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TREASURING CHRIST - LIVING FOR CHRIST

Colossians 3:17 - 4:1 - *Living under new management'*

As Paul continues to explore what living out our new status in Christ looks like, he turns his attention to relationships in the home and at work...

1) In married life (v18-19)

- How would the call to wives and husbands here have been radical both then and now? How would you explain to someone why these instructions are good news for both wives and husbands?
- What does the phrase 'as is fitting in the Lord' mean when it comes to a wife's submission?
- How does looking to Jesus help us see what it looks like to live this out fully - for both wives and husbands?

2) In family life (v20-21)

- V20 calls on children to obey their parents 'for this pleases the Lord'. How might that change the motivation for children to obey their parents?
- How does Paul call to Fathers (parents) not to embitter their children, help children to obey?
- In what ways have you/do you find these things hard, either as a parent or as a child? How can we pray for one another in family life?

3) In work life (v22 - 4:1)

- How is 'the Lord' the motivation for our relationships in these verses and how does that transform the way we think about our work and others?
- How can we encourage and pray for one another in our relationships (whatever our 'work') in light of these instructions?