

# God demonstrating relationships...

- ▶ Proximity
- ▶ Value
- ▶ Empathy
- ▶ Gift

# Relationships

PROXIMITY

# Value of proximity in relationships...

1. Directness: contact
2. Continuity: story
3. Multiplexity: breadth of knowledge
4. Parity: use of power
5. Commonality: shared purpose

*Relational Proximity: a biblical perspective*  
*A discussion paper by Guy Brandon*

# Love your neighbour...

- ▶ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who **got proximate** [*had mercy*] on him.” Jesus told him, “**Go and do likewise.**”  
*Luke 10:36-37*
- ▶ Therefore **go** and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19*
- ▶ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and **you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.** *Acts 1:8*
- ▶ But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who **hears the word and understands it.** This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. *Matthew 13:23*