

Re-Engaging Each Other

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RE•ENGAGE — All starts with GOD (duh)!

Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, my beloved.
Philippians 4:1

INESCAPABLE CONNECTION — RE•Engage God...Engage each other (a challenge to our chronic individualism)

INEVITABLE QUESTION: What about "unfriending"? What do you do IF (ha-ha) there is a rupture, a break, a hurt, an offense?

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Philippians 4:2-3

OPTION 1: Win

OPTION 2: Bail

Kingdom OPTION: Forbearance (ἐπιεικῆς epieikes)

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near.

Philippians 4:4-5

HOW WE RE•ENGAGE EACH OTHER... THE KINGDOM OPTION WORKED OUT

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

Philippians 4:4

- The point is not so much "Be happy, as opposed to sad," as it is "Be happy in the Lord, as opposed to other places / sources!"

- Rejoice in the Lord when mad, hurt, misunderstood, gossiped about, etc...puts this to the test like no other.

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:6-7

Anxiety ➔ Prayer

- We no longer put our faith in ourselves...especially our "words"
- Spiritual practice (space for grace): Fasting from Words (a.k.a. Silence)

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

Philippians 4:8

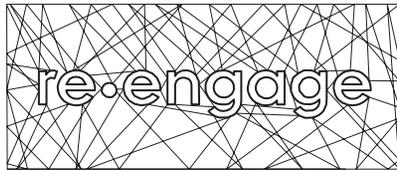
Angry downward spiral (arguments in your head) ➔ "Think here"

The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.
Philippians 4:9

Same ol' same ol' ➔ "THESE practices"

- We create "space" — PEACE (Shalom) is WITH US

OPTION SELECTION TIME!



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INESCAPABLE CONNECTION — RE•Engage God...Engage _____ (a challenge to our _____)

INEVITABLE QUESTION: What about _____? What do you do IF (ha-ha) there is _____?

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_____ ➡ _____

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- Spiritual practice (space for grace): _____ (a.k.a. _____)

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_____ (arguments in your head) ➡ _____

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_____ TIME!