



MESSAGE NOTES

Growing Through Fellowship

1 Thessalonians 5:11

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1. One another

1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

‘One another’ is one of the most common phrases in the Bible. You can’t follow Jesus on your own. The church is the only thing on earth that’s going to last forever. Learning to love the church today is how we prepare for heaven.

2. In God’s way and time

1 Peter 4:10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

We’ve all been spiritually gifted in some way to serve the church. God has prepared those good works for us to do from before we were even born. We don’t need to try and serve Him in our own way or get ahead of His timing.

3. Not judging the weak

Romans 14:1 Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters.

Different people follow Jesus in different ways. We are in no position to judge. A truly mature believer will always try to preserve the unity of the church. Instead of arguing over things that don’t really matter.