

## The Twelve Wells of Elim

“Then they came to Elim where there were twelve wells and seventy palm trees...” Exodus 15:27

**G**race – We are a fallen and broken people who find our redemption and restoration in the unmerited love of God through the death and resurrection of His son, Jesus Christ. In tenderness and compassion, we minister to the brokenness of others with the same love and patience God has demonstrated toward us.

*“But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ, even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved.”* Ephesians 2:4-5

**O**bedience to God’s Word – As our creator and sovereign Lord, we believe that God knows best what will bring fulfillment and joy in life. By living in obedience to his Word, we will experience blessing and contentment. By seeking His holiness, we will discover true happiness. Therefore, we strive to abide by the commands and teaching of the Bible, the revealed Word of God.

*“I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.”* John 10:10

**D**iplomacy – We demonstrate tact and respectfulness in communicating with others. We acknowledge and encourage one another in our strengths and are patient and gentle in providing constructive criticism.

*“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”* Ephesians 4:29

**S**ervice – As modeled by Christ Jesus when he assumed the role of a servant and washed his disciples’ feet, we minister to the needs of the individuals in our care to the best of our abilities and in a manner that instills dignity and respect.

*“Whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.”* Mark 10:43

**C**hrist Centered – Elim’s ministry exists because of the redemptive work of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our desire is to bring him glory through the services we provide. In ministering and relating to others we should model Jesus and ask ourselves in any given situation “What Would Jesus Do?”

*“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”* Revelations 5:12

**H**umility – We commit to an honest self-evaluation of our abilities as well as our weaknesses. While building on our strengths we will strive to improve our weaknesses.

*“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.”* Philippians 2:3

**I**ntegrity – Promises will be kept. Commitments will be honored. We will do all in our power to fulfill our mission to assist others “achieve their highest God-given potential.”

*“The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.”* Psalm 11:3

**L**ove – As the Lord has loved us, so we are to love one another. We should seek the best of and for each individual. This includes encouraging one’s growth through compassionate and constructive criticism, holding each other accountable for our words and actions, and confronting unethical and immoral behavior.

*“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails”* I Corinthians 13:4-8

**D**uty – In response to God’s great love towards us, we carry out our responsibilities with the love, commitment, and compassion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, bringing him glory and honor.

*“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”* Colossians 3:23

**R**espect – All individuals are treated with dignity and respect. Services will be provided with utmost care and professionalism. Conflicts will be addressed promptly and professionally. The needs of those with whom we work and serve will be placed above our own.

*“In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”* Matthew 7:12

**E**steem – Created in the image of God all people are precious and are highly valued. Our worth is found in our relationship with the Lord and not in our status or accomplishments.

*“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!”* 1 John 3:1

**N**ew Life – Our hope and our joy is in the new life offered through faith in our Savior, Jesus Christ. The Lord sends us his Holy Spirit to empower us to carry out his will in our own life as well as at Elim. We look with anticipation for the redemption of God’s creation when there will be a new heaven and a new earth and all who have believed in him shall be raised with imperishable bodies to dwell in the presence of our Lord for all eternity!

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”* John 3:16