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3 John

The church is made up of <u>individuals</u> who have had encounters with <u>Jesus</u>, who work together/advance together in assignments that are laid out by <u>God</u>.

- I. The character in the church
 - A. Myth: everyone in the church is the <u>same</u>.
 - B. Character needs to <u>rise</u> to the highest level present, not <u>sink</u> to the lowest level present.

Gaius was generous, faithful, and <u>sold out</u> for Jesus. Diotrephes had risen in <u>influence</u>, but John was not impressed. Demetrius was doing God's work and needed the <u>support</u>.

- II. The conflict in the church
 - A. Here: rooted in a man who <u>liked</u> to put himself first and <u>leveraged</u> what he had to get his way
 - B. Sometimes: between <u>well-meaning</u> people
 - C. John names what is right!
- III. The culture in the church
 - A. John would not let Diotrephes set culture.
 - B. "The culture you <u>allow</u> is the culture you <u>get</u>."
 - C. Not all churches <u>share</u> the same culture.
 - D. Godly culture happens because of conviction and <u>agreement</u>.

Godly culture happens when we <u>raise</u> expectations, not when we <u>lower</u> the bar.

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Our Mission: To be a magnet,

drawing people who need Jesus to know and grow in Him.

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