

# Surviving your TRIBE

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## TRIBE 'ECCLESIA'

*And those who believed Peter were baptized... They joined with the other believers in regular attendance at the apostles' teaching sessions and at the Communion services and prayer meetings... And all the believers met together constantly and shared everything with each other... They worshiped together regularly at the Temple each day, met in small groups in homes... Acts 2:41-46 (The Living Bible)*

**I WAS CREATED FOR \_\_\_\_\_.**

*...you belong in God's household with every other Christian. Ephesians 2:19 (The Living Bible)*

*I am writing these things to you... [so] you will know how to live in the family of God. That family is the church of the living God. 1 Timothy 3:14-15 (NCV)*

## **HOW TO RESPOND TO A TROUBLESOME TRIBE MEMBER**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ for them.

*Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. Luke 6:28 (NLT)*

*When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing." And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. Luke 23:33-34 (NLT)*

2. Be \_\_\_\_\_

*Believers shouldn't curse anyone or be quarrelsome, but they should be gentle and show courtesy to everyone. Titus 3:2 (God's Word)*

*Excel in showing respect for each other. Romans 12:10b (God's Word)*

**THE GREATEST SIGN OF RESPECT: \_\_\_\_\_**

Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. James 1:19 (NIV)

3. Tame your \_\_\_\_\_

*A word out of your mouth may seem of no account, but it can accomplish nearly anything—or destroy it! It only takes a spark, remember, to set off a forest fire. A careless or wrongly placed word out of your mouth can do that. By our speech we can ruin the world, turn harmony to chaos, throw mud on a reputation, send the whole world up in smoke and go up in smoke with it, smoke right from the pit of hell. James 3:5-6 (The Message)*

*Thoughtless words can wound as deeply as any sword, but wisely spoken words can heal. Proverbs 12:18 (GNT)*

4. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

*...All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 1 Peter 5:5 (NIV)*

No one is " \_\_\_\_\_ " when the relationship is \_\_\_\_\_.

*"And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own?... First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye. Matthew 7:3-5 (NLT)*

5. \_\_\_\_\_ them.

*Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Colossians 3:13 (NLT)*

*Peter got up the nerve to ask, "Master, how many times do I forgive a brother or sister who hurts me? Seven?" Jesus replied, "Seven! Hardly. Try seventy times seven. Matthew 18:21-22 (The Message)*

6. \_\_\_\_\_ I like Jesus.

*Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Romans 12:9a (NLT)*

*Our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action. 1 John 3:18 (GNT)*

REWARD CHALLENGE:

**DO SOMETHING** \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR SOMEONE YOU** \_\_\_\_\_