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**A TIME FOR...**

**“Crossing Boundaries”**

# What Are Boundaries?

Acts 17:24-26 NLT

24 “He is the God who made the world and everything in it... 25 ...He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need. 26 From one man (*Christ*) he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and **he determined their boundaries.**

“Boundary” Gk. *horothesia*, a set limit, (fixed) “Dividing Line”



**“Boundaries define us. They define what is me and what is not me. A boundary shows me where I end and someone else begins, leading me to a sense of ownership. Knowing what I am to own and take responsibility for gives me freedom. Taking responsibility for my life opens up many different options. Boundaries help us keep the good in and the bad out.”**

*Dr. Henry Cloud*

# Why Relational Boundaries Matter

Ephesians 5:1-4 NIV

<sup>1</sup> Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children <sup>2</sup> and walk in the way of love, just as **Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.** <sup>3</sup> But among you there must **not be even a hint of sexual immorality**, or of **any kind of impurity**, or of **greed**, because these are improper for God's holy people. <sup>4</sup> Nor should there be **obscenity**, **foolish talk** or **coarse joking**, which are out of place, but rather **thanksgiving**.



# Can my Boundaries become Barriers?

- 1. Fear:** **1 Cor. 16:13** NLT Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong.
- 2. Prejudice:** **Gal. 3:28** NLT There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.
- 3. Easy Life:** **Eph. 5:16-17** NLT Make the most of every opportunity...  
<sup>17</sup> Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.
- 4. Other Priorities:** **Phil. 2:4** ESV Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

# Where is My Ambition?

Romans 15:20-22 NLT

<sup>20</sup> My ambition has always been to **preach the Good News** where **the name of Christ has never been heard**, rather than where a church has already been started by someone else.

<sup>21</sup> I have been following the plan spoken of in the Scriptures, where it says, “Those who have never been told about him will see, and those who have never heard of him will understand.” <sup>22</sup> In fact, **my visit to you has been delayed so long** because I have been preaching in these places.



# Missional Opportunities within BCC...

## Locally:

**My Community / Workplace**

**CAP, Foodbank (TBB)**

**Haven *Mental Wellbeing***

**Pebbles, Ark, Youth**

**Int. Feast - Key Events**

**LG Community Links**

**'Won-by-One',**

**Street Witness!**

## Further Away:

**Streamed Services - Groups?**

**Macedonia (*Vesna & Jacov...*)**

**Rwanda *Compassion kids***

**Lebanon *Education***

**Ukraine *support***

**Israel / Palestinian Ter.**

**India, Pakistan *Slaves***

**...Guatemala – *H<sub>2</sub>O Filters?***

# What is God's Call to ME?

John 15:13-16 NLT

<sup>13</sup> There is no greater love than to **lay down one's life for one's friends**. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends **if you do what I command**. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. <sup>16</sup> You didn't choose me. **I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit**, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.



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