Communication Covenant
Faith Baptist Fellowship

"Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear." – Ephesians 4:29

In love for God and others, seeking to obey God's word as he has commanded in Ephesians 4:29, and as part of Faith Baptist Fellowship, I commit to the following standards of communication.

1. **I will seek the Lord's wisdom before I raise concerns with others.**
   "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." - James 1:5

2. **I will bring my concerns about a person directly to him or her and receive others when they come with their concerns about me. I will encourage others to do the same.**
   "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother." - Matthew 18:15

3. **I will seek understanding by asking clarifying questions when speaking to others with whom I have concerns, or those who have concerns with me.**
   "An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge." - Proverbs 18:15

4. **I will be honest in my communication, not engaging in manipulation nor sending or attending to unsigned messages.**
   "From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so." - James 3:10

5. **I will honor confidentiality when biblically and legally appropriate.**
   "Whoever covers an offense seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates close friends." - Proverbs 17:9

6. **I will not engage in gossip.**
   "For I fear that perhaps when I come I may find you not as I wish, and that you may find me not as you wish—that perhaps there may be quarreling, jealousy, anger, hostility, slander, gossip, conceit, and disorder." - 2 Corinthians 12:20

7. **I will be biblically faithful in all my communications.**
   "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony." - Colossians 3:12-14

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