

Connecting Series: **Caring & Connecting**

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I. **Living Dangerously**

II. **Careful Attention**

1st Peter 3:8-12

v. 8-9

Virtue

v. 10-11

Good & Evil

v. 12

Accountability

III. **Daring to Care**

IV. **Caring to Connect**

Personal Reflection

Take time this week to pray & respond to the following:

Biologists and medical professionals agree that the old adage, “there is safety in numbers,” is terrible advice when one is trying to halt the spread of communicable disease. One could argue that such circumstances are the only time when isolation from others, rather than being in community, is preferable for survival.

The normative and necessary condition in which God intends human beings to exist is in community. It is a fundamental part of human society and is the result of individuals connecting—people sharing life in view of common values, contexts, interests and goals. In community individuals care for one another and experience the journey of life. Caring isn’t merely one aspect of how humans connect. It is the preeminent means of community formation. Caring is the way we connect.

Are you living dangerously? Are you content to exist in isolation so that you will not be burdened by the needs of others or possibly be burned by their rejection? Are you denying yourself the happiness and friendship that fellowship can bring? Perhaps your life is so full of activity and things that there is little time left to enjoy interaction with others.

Prayerfully ask God to help you care about connecting. Reflect on your present opportunities to care for others. Express to God any fear, hope or uncertainty about caring and connecting that you are feeling. Invite Him to change your perspective and soften your heart toward community.