

# Part V – The Steward Leader in Relationship

## The Gift of Presence

*I thank God for the people in my life who have demonstrated the gift of presence, and I name them here:*

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**“ Love your neighbor as you love yourself.” Matthew 22:39**

## Confession

*I confess that I give in to expediency in my relationships, and today I name to relationships where I have not been present in a God-pleasing way:*

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## My Commitment

*Today, I come against whatever is causing this expediency in my life and I will take the following steps in each of these relationships to practice the gift of presence:*

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## My Daily Discipline

1. Begin each day with a prayer that God would enable you to see your neighbors and co-workers as he sees them.
2. Ask for the heart to join them on their journey and be used by God to bless, encourage and challenge them in ways that are in line with His will for them.

## **Steward Leaders Build and Value Community as its Own End**

Steward leaders who are free in the presence of God respond with joyful obedience by building and valuing community as its own end.

*What does it mean to lead your team in a way that values community as an end and a means?*

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*What are the challenges of leading your team in ways that value its community for stewardship reasons and measures the importance of community in kingdom terms?*

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## **Steward Leaders are Caretakers of Community**

Steward leaders who are free in the presence of God respond with joyful obedience by being caretakers of community. This kind of community does not 'just happen'. Organizational effectiveness requires the constant caretaking of the culture, health, and movement of the community it has cultivated. It requires presence, listening and personal freedom

*Name the primary actions you are taking to be a caretaker of your community.*

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*What new actions are needed to strengthen your work in this area?*

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