CREEKSIDE’S TEACH**ING NOTES for Sunday, November 6**, 2016

RELATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

6 Keys to Relational Health

Part 4 – Our Primary Motivation - Love

**Romans 12:p**

**Love must be sincere.**

Romans 12:9

**God is love.**

1 John 4:8, 16

**Love for ones self is a difficult kind of love to prove genuine. Love for one other is a beautiful kind of love to be sure. But love for more than one other, love in at least a triad would be an even greater kind of love. This would be a love even in the midst of “competition”. The Bible teaches us that God is a trinity. The Bible also teaches us that God is love. It would be impossible to say that God is love if he was monotheistic, one being. But as three in one we see a love that each member of the godhead has for one another. A love without competition, jealousy, or selfishness of any kind. For God to be love in the highest sense supports the Biblical understanding that God is a trinity.**

**WHY LOVE MUST BE MY PRIMARY RELATIONAL MOTIVATION**

**1) THE NECESSITY OF LOVE (13:1-3)**

**“If I . . . but have not love . . .”**

Without love . . .

All I say is ineffective (:1)

All I have is insufficient (:2)

All I give is inadequate (:3)

All eloquence + all knowledge + faith + sacrifice – love = NOTHING

**2) THE CHARACTERISTICS OF LOVE (13:4-8a)**

**Love is the decision to actively, wisely and sacrificially**

**give myself for the good of the other person.**

3) THE PERMANENCE OF LOVE (13:8-12)

4) THE GREATNESS OF LOVE (13:13)

**Be imitators of God, therefore as dearly loved children, and live a life of love just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God**

Ephesians 5:1-2

**I WILL KNOW LOVE IS MY PRIMARY RELATIONAL MOTIVATION WHEN . . .**

Love is my MANDATE

Love is my MISSION

Love is my MOTIVATION

Love is my MEASUREMENT

Love is my MARK

**"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."**

John 13:34-35

