**Series: Kinda Different**

**Today: A Different Kind of Relational Energy**

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**Relationships are important because God is relational.**

**Relationships can be messy because we are.**

***Romans 12:1-2***

***Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.***

**What are you bringing to the relationship table?**

**Are you willing to partner with God?**

**Are you willing to do difficult?**

1. **Make a difference for Jesus in the lives of others.**

***Romans 12:6***

*We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.*

1. **Form new relational habits that honor Jesus.**

***Romans 12:10, 14***

*10Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.*

*14Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.*

1. **Empathize, listen, and care.**

***Romans 12:15***

*Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.*

1. **You are responsible for the stewardship of your relationships.**

***Romans 12:18***

*If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

**Wise**

**Foolish**

**Evil**

1. **Mind the gap with generous patience.**

***IMAGE: https://www.russellwebster.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Mind\_The\_Gap\_Logo\_by\_rrward.png***

***Romans 14:13***

*Therefore let us stop passing judgment (assuming the worst) on one another.*

1. **Take the touch of Jesus to you and pass it on.**

***Romans 15:7***

*Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.*