooms in my Father's house; I would not tell you this if it were not true. I am going there to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>After I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me so that you may be where I am. <sup>4</sup>You know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>6</sup>Jesus answered, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. The only way to the Father is through me. **John14:1-4, 6 NCV** 

The word that saves is right here, as near as the tongue in your mouth, as close as the heart in your chest. It's the word of faith that welcomes God to go to work and set things right for us. This is the core of our preaching. Say the welcoming word to God—"Jesus is my Master"—embracing, body and soul, God's work of doing in us what he did in raising Jesus from the dead. That's it. You're not "doing" anything; you're simply calling out to God, trusting him to do it for you. That's salvation. With your whole being you embrace God setting things right, and then you say it, right out loud: "God has set everything right between him and me!" **Romans 10:8-10 MESSAGE**