

## October 6, 2021

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## Dear Christ Church,

This past Saturday night, our backyard was host to a gathering of some 75 people. The participants ranged in ages from their 20s to their 80s. They came from California to Connecticut and many states in between. Some of them were family from the DeBoer and Meyer clans, some neighbors, some college classmates, some from church. This diverse crowd had come from many places for one purpose—to encourage our kids, Cole and Heather.



In the throes of COVID-19, most of these people had been unable to attend Heather and Cole's wedding last January. While conditions last weekend were still not ideal, these gracious persons took the trouble to venture through the rain to celebrate our children—to name the things they love about them, to confirm their commitment to them, and to extend their prayers and best wishes for the future. You could see how their words LIFTED the newlyweds and strengthened their spirits.

Last Sunday, I reflected on some of the heavy ways our words can affect the health of another person or the height of our relationship with them. This Sunday, I'm excited to share with you some of the creative ways we can *"encourage one another and build each other up."* (1 Thessalonians 5:11) I hope you'll join me and the Christ Church community in person or online for part four of our series on how to grow more **REMARKABLE RELATIONSHIPS**. Consider inviting someone else too. This is a series that will speak to issues and yearnings that touch everyone.

All of YOU are such an encouragement to me. Thanks, once again, for BEING Christ Church.

With love in Christ,

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Rev. Dr. Daniel Meyer, Lead Pastor



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