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THE RIPPLE EFFECT

How We Bless One Another

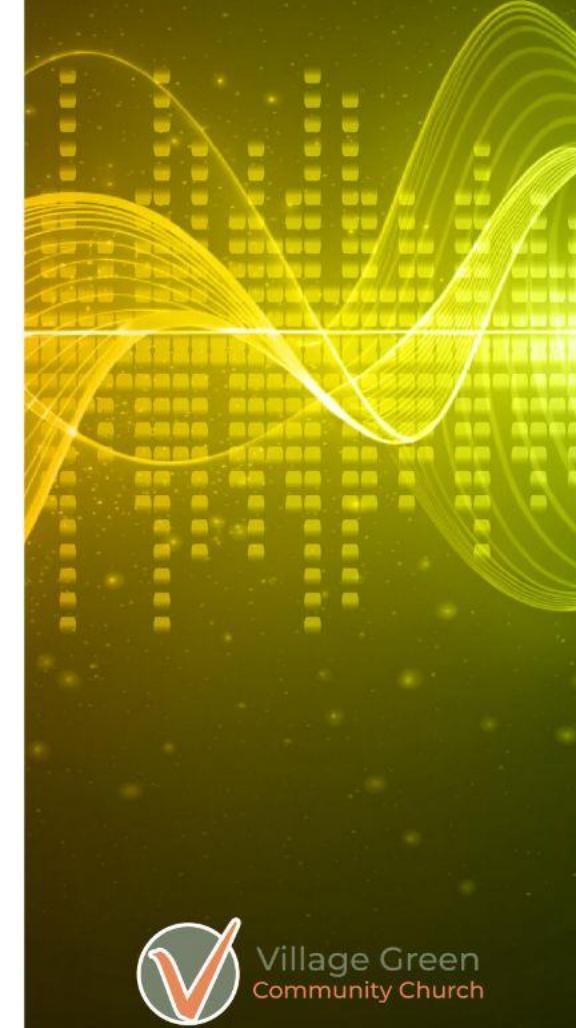
Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavor, how do you make it salty again? You must have the qualities of salt among yourselves and live in peace with each other.”

Mark 9:50 NLT



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- Jesus implies that community doesn't stay healthy *accidentally*; it must be actively *preserved*.



³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior.

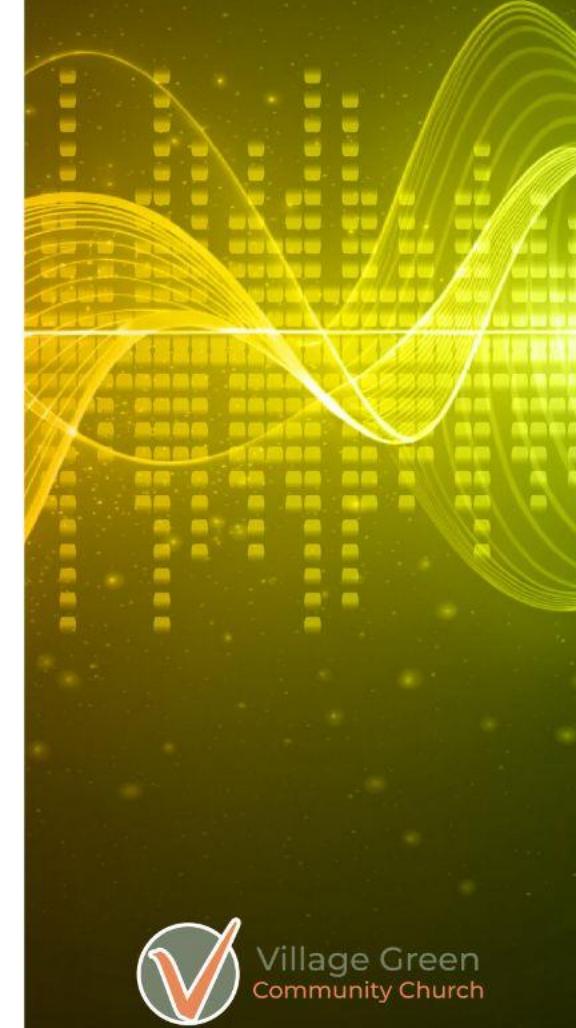
³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:31-32 NLT



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- Therefore, they are spiritual **disciplines** to **nurture** and **grow**.



See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people.

1 Thessalonians 5:15 NLT



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- The church becomes a ***countercultural*** community when it ***resists*** cycles of ***revenge***.





The Ripple Effect: We bless one another when the church is shaped by ***kindness, forgiveness, and doing good***, even when ***wronged***.