

# Welcome to Rehoboth New Life Center Tuesday July 25th 2023

# Fellowship: Our Image



1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

#### Rehoboth Mission Statement

- Our mission has four simple parts:
- 1. Son ship: Learning to walk with God
- Romans 8:14 "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God"
- 2. Fellowship: Learning to walk with our brothers and sisters
- 1 John 4:21 "... That he who loveth God loves his brother also"
- 3. Worship: Learning to give true praise
- John 4:24 "God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth"
- 4. Discipleship: Learning to make converts of men
- John 12:32 "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me

#### Relationship Is Fellowship in Action!

- The women have been studying Agape Love, Loving God
- The Men Have been Studying different aspects of manhood and taking responsibility.
- All of these relate to our relationships with God and with those around us. In Broad Terms "Fellowship"

# Fellowship: "Koinonia" Communion

#### The KJV New Testament Greek Lexicon

Strong's Number: 2842		KJV Verse Count	
Original Word	Word Origin	Acts	1
κοινωνία	from (2844)	Romans	1
Transliterated Word	TDNT Entry	1 Corinthians	2
Koinonia	3:797,447	2 Corinthians	4
Phonetic Spelling	Parts of Speech	Galatians	1
koy-nohn-ee'-ah 🗐	Noun Feminine	Ephesians	1
Definition		Philippians	3
fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation,		Philemon	1
intercourse		Hebrews	1
the share which one has in anything, participation intercourse, fellowship, intimacy the right hand as a sign and pledge of fellowship (in fulfilling the apostolic office) a gift jointly contributed, a collection, a contribution, as exhibiting an		1 John	3
		Total	18
embodiment and proof of fellow	ship		

# Fellowship is based upon your Relationship!

• And how we "RELATE" to others is founded upon

- 1. How we view ourselves
- 2. And how others view us



#### Your Self Image



• Importance of a Positive Self Image!

- Insecurities
- The need to prove ourselves
- Overcompensation

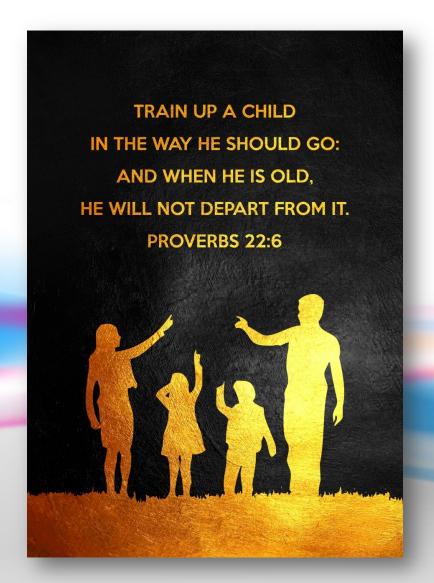
#### An Honest Reflection

- Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.
- 4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:
- 5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.
- 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;
- 7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;
- 8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

#### Outward and Inward!

- Outwardly to the devil
  - Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.
  - Romans 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
- Inwardly to the body and fellow saints
  - Romans 12:10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love;
     in honour preferring one another;
  - 11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;
  - 12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;
  - 13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

#### Children Get their Self Image From there Parents

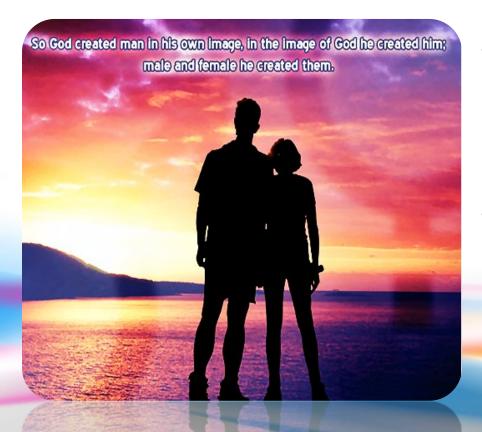


Proverbs 22:6 ¶Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Deuteronomy 6:6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

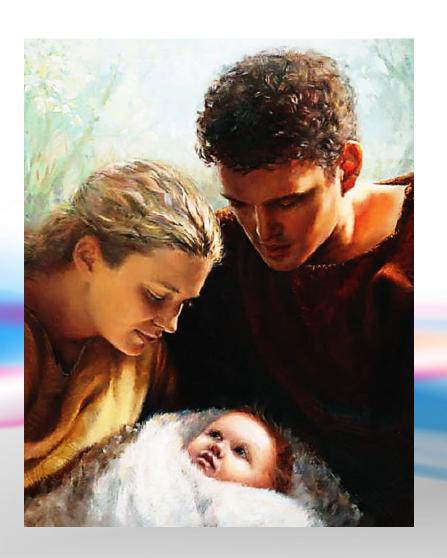
#### The Father Gave the first son his image!



- Genesis 1:26 ¶And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:.....
- Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 1:31 ¶And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

#### In the image of Son of God man



Genesis 5:3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

# What is your self image?



Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he....

#### Poor Self Image



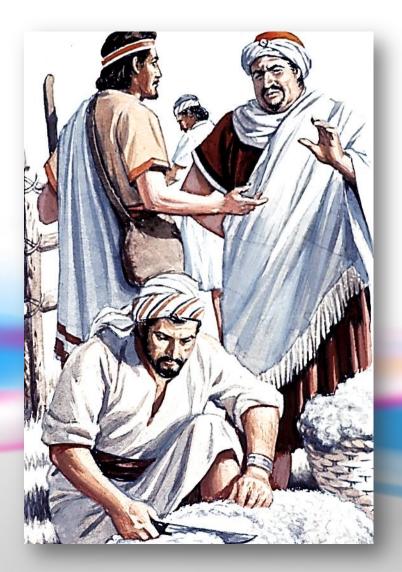
- Systematic punishment, neglect or abuse
- Failing to meet parental standards
- failing to meet peer-group standards
- being on the receiving end of other people's stress or distress.
- belonging to a family or social group that other people are prejudiced towards
- an absence of praise, warmth, affection or interest
- being the odd one out, at home or at school.

### Taking the wrong "Image & likeness"

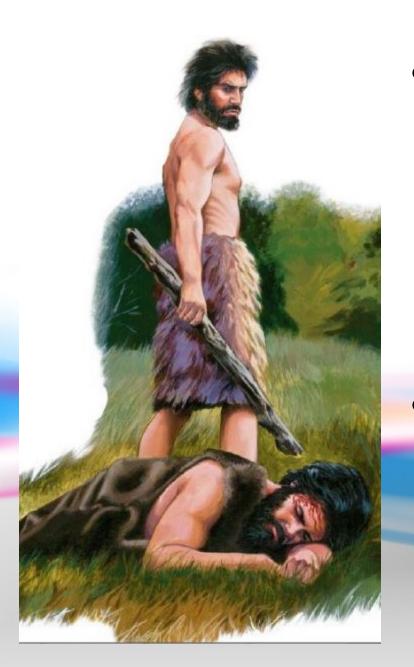


- As we grow up we take the voices of people who were significant to us with us
- Titus 2:3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;
- 4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,
- 5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.
- 6 Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.
- 7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

# Poor Image → Poor Relationships



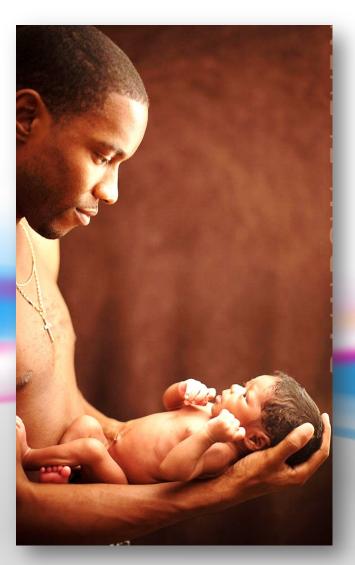
- 1 Samuel 25:2 ¶And there was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.
- 3 Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb.



#### A bad relationship

- Genesis 4:8 ¶And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.
- 9 ¶And the LORD said unto Cain,
   Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

#### Being in the image, yet not in the likeness!



• Genesis 5:3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

• Philippians 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

## Changing the image!



1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

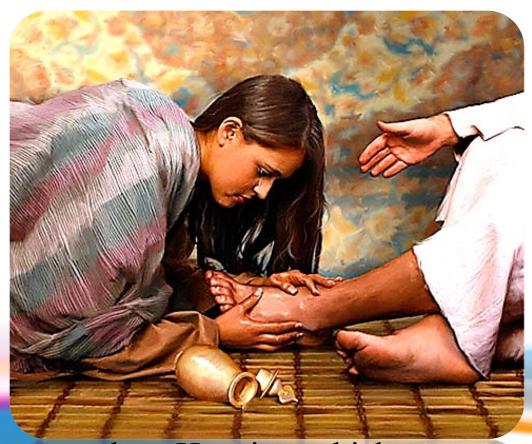
### Changes the relationship



Luke 7:37 And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment,

38 And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.

### Changes the relationship



Luke 7:47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. 48 And he said unto her,

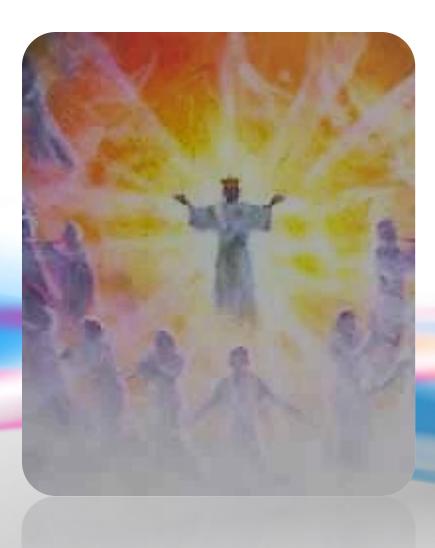
Thy sins are forgiven.

#### The New Man New Fellowship



- Ephesians 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.
- 25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.
- 26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

#### Restored image



- Psalm 103:12-13
- As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, So the Lord pities those who fear Him.
- 1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.