CCR Refocus #3 Reaching Out to Others In Love By Amy Campbell & Louie Marsh, 11-15-2015

- 1) Know that it's God's KINDNESS that leads people to repentance.
 - Wyatt's testimony

⁴ Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? Romans 2:4 (NIV)

2) <u>LAY DOWN</u> my fear of other's opinions.

- ²⁵ The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe. ²⁶ Many seek the face of a ruler, but it is from the LORD that a man gets justice. Proverbs 29:25-26 (ESV)
- ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed. ¹⁰ For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ. Galatians 1:9-10 (ESV)

Lilly's testimony

⁷ When a man's ways please the LORD, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. Proverbs 16:7 (ESV)

3) RECOGNIZE & EMBRACE my unique position of influence.

- 13 But we will not boast beyond limits, but will boast only with regard to the area of influence God assigned to us, to reach even to you. 14 For we are not overextending ourselves, as though we did not reach you. For we were the first to come all the way to you with the gospel of Christ. 15 We do not boast beyond limit in the labors of others. But our hope is that as your faith increases, our area of influence among you may be greatly enlarged, 16 so that we may preach the gospel in lands beyond you, without boasting of work already done in another's area of influence. 17 "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." 18 For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends. 2 Corinthians 10:13-18 (ESV)
 - 4) Consistently <u>DIRECT FOCUS</u> to Jesus.
 - You may not be an expert on the Bible, but we are all experts on what Christ has done <u>FOR US</u> and <u>IN US</u>.

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 2 Peter 1:16 (NIV)