

The Effects Of Our Choices
Series: Re/Connect

“By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35

Relationships are the place we find:

- The challenge we need
- The encouragement we need
- The comfort we need

4 Crossroads We Face In Relating

1. I Choose To Isolate Or To Connect

“A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.” Ecclesiastes 4:12

2. I Choose To Pretend Or To Be Real

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men’s bones and everything unclean.” Matthew 23:27

“Don’t just pretend that you love others. Really love them.” Romans 12:9

“What this adds up to, then, is this: no more lies, no more pretense. Tell your neighbor the truth. In Christ’s body we’re all connected to each other, after all. When you lie to others, you end up lying to yourself.” Ephesians 4:25

3. I Choose The Shortcut Or The Long Road

“Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love.” Ephesians 4:2

“Be patient with everyone.” 1 Thessalonians 5:14

“Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.” 1 Corinthians 13:7

4. I Choose To Be Comfortable Or To Change

“Now I am happy, not because you were made sad, but because your sorrow made you change your lives.” 2 Corinthians 7:9

“As iron sharpens iron, so one friend sharpens another.” Proverbs 27:17

Jesus says, “Look! Here I stand at the door and knock. If you hear Me calling and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal as friends.” Revelations 3:20