

TRIBE Part 8: *"The Markings"*

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"So I give you now a new commandment: Love each other just as much as I have loved you. For when you demonstrate the same love I have for you by loving one another, <u>everyone will know that you're</u> <u>my true followers.</u>"

John 13:34-35 (TPT)

I AM CERTAIN ABOUT WHO MY TRIBE IS BECAUSE WE ARE MARKED BY...

1. ...LOVING <u>GOD</u> THROUGH OUR <u>WEEKEND</u> <u>GATHERINGS</u>

"Jesus went into the Temple area. He threw out all those who were selling and buying things there. He turned over the tables that belonged to those who were exchanging different kinds of money. And he turned over the benches of those who were selling doves. Jesus said to them, <u>'The Scriptures say, 'My</u> <u>Temple will be called a house of prayer.</u>' But you are changing it into a 'hiding place for thieves.' <u>Some</u> blind people and some who were crippled came to Jesus in the Temple area.

Jesus healed them. The leading priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he was doing. And they saw the children praising him in the Temple area. The children were shouting, 'Praise to the Son of David.' All this made the priests and the teachers of the law angry. They asked Jesus, 'Do you hear what these children are saying?' He answered, 'Yes. The Scriptures say, 'You have taught children and babies to give praise.' Have you not read that Scripture?"

Matthew 21:12-16 (ERV)

"On Sunday we gathered to take communion and to hear Paul preach. Because he was planning to leave the next day, he continued speaking until past midnight. Many flickering lamps burned in the upstairs chamber where we were meeting. Sitting in an open window listening was a young man named Eutychus. As Paul's sermon dragged on, Eutychus became drowsy and fell into a deep slumber. Sound asleep, he fell three stories to his death below. Paul went downstairs, bent over the boy, and embraced him. Taking him in his arms, he said to all the people gathered, 'Stop your worrying. He's come back to life!' Paul went back upstairs, served communion, and ate a meal with them. Then he picked back up where he left off and taught until dawn. Filled with enormous joy, they took the boy home alive and everyone was encouraged."

Acts 20:7-12 (TPT)

2. ...LOVING EACH OTHER THROUGH WEEKLY GEAR GROUPS

"Every believer was faithfully <u>devoted to following</u> <u>the teachings of the apostles</u>. Their hearts were mutually linked to one another, <u>sharing communion</u> and <u>coming together regularly for prayer</u>."

Acts 2:42 (TPT)

"Be <u>devoted to tenderly loving your fellow</u> <u>believers</u> as members of one family. Try to <u>outdo</u> <u>yourselves in respect and honor</u> of one another." **Romans 12:10** (TPT)

"<u>Encourage each other every day</u>—for as long as we can still say "today"—so none of you let the deceitfulness of sin harden your hearts."

Hebrews 3:13 (TVB)

3. ...LOVING OUR <u>COMMUNITY</u> THROUGH REGULARLY <u>REACHING OUT</u>

"You are the light that gives light to the world. A city that is built on a hill cannot be hidden. And people <u>don't hide a light under a bowl</u>. They <u>put it on a</u> <u>lampstand</u> so the light shines for all the people in the house. In the same way, <u>you should be a light for</u> <u>other people</u>. <u>Live so that they will see the good</u> <u>things you do</u> and will praise your Father in heaven." **Matthew 5:14-16** (NCV)

"All the believers were together and shared everything. They would sell their land and the things they owned and then divide the money and give it to anyone who needed it. The believers met together in the Temple every day. They ate together in their homes, <u>happy to share their food with joyful hearts.</u> They praised God and were liked by all the people. <u>Every day the Lord added those who were being</u> <u>saved to the group of believers</u>."

Acts 2:44-47 (NCV)