

The Principle of Agreement

Welcome to Harvest Community Church

Series: The Power of Agreement

Text: Matthew 18:19

The Principle of Agreement is about the supernatural power you can find when you start agreeing with the RIGHT things in your life--right beliefs, right people, and right attitudes. It is making the **correct** decisions at the right times.

This series came about from a conversation I had with a good Pastor friend while drinking coffee at a café outside on a cold evening in downtown Copenhagen. When he came to pastor the church he is serving it was in dis-unity. He said, “you know how I got the people together? Whenever people came to me with complaints about the past and with what they thought was wrong with the church, I would agree with them. I didn’t necessarily think that they were right, but I acknowledged that what they felt was valid and they had my attention.” It was from that vantage point that we were then able to work together.” He said, “I didn’t understand this then but what I had discovered was the Power of Agreement.” Today that church is in unity and being used mightily by God in that city.

The Principle of Agreement is a **spiritual** principle found throughout the Bible. It first of all deals with our relationship with God and secondly is a guiding principle in our relationship with others. It affects every relationship from marriage to business.

Agreement: To be in agreement with, in unison, in one accord; To speak together with **one** voice harmonious and united; To agree with and declare statements agreed upon; To champion with the same view or vision agreed upon; To regard something as settled; to reach agreement; To be in line, agree, accord; To stand as one; To fall into the line of footprints, to walk together; To hold true to, to stay in agreement with what has been spiritually attained.

To be ‘in agreement’ is to be in **unity**, speaking and championing the same things. It is to stand as one, holding true to what has been agreed upon.

Agreement is **synergy**. Synergy is the working together of two things to produce an effect **greater** than the sum of their individual parts; an advantageous agreement that results in a greater outcome. **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, 1 Corinthians 12:12-25** We are better together.

Foundations to Understanding the Principle of Agreement

- 1) It is impossible to do life with other people unless there is agreement. **Amos 3:3** This is a powerful question, and the answer is no. If we are going to do life with people, i.e., our spouse, business partners, friends and loving others to Christ then there must be **common ground**. Somethings that we can agree on.

The saying is true that opposites attract but unless they find common ground they will eventually separate. Common ground involves direction, destination, speed, beliefs, goals and ways of doing things.

Life is a journey and it involves people doing life together. We need to find something we agree on.

Today it seems like our society is focusing more and more on our dis-agreements and our dis-appointments. **Amos 3:3 (AMP) - Do two men walk together unless they have made an appointment?** To do life together we must find agreement on the things that we do have in common. This is done intentionally. It is finding out where we do have common ground and then meeting there.

The Founding Fathers of the United States of America took our individual and unique States and joined them together as one by founding our nation on things that were agreed upon, though there was a lot to be in disagreement about. But there was common ground and it brought peace and incredible prosperity.

~ “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.”

- 2) The Principle of Agreement understands that peace is possible. **Romans 12:18** God has called us to the best of our ability to live at peace with all people.

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 (NLT) Most of the time living in agreement, harmony and unity comes down to some very simple things. Most relationships are not overly complicated.

- 3) The Principle of Agreement acknowledges that possible peace is not peace at any price. We must recognize from the outset that there will be times when peace and agreement are not possible. The Bible says as much as depends on us. There are some things and some people that we will never be able to be in agreement with. **2 Corinthians 6:14-17**

Just because we desire a relationship with someone does not mean that we should be in a relationship with them. This applies to marriage, friendships and business relationships. Light and darkness never mix. Good and evil are not compatible. For the believer there are absolutes, there is right and wrong. Grey areas are a mixture. While the Principle of Agreement can involve compromise it is never to compromise our morals, values, beliefs or our walk and agreement with God and His word.

The Principle of Agreement understands that Jesus’ highest purpose was not peace but salvation and deliverance from sin, hell and the grave. Jesus came to unify us to the Father. This means that there will be times that cause division and disunity in other relationships. **Luke 12:51-53, Matthew 10:34-39**

It is important to recognize that the common ground we have with some people is that we disagree and may never find common ground. The sooner we discover that the sooner we can peacefully part ways, save time and avoid frustration. While this can at times involve sadness, it is wisdom.

4) The Principle of Agreement is a key part of dealing with our **enemies**.

Matthew 5:12 (NKJV, AMP, NLT)

All of us have adversaries and enemies. We are encouraged when we find ourselves in these situations to come to “**terms**” we agree upon. An equitable solution that resolves a problem. Find a way to **settle** our differences instead of stirring them up. Again, find common ground that you can stand on together peacefully and **resolve** the situation. The Principle of Agreement means that we have the resolve or the internal strength to resolve things with those who are not always for us. **Matthew 5:43-48**

❖ The power found in the Principle of Agreement is found in our agreement with God’s **word**. It is the foundation on which we stand in unity with God.

The Scriptures are to be agreed with because they are God's words: true, proven, inspired by God, an authoritative guide to know God, His will and His **ways**.

2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21, Isaiah 40:8

We agree that the scriptures are dependable, trustworthy, having authority as the expression of God's will to us. It possesses the supreme right to **define** what we are as believers and how we are to conduct ourselves. **Psalm 18:30, Colossians 3:16-17**

The word of God is our **trust** we depend on it. We agree with the word of God as the words from God to us. **Matthew 4:4, Romans 10:17, 1 Thessalonians 2:13**

Coming into agreement with God’s word means that we have come into agreement with His **promises**. God is our Promiser, He pledges to us to do certain things as declared in His word, giving us the right to **expect** Him to fulfill His promises. God has promised and we are to be in agreement with His promises, believing and standing with God's word. God cannot fail; He is God, Ruler, Supreme, and Omnipotent.

Hebrews 11:6, Numbers 23:19, Hebrews 6:18, Titus 1:2, 2 Timothy 2:13, Jeremiah 3:13, Hebrews 10:23, Isaiah 55:10-11

The Principle of Agreement hinges on the fact that God is **faithful** to His word and to His promises. This gives the believer the confidence to walk with others while we are walking with God. If we are in agreement with God and if we are walking with God then when others join us in the journey we won’t just be walking in step with one another. We will all be walking in **agreement** with God.