



***LAUNCHING YOUR FAITH***  
**FAITH ALIVE IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY**

**LESSON 7**  
**SAFE HARBOR**

**July 22, 2017**



***Jesus wants a LIVIING  
WITNESS to the world based  
on REAL RELATIONSHIP with  
Him and each other.***

## John 17:20-23 NKJV

***20 "I do not pray for these alone,  
but also for those who will  
believe in Me through their word;  
21 that they all may be one, as  
You, Father, are in Me, and I in  
You; that they also may be one in  
Us, that the world may believe  
that You sent Me.***

## **John 17:20-23 NKJV**

***22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:***

***23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.***

## ***John 17:23 (NLT)***

***23 I am in them and You are in Me.  
May they experience such  
perfect unity that the world will  
know that You sent Me and that  
You love them as much as You  
love Me.***

# **I. SAFE HARBOR**

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Dictionary.com,

1. a harbor considered **safe** for a ship, as in wartime or during a storm at sea.
2. any place or situation that offers refuge or protection

**John A. Shedd**  
**Salt From My Attic**

***“A ship in harbor is safe,  
but that is not  
what ships are built for.”***



*(1901 Duluth, MINN newspaper)*

**Ascribed to Theodore Roosevelt:**

***“...warships are not built  
to rust and rot in harbor.***

***He wants them kept moving so  
that crews can keep in  
full practice at their  
seamanship, gunnery, etc.”***

**A BLEND OF PURPOSE:**  
**Sea Duty, MISSION, and**  
**Home Port.**

## **II. THE CHURCH is THE HOME PORT AND SAFE HARBOR**

# ***CHURCH*, Where We:**

## **1. WORSHIP HIM**

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- 1. WORSHIP HIM**
- 2. ENCOURAGED**
- 3. TRAINED**
- 4. EQUIPPED**
- 5. FIND HEALING**



**How do we *REALLY* show Jesus  
to the world and to each other?**

# **John 13:34-35 (NKJV)**

**34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."**

***HOW?***

**In and through  
*HIS LOVE***

***GCC:***

***Loving Jesus and  
Loving Each Other***

*Passion and  
**COMPASSION**  
together best  
expresses the  
love of Jesus.*

# **III. BOTH OLD AND NEW** **TESTAMENT TRUTH**

# 1) One Heart as a UNIT

Psalm 133:1 (NKJV)

**<sup>1</sup> Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity**

## **2) The Place of ANOINTING**

**Ps 133:2 (NKJV)**

***2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments.***



# **3) The ANOINTING SPREADS**

**Ps 133:3 (NKJV)**

**<sup>3</sup>...like the dew of Hermon,  
descending upon the  
mountains of Zion; there the  
LORD commanded  
the blessing—  
Life forevermore.**

**The place of  
relationship with Jesus  
and His people who  
stand together as a  
UNIT.**

**NO GOSSIP,  
NO BACKBITING,  
NO SLANDER**

***THERE* the Lord  
commands His  
Blessing!**

**Cover one another in love.**

**1 Peter 4:8**

***You may not get an issue fully  
resolved, but  
RELATIONSHIP RESOLVE  
is ALWAYS most important to  
Jesus.***

## 1 Corinthians 1:10 (NKJV)

**10** Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all *spe****ak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.***

# 1 Corinthians 1:10 (NIV)

**<sup>10</sup> ... that all of you *agree with one another* so that there may be *no divisions among you...be perfectly united in mind and thought.***

## 1 Corinthians 1:10 (NLT)

**<sup>10</sup> I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to *live in harmony with each other*. Let there be *no divisions in the church*. Rather, be of *one mind, united in thought and purpose*.**

# **IV. LOVE COVERS**



## 1 Peter 4:8 NKJV

**8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."**

## 1 Peter 4:8 NIV

**8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.**

## 1 Peter 4:8 NLT

**8 Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.**





***The world will know that  
Jesus and we were sent  
by God with  
the GOOD NEWS:  
when the Body of Christ  
is a SAFE HARBOR,  
indeed!***