

Piecing Life Together: A Survival Guide for our Homes . . . #IMHO

Colossians. 3:18-4:1

- i. Reject formulaic approach. This is about creating space. Take a high altitude-drone-shot of our homes...
- ii. This is not about hierarchy, patriarchy, matriarchy, misogyny. It is about mutuality, respect and dignity of each person in the family [broadest definition as possible], church community, society, kingdom of God) as each is created in the image of God—*imago Dei*.
- iii. Communities are modeled after the way God is in the Trinity. Rublev's icon of the Holy Trinity.

WE CAN BUILD A SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR OUR HOMES BY MAPPING OUT A FEW STOPS ON THE GPS ... Note: Feel free to add your own.

1. Cultivate an Environment of Respect for All.
 - a. Let each be each.
 - b. *Who we are and how we engage with the world are much stronger predictions of how children will do than what we know about parenting—*
Brene Brown
 - c. This may be why there is all the justice and fairness language in the text.
 - d. No one's story is completely written. We are all in the process of transformation until the final transformation. So, relax a bit, okay tons, and enjoy the ride.
2. Create a Safe Place.
 - a. Adults cannot offer generations what we do not have so let them in on our journey to grow, change, and learn.
 - b. This allows room for uncertainty.
3. Cultivate Vulnerability.
 - a. Know your armor, they will "know" it too.
 - b. More is caught than taught.
 - c. Vulnerability allows the freedom to struggle, question and experience adversity—it develops resiliency.
4. Cultivate Belonging.
 - a. No one belongs to anyone—we are all on loan from the Trinity.
 - b. God's got them.
 - c. There is an innate desire for all people to be part of something larger than the self: family, faith community, society, God.
5. Cultivate Enough in a World of not-enough.

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