



# Deep River Kingdom Core Values

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## Intro

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These are more than beliefs, they are the foundation of how we live, lead, and love. At Deep River, we don't just talk about the Kingdom, we build from it. These core values shape our culture, align our hearts with Heaven, and define the way we represent Jesus to the world around us. Each value flows from identity and leads to intentional action. They are not suggestions; they are blueprints for supernatural living rooted in intimacy, honor, and transformation. This is what Heaven on Earth looks like.

## My Intention and Assumptions

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I hope that your relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is strengthened through this teaching. My assumption is that you have read or are reading all 66 books of the Bible for context. This is meant to be 'salt' and make you thirsty. You're welcome.

## About the Author

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John Himmelberger is a teacher, pastor, and lifelong learner. With decades of experience walking with Jesus and leading others into transformational truth, John brings a grounded yet radical perspective rooted in Scripture, personal growth, and kingdom living.

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### 1. God Is Always Good

He is not punishing you. He's not waiting to be pleased. He is good—fully, always, eternally good. Everything flows from that truth. The Cross wasn't damage control—it was the ultimate expression of the Father's goodness and love. If you believe He's angry, you'll avoid Him. If you believe He's good, you'll run toward Him.

"Every good and perfect gift is from above..." (James 1:17)

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### 2. We Live From Victory, Not For It

Jesus didn't come just to forgive you—He came to restore you. The victory of the Cross secured freedom, healing, and wholeness. You're not a beggar hoping for breakthrough. You're a son or daughter enforcing what Jesus already won. Victory is your starting point.

"He disarmed the powers and authorities..." (Colossians 2:15)

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### 3. Nothing Is Impossible

You have access to God's perspective, and in His view, nothing is impossible. Faith sees what Heaven sees and refuses to agree with impossibility. Risk is the evidence of belief. A supernatural lifestyle begins with this conviction: If He said it, it's possible.

"With God all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26)

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### 4. The Supernatural Is Normal

We expect God to move. Miracles, healing, deliverance, prophecy—these aren't anomalies, they're Kingdom culture. You were created to walk in His power. The supernatural isn't the exception; it's the evidence of a life aligned with Heaven.

"Your Kingdom come, Your will be done..." (Matthew 6:10)

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### 5. Love Is the Culture of Heaven

God is love. Love is not optional—it's essential. Without it, we're noise. Love looks like honor, grace, forgiveness, and empowerment. We receive it, live from it, and extend it.

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"By this everyone will know... if you love one another." (John 13:35)

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### 6. Empowerment Over Control

We build people, not systems. We call out identity and purpose rather than controlling behavior. In a Kingdom culture, love replaces fear, honor replaces manipulation, and leadership exists to raise others up, not keep them down.

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." (2 Corinthians 3:17)

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### 7. Ownership Is Maturity

You are responsible for your own transformation. As long as you're waiting for others to fix you, you remain stuck. Maturity is when you stop performing to avoid punishment and start living to walk in purpose. We won't work harder on your breakthrough than you do.

"Each one should carry their own load." (Galatians 6:5)

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### 8. Accountability Builds Trust

True accountability invites growth. It's not control—it's covering. We give access to trusted leaders, not because we're weak, but because we're wise. We grow together, and we protect each other's journey with love and truth.

"Obey your leaders... they keep watch over your souls." (Hebrews 13:17)

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### 9. Risk Is Faith in Action

Faith spelled R-I-S-K. The Kingdom doesn't advance through comfort. God honors obedience over results. Failure isn't disqualification—it's proof that you tried. We celebrate risk because that's where growth and grace collide.

"Without faith it is impossible to please God..." (Hebrews 11:6)

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### 10. Honor Releases Life

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Honor isn't hierarchy—it's heart posture. It says, "I see who God says you are." We honor up, down, and all around. We don't flatter, and we don't fear—we value. Life flows where honor is present.

"Honor one another above yourselves." (Romans 12:10)

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### 11. Healthy Confrontation

We don't sweep things under the rug. We confront in love, with clarity, not shame. Gossip dies where healthy confrontation lives. If something's off, we go to the person—not around them. It's not conflict we fear, it's disconnection.

"Speak the truth in love..." (Ephesians 4:15)

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### 12. We Are Royalty

You're not a spiritual orphan. You're royalty—chosen, called, and commissioned. You carry the DNA of Heaven. Royalty walks with responsibility, dignity, and generosity, not entitlement. We live from inheritance, not for approval.

"You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood..." (1 Peter 2:9)

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### 13. Radical Honesty

Truth builds trust. We tell the truth even when it costs. Integrity matters. Half-truths destroy foundations. If we lose trust, we lose influence. Honesty creates safety, and safety builds family.

"The Lord delights in those who tell the truth." (Proverbs 12:22)

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### 14. The Mind of Christ

You don't need to be told what to think—you've been given the mind of Christ. We teach people *how* to think with God. Creativity, wisdom, strategy, and discernment all flow from intimacy with Him. Don't disconnect your brain—renew it.

"Be transformed by the renewing of your mind." (Romans 12:2)

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This isn't just what we believe—it's how we live. Welcome to Deep River, where Heaven flows deep and wide.