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“Churches are meant to be visible communities of love, support, encouragement, and care—because we know the Savior who ‘cares for you.’ Bond is one of the most caring men you could ever meet. He lives the biblical principles and practical examples that fill his excellent and needed book.”

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# Care

## Loving Your Church by Walking through Life Together

Jesus commands his disciples to love one another and promises that “by this everyone will know that you are my disciples” (John 13:35). But what does genuine care for those in our church family look like?

This warm, practical book by Dwayne Bond goes beyond specific pastoral-care roles and responsibilities, and explores how all church members can love and care for one another in the rhythms of ordinary life.

In response to Jesus’ great love for us and the example he set, readers will explore how to honor one another, serve one another, and bear each other’s burdens, as they seek to walk together as a family in the midst of a divided culture. They will see that following Jesus’ command to love one another deeply and practically will bring great joy as well as commending the gospel to those around them, as people see lives changed from the inside out.

This wonderful resource is not only a useful tool for church care teams but for every church member as each is encouraged to play his or her part in making people feel cared for and connected to the church family.



## About the Author

Dwayne is the founder and Lead Pastor of Wellspring Church in Charlotte, NC, which he planted in 2007. After graduating with a Ph.D. in Professional Counseling from Liberty University, he started Proximus Group, LLC, which serves individuals, couples, families, pastors, executive leaders, and businesses. From 2020 to 2024, he served as Director of Pastoral Care with Acts 29 Network. He also has an M.A. in Christian Counseling and Discipleship, an M.A. in Religion, and a B.S. in Finance.

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# Suggested Interview Questions

1. Why does loving like Jesus start with being keenly aware of how he has loved us?
2. What are some things that get in the way of loving others as we should?
3. How does the Old Testament account of Hosea encourage us to love others well in the body of Christ?
4. How do the one-anothers in Scripture offer us a beautiful picture of life together in community under the lordship of Jesus Christ?
5. How would you describe the dynamics of unconditional love in a divided culture?
6. What are some steps that churches can take to be loving, multi-ethnic families of God?
7. What are some ways we can display the love of Jesus to our neighborhoods and communities?
8. How can our heart posture change when we see loving our church well as not only a command but also an invitation?
9. Why is perseverance such a necessary trait when it's hard to love others in the body of Christ?
10. Why is it important for church members to remind one another of our future hope that Jesus promises will come to fruition at his second coming?