

## V. BE A FORGIVING PERSON

*“36 Then after some days Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us now go back and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they are doing.”*

*37 Now Barnabas was determined to take with them John called Mark.*

*38 But Paul insisted that they should not take with them the one who had departed from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone with them to the work.*

*39 Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another. And so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus;*

*40 but Paul chose Silas and departed, being commended by the brethren to the grace of God.*

*41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.”*

Acts 15:36-41

*“Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.”*

II Timothy 4:11

*“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”*

Ephesians 4:32

**Commit To Being A Barnabas At Capital Baptist Church**

## BEST RELATIONSHIPS EVER

Best Church Ever

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### INTRODUCTION

**A.** The quality of your relationships determines the quality of your life! But the reality is...

Relationships can be hard. You may be lonely and lack relationships. On the other hand you may have relationships, but they are often unhealthy.

But imagine a life filled with a positive network of people that provide mutual happiness. You having a web of relationships that provide comfort and encouragement.

*“Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.”*

I Thessalonians 5:11

God desires to strengthen your well being through relationships.

**B.** Attend this teaching series and discover how to apply simple steps from the Bible for your best relationships ever! Here are the relationships that we will explore during this series:

Feb 26	Best Friendship Ever
Mar 5	Best Marriage Ever
Mar 12	Best Coworkers/Schoolmates Ever
Mar 19	Best Family Ever
TODAY	Best Church Ever
Apr 2	Best Love Ever

**C. Text:** Acts 4:32-37

God wants you to be a Barnabas at Capital Baptist Church.

## HOW TO HAVE THE BEST CHURCH EVER

### I. BE A GENEROUS GIVER

*“36 And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus, 37 having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles’ feet.”* Acts 4:36-37

*“I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”* Acts 20:35

*“Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share,”* I Timothy 6:18

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### II. BE A FAITHFUL FRIEND

*26 And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple.*

*27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.”* Acts 9:26-27

*“A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity.”* Proverbs 17:17

### III. BE A COMMITTED ENCOURAGER

*22 Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch.*

*23 When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.*

*24 For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.*

*25 Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul.*

*26 And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.”* Acts 11:22-26

The description of Barnabas (v24):

- He was a good man.
- He was full of the Holy Spirit.
- He was full of faith.

*“ but exhort one another daily, ... ”* Hebrews 3:13a

### IV. BE AN OBEDIENT SERVANT

*“I Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.*

*2 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”*

*3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.”* Acts 13:1-3

*“His mother said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do it.”* John 2:5

*“You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.”* John 15:14