

Using Technology 2: Technology and church

The problem of using screens to mediate for us in relationships.

Relationship with technology needs constant adjustments.

God always wanting direct contact, pushing for intimacy.

Moses - God using a mediator.

Jesus being the ultimate mediator: **1st Timothy 2 verse 5.**

Jesus leading us to face-to-face intimacy: **1st Corinthians 13 verse 12.**

God's ultimate message to us: **John 1 verse 1**

Unmediated contact is best: **1st Thessalonians 2 verses 17 to 18.**

The church is the enfleshment of God's word - the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4 verses 11 to 16.

- God empowers people as a gift to the church. Equipping us all to enflesh God's truth and love.
- Goals of unity, knowledge and maturity.
- It's not enough to proclaim truth or write truth. Bear the truth in love.

Using technology in a way that drives towards, not away.

Coming together to encourage; to be a friend to those alone.

Five ways to help wrap truth and love into everyday life:

1: Visiting, rather than texting or ringing.

2: Leaving a meal, a card, a gift.

3: Volunteering.

4: Choosing the most immediate medium available.

5: Giving full attention to the person you're with.

The use of technology is not bad, but we dare not allow technology to eclipse our calling to share the truth in love.