

The Balanced Family

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. ¹³ Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

Colossians 3:12-17

¹⁶ Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. ¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting for those who belong to the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly.

Live Inside Out

Vs. 12 “God chose you to be the holy people he loves...”

Chosen – belonging to God
Holy – set apart for God
Loved – God is for you

*A God-centered
identity leads to
God-centered
behavior..*

Live Inside Out


Vs. 12-13

“...clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive...”

Live Inside Out

Modeling Grace in Your Home

1. There is going to be conflict because of sin.
2. The hard work of forgiving allows affection to flourish
3. God gets the glory when imperfect people live in harmony.




The real battle in our families is with our own proud, self-centered inner person.

Love Like Jesus

Vs. 12

“Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts.”



*Peace is a by-product
of selfless, sacrificial
love.*

Love Like Jesus

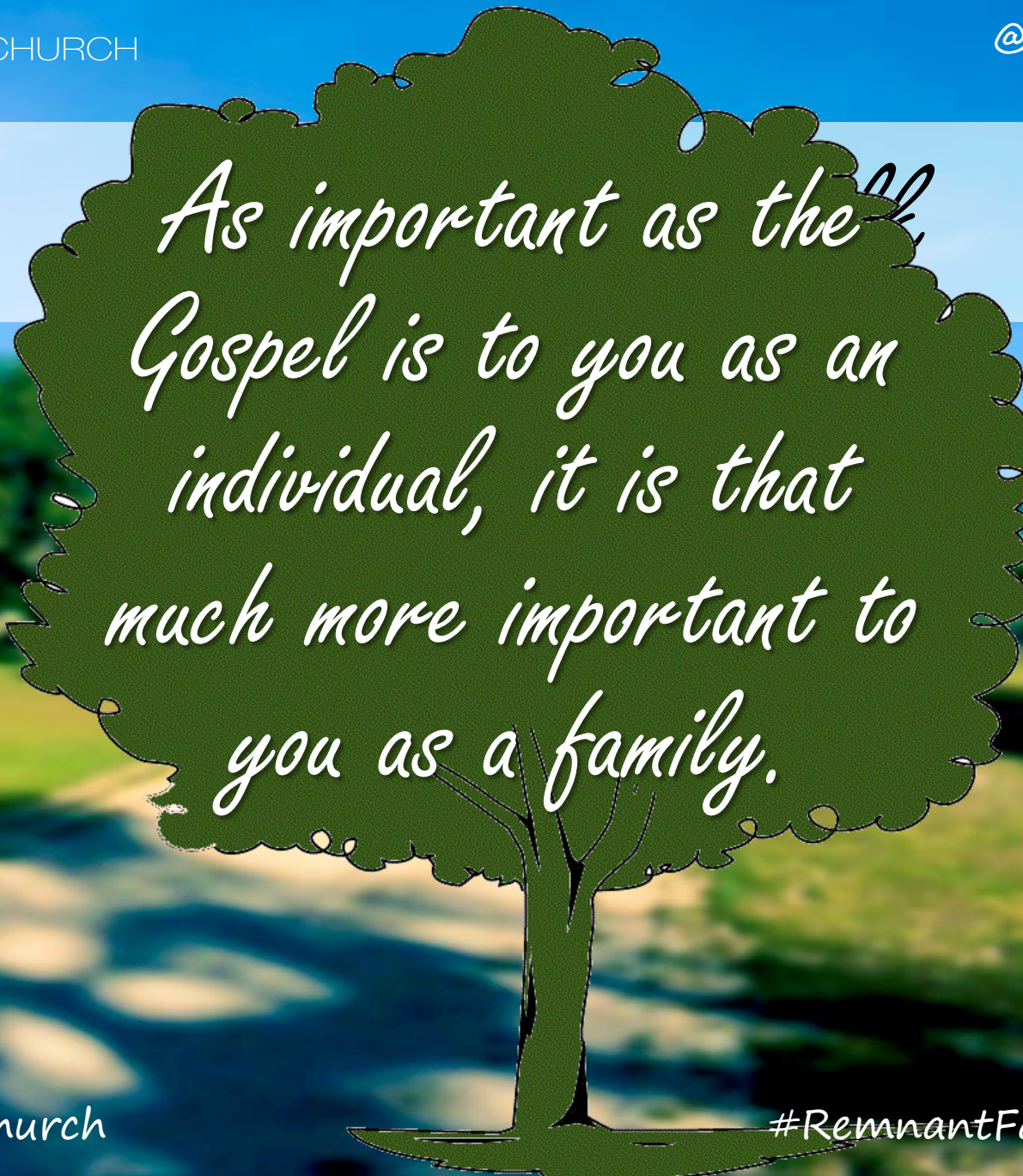
Ephesians 5:2

Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

Let Your Home Talk

Vs. 16

“Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives.”



*As important as the
Gospel is to you as an
individual, it is that
much more important to
you as a family.*

Let Your Home Talk

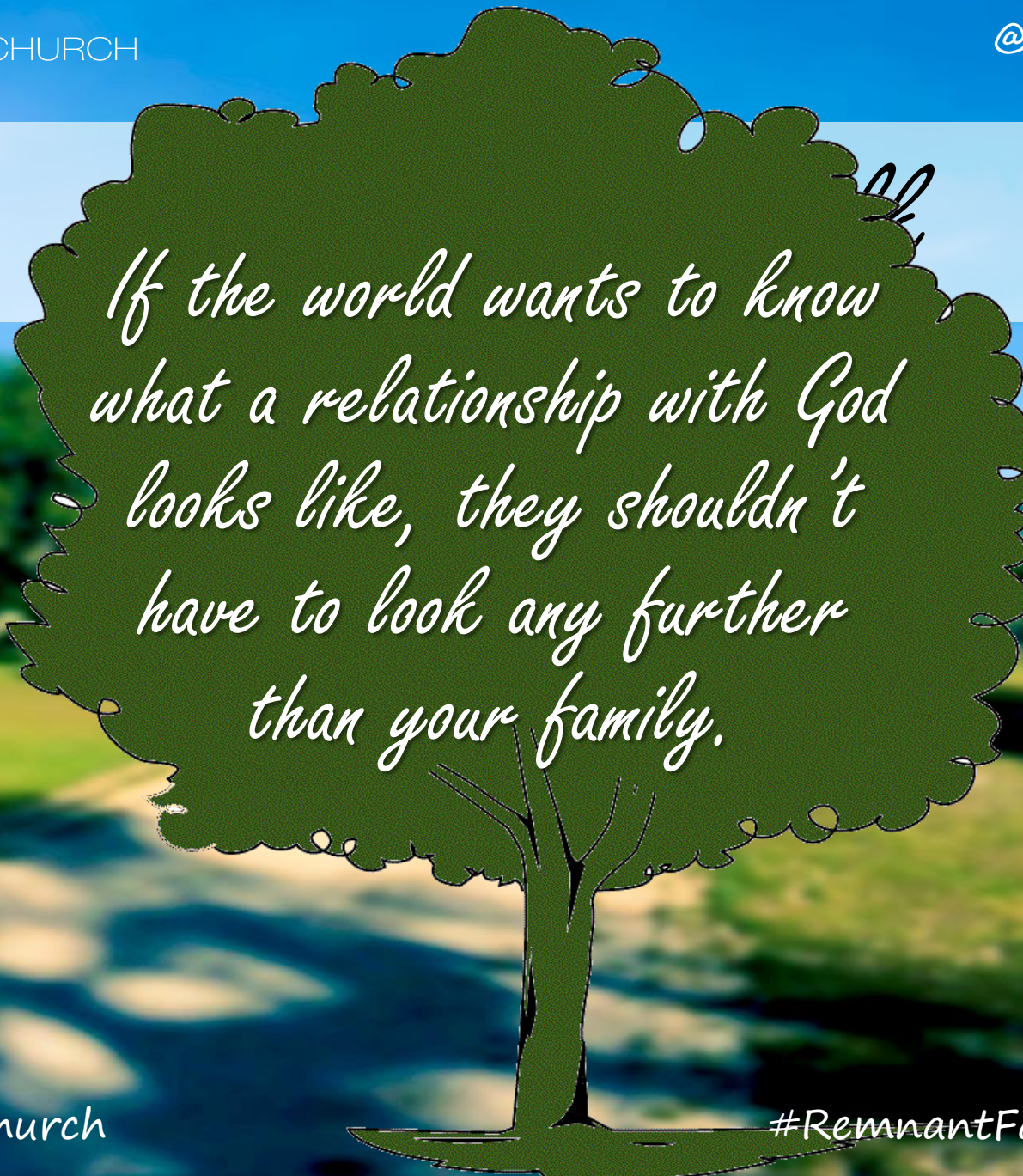
2 Cor. 5:20 (The Message)

God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing. We're Christ's representative. We're speaking for Christ himself now...

Let Your Home Talk

Two Ways We Talk

1. Telling ourselves Jesus' story
2. Letting Jesus' story be told through our families



*If the world wants to know
what a relationship with God
looks like, they shouldn't
have to look any further
than your family.*

