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Intro Verse: ACTS 17:26-28

REVIEW

1. God created us for relationships.
2. Communication
3. Trust
4. Boundaries

THE GOD OF BOUNDARIES

- Boundaries reflect God's holiness, wisdom, and love.
- Isaiah 45:18-19
- God reveals many different things in Scripture about boundaries.

God reveals boundaries throughout His word. He pursues, waits, confronts, withdraws, or lets go. So, how do we know which boundary to follow?

- Remain in him and know his voice.
- Seek out biblical community (Proverbs 12:15).

Boundaries are God-given limits that define responsibility, protect holiness, and guide relationships, reflecting His order, wisdom, and love.

TYPES OF BOUNDARIES

1. PRIORITIES

- Seek first the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33)
- Jesus often withdrew to pray, rest, and seek the Lord).
- Family (if you don't take care of your family, you're worse than a pagan).
- The Family of God (Hebrews 10:24-25)
- Others (Galatians 6:9-10)

2. TRUST

- First, we trust the Lord with all our hearts.
- We are called to stand together, and that takes trust. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)
- Walk with the wise (Proverbs 13:20)
- Be careful who you trust (Matthew 7:6)
- We are called to look after each other.
- When trust is broken don't let a root of bitterness grow (Hebrews 12:15)

3. DISCIPLINE

- Love doesn't rejoice in unrighteousness (1 Corinthians 13).
- Setting boundaries in our relationships isn't a bad thing (Proverbs 3:11-12).
- Spare the rod, spoil the child.
- The principle of the ditch (I don't create boundaries to keep people out).

4. BOUNDARIES IN OUR VERY DESIGN

- ___ God created us as male and female
- ___ Our culture is trying to call things that are good bad and things bad good.
- ___ Romans 1 & 2

BOUNDARY DITCHES (WATCH OUT)

Ditch #1: Walls (Emotional Withdrawal / Control)

- Using “boundaries” to avoid love, vulnerability, or forgiveness
- Shutting people out instead of loving wisely
- This is **self-protection**, not Christlike love
- “I don’t need anyone.” → Not biblical maturity

Ditch #2: Doormats

- Allowing harm in the name of being “Christlike”
- Confusing forgiveness with unlimited access
- Jesus confronted sin and protected the vulnerable

BOTTOM LINE

Healthy boundaries are not about protecting ourselves from people; they are about loving people well while honoring God.

CDA CAMPUS DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How was your week? Any prayer requests?
2. What stood out to you in this week’s message? Why did it stand out?
3. What is your number one takeaway from the series so far?
4. Is what areas of your life do you need to set better boundaries?
5. Do you struggle setting boundaries? Why or why not?
6. If you were to look at your priority boundaries in your personal life and relationships, what are good ones you have and what are ones you struggle with?
7. Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 Discuss
8. Read Hebrews 12:15: Do you ever struggle with a root of bitterness?
9. What is the difference between forgiveness and reconciliation?
10. What are your thoughts about the ways God has revealed boundaries throughout his word?

