

LOVE LOUDER

Philippians 1:9, Colossians 3:13, James 4:8 (ESV) August 18, 2024 Jon Field, Lead Pastor

MESSAGE NOTES

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you. Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath! Selah — Psalm 39:5 (ESV)

Three Life Changing Invitations:

Love Louder

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ... — Philippians 1:9 (ESV)

Forgive Faster

... bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. — Colossians 3:13 (ESV)

• Dive Deeper

<u>Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you</u>. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded ... Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you. – James 4:8, 10 (ESV)



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: Share a highlight and a challenge from this summer?
- Which of these life-giving invitations resonates with you the most right now, and why: love louder, forgive faster, or dive deeper?
- Read Philippians 1:9. How might God be leading you to *"love louder"* through your words and actions, starting where you live and extending further?
- Who has recently been an example to you of growing in Christ's love for others, and why?
- Read Colossians 3:13. What is forgiveness? Why is forgiveness often a difficult process? Why is forgiveness such a powerful healer in relationships?
- How does experiencing Christ's forgiveness empower us to forgive others?
- Read James 4:8. What is the promise in this verse, and what are some ways we can draw near to God?
- Read James 4:10. What does it mean that God will "*exalt you*" when we humble ourselves before Him?
- How is God leading you to dive deeper in your walk with Him in this next season?
- Thank God for your summer and pray for opportunities to love louder in the days ahead.



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