

MESSAGE NOTES



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**Series:** Relationship Realities  
**Message:** Move Closer: The Art of Listening Well  
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Listening well is a skill we learn and a gift we offer others.

*We love each other because he loved us first.*  
1 John 4:19 (NLT)

*<sup>9</sup> Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. <sup>11</sup> Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.*

Romans 12:9-11 (NLT)

*...outdo one another in showing honor.*  
Romans 12:10 (RSV)

*<sup>3</sup> Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. <sup>5</sup> You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.*

Philippians 2:3-5 (NLT)

**Good questions + humble listening = true understanding**

**The two best questions ever (my opinion!):**

**1. "Would you please forgive me?"**

**2. An interested follow-up question.**