

“You Have Need of Endurance”

Hebrews 10:24-25

Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds. You should not stay away from the church meetings, as some are doing, but you should meet together and encourage each other. Do this even more as you see the day coming.

Life Together

- This Pandemic and the political/social context have revealed to me some special nuances around *Life Together* that I want to share with you:
 - **Your Leaders are people too, and they also have needs.**
 - Encouragement
 - A call, a card, or drop-by to see how they’re doing
 - Reaffirmations in “word and deed” that they are known, loved, and valued

1 Thess. 5:12-13

My friends, we ask you to **be thoughtful of your leaders** who work hard and tell you how to live for the Lord. **Show them great respect and love because of their hard work.**

- **The effects of long-term abnormal stress, discomfort, and anxiety find their way to the surface...they DO NOT define us or our relationships with each other.**
 - Some of you have been hurt, frustrated, or angry...
 - Some of you have made decisions or assumptions in your heart about your brother or sister, without talking with them, or working through an offense, and you are buying into the speculations the enemy has sown into your mind...

Colossians 3:12-13

Make allowances for each other’s faults and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others... clothe yourselves with **tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.**

- **We need sustainable ways to actively build each other up and reach out to others.**
 - *“We must apply the same diligence in reaching out to each other that we are willing and determined to do in our families and social lives.”*
 - *Creative*
 - *Doorstep Dro-Offs*
 - *Park Meetups*
 - *Diligent in Phone Calls, Check-ins, and In-Person Prayers*

Galatians 6:7-8

So, let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up. Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—**especially to those in the family of faith.**

- **We can't pour out unless we ourselves are consistently being poured into.**

- **Filled to Overflow**

- *The Pouring Places*

- Word
- Prayer
- Listening for the Holy Spirit's Leading

John 15:4

Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and **you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.**

Hold Fast

Hebrews 10:23,35-39

Let us **hold fast** to the hope that we have confessed, because we can trust God to do what he promised.

Do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For **you have need of endurance**, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.

³⁷ For yet in a very little while,

He who is coming will come, and will not delay.

³⁸ But My righteous one will live by faith;

And if he shrinks back, My soul has no pleasure in him.

³⁹ **But we are not among those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith for the preserving of the soul.**