

THE PACE OF LOVE

a holy revolt



ARISE, SHINE
YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

PART FOUR

OUR LOVE FOR GOD SHOULD
DETERMINE THE PACE OF
OUR LIVES AND NOTHING
AND NO ONE ELSE.



If we want Love to determine the
pace of our lives, we will need to
put some boundaries in place and
set limits to what we can and
cannot do.



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BOUNDARY:

- a real or imagined line that marks the edge or limit of something
- the limit of what someone considers to be acceptable behaviour

We set a boundary to protect something.

GODLY BOUNDARY:

is a limit that defines what is beneficial to me (and those around me) and what is not, according to the Word and will of God.



BOUNDARIES ARE THERE TO KEEP THE THINGS THAT ARE
BAD FOR US OUT, AND TO PROTECT THAT WHICH WE
VALUE...

QUESTION:

- 1.) As Christians, what should be so valuable to us that we need to protect it, by using boundaries?
- 2.) What is so bad or unbeneficial to us that we need to keep it out with boundaries?

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“The Believer’s Freedom
I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not
everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do
anything”—but not everything is constructive. **No one
should seek their own good, but the good of others”**

1 Corinthians 10:23-24 (NIV)

Time for a Holy Revolt

“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it.

Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.
I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

Matthew 11:28-30

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REVOLT:

- to renounce allegiance or subjection (to a system)
- to experience disgust or shock for the status quo
- to turn away with disgust (from the wordly ways andpace)
- movement (towards holiness and the way of love)

**GODLY BOUNDARIES WILL BE OUR TOOLS FOR A
HOLY REVOLT!**

At the Pace of Love...

Godly Boundaries

1.) WE SET BOUNDARIES TO PROTECT OUR TIMES WITH GOD

- Daily seek the Lord and spend time with Him
- Go to church
- Take a Sabbath once a week

2.) WE SET BOUNDARIES BECAUSE WE NEED TIME TO REST

- Remember that we are human and we have limits.
- Have times in the day without any devices.
- Be present in the moment, with God, yourself, others.
- Rest from things that keep you from having true rest.

3.) **WE SET BOUNDARIES WITH SITUATIONS OR PEOPLE WHO PULL US INTO SIN AND AWAY FROM GOD AND HIS WAYS:**

- **God's grace helps us to say no.**

“For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.

It teaches us to say '**No**' to ungodliness and worldly passions,
and to live self-controlled,
upright and godly lives in this present age”

Titus 2:12

- **God's grace helps us to say no to people who choose to manipulate, control and harm us.**

“Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come!”

Matthew 18:7

“I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people.”

Romans 16:17-18

- **“No” is a holy word, if used in Christ.**

We need the **fear of the Lord** to get this right.
Jesus did not do everything everyone asked of Him, in fact He offended many, but He never said no to the Father.

When Boundaries become Blockages...

**WHAT ARE YOUR BOUNDARIES PROTECTING,
AND WHAT ARE THEY BLOCKING OUT?**

Ungodly Boundaries



1.) USING BOUNDARIES AS AN EXCUSE TO ISOLATE

- As Christians we are not called to isolate.

“A man who isolates himself seeks his own desires; he rages against all wise judgement.”

Proverbs 18:1

Ungodly Boundaries



2.) BOUNDARIES THAT JUSTIFY DOING WHAT FEELS GOOD OR COMFORTABLE OR SAFE FOR ME

- As followers of Jesus we are not our own... sometimes we forget.

REMEMBER:

AS CHRISTIANS, THE BASIS OF SETTING
BOUNDARIES SHOULD BE KEEPING OUT
THE THINGS THAT AREN'T BENEFICIAL
FOR OUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

THE OBJECTIVE OF THEM SHOULD BE TO
LOVE GOD, OURSELVES AND OTHERS WELL

1.) I AM A BONDSERVANT OF CHRIST:

*“Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, **set apart for the gospel of God**”*
Romans 1:1



2.) I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST:

*“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, **who loved me** and gave Himself for me.” **Galatians 2:20***

3.) I LOSE MY LIFE TO FIND IT :

*“For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.” **Matthew 16:25***

Walking at the Pace of Love means

I walk like Jesus

Jesus was in **holy revolt** against the religious and worldly systems of His times.

As we learn what true sacrificial Jesus-type love looks like, the boundaries we put in place will be ones that protect our pursuit of holiness and that will help us to love well.



LET'S PRAY



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