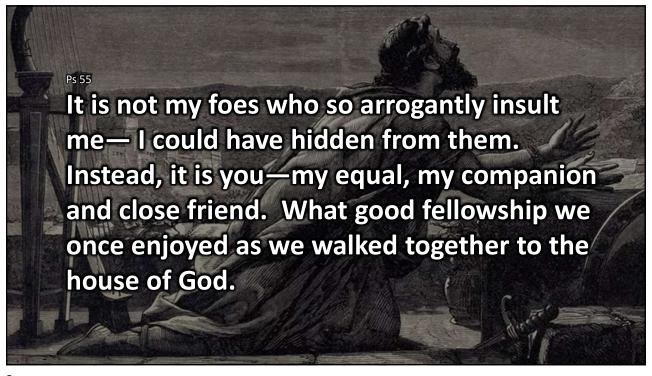
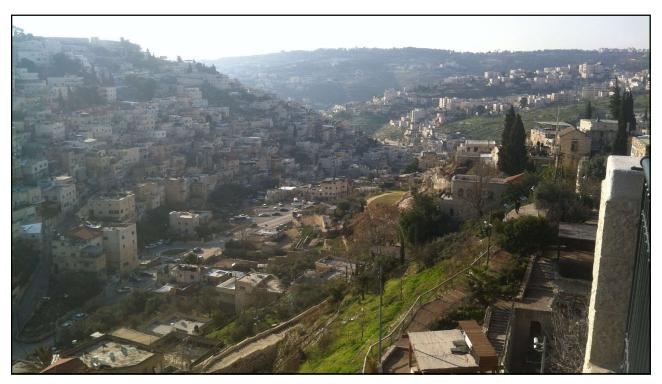
Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication. Attend unto me, and hear me.... (5-7) fear hath overwhelmed me. And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest. Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness. Selah...

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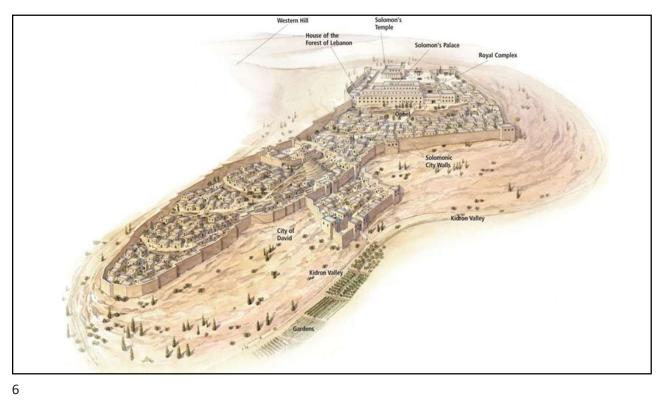
(v. 20) Jerusalem's walls are patrolled day and night against invaders, but the real danger is wickedness within the city.

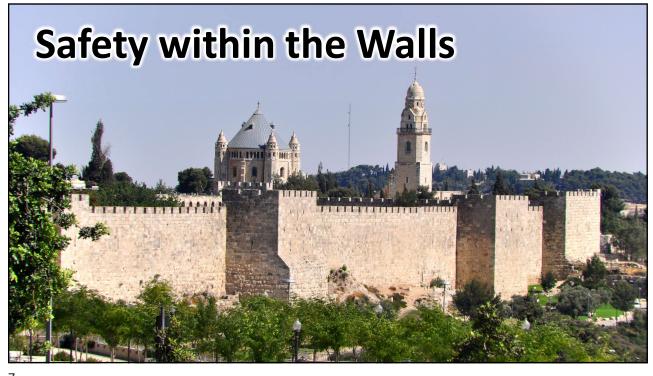
Everything is falling apart; threats and cheating are rampant in the streets. It is not an enemy who taunts me—I could bear that.





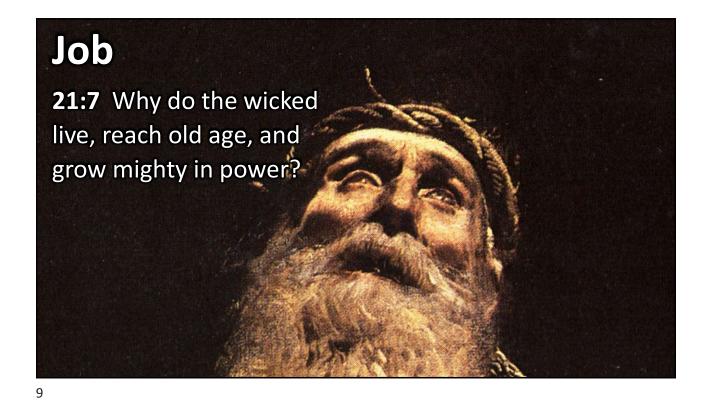






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Why isn't the Christian's life easy?



David

Psalm 73:3 For I was envious of the boastful, When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

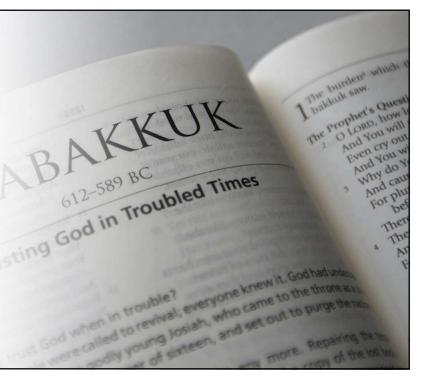
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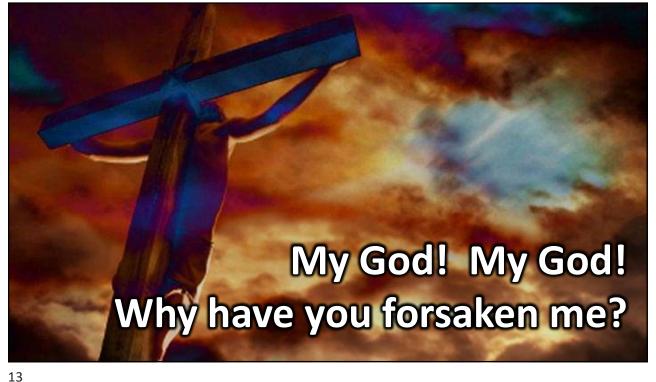
12:1 Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why are those happy who deal so treacherously?

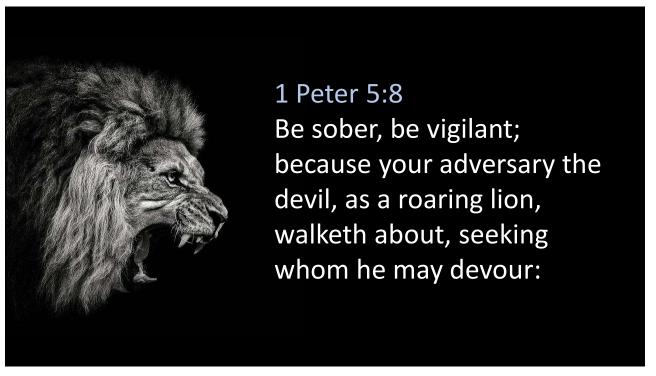
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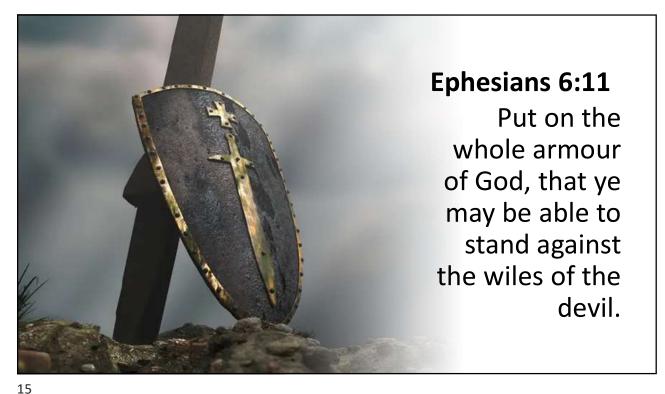
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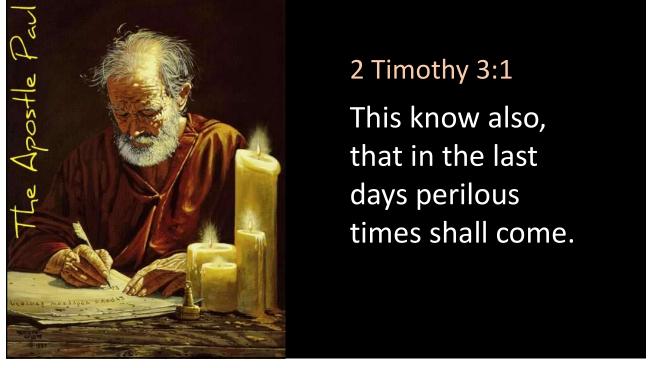
1:13 Why do You look on those who deal treacherously, And hold Your tongue when the wicked devours a person more righteous than he?

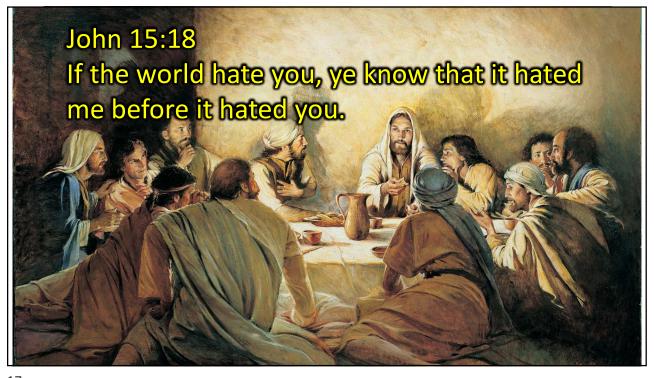


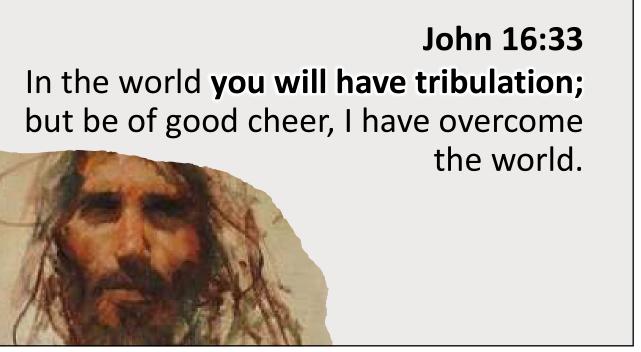


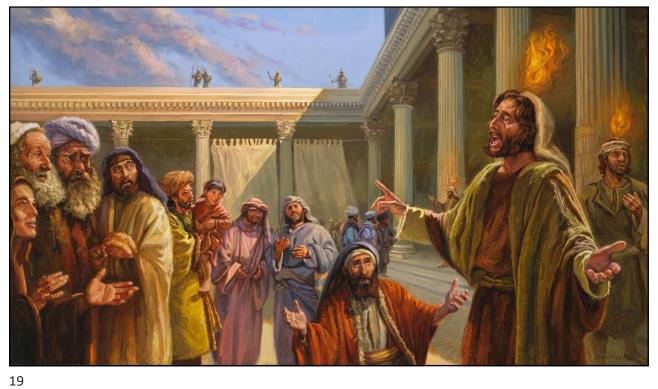




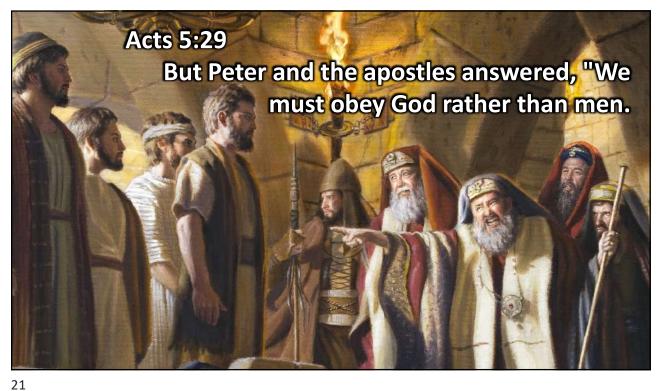




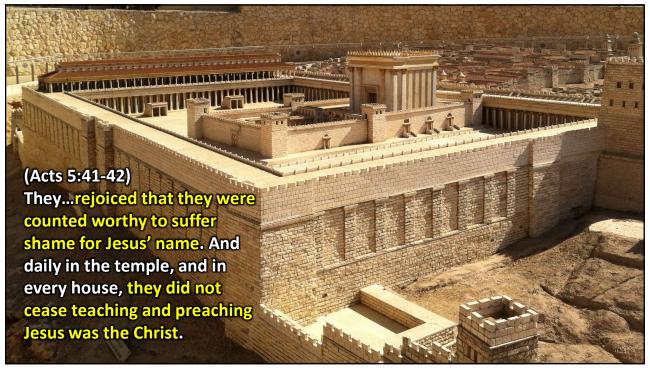






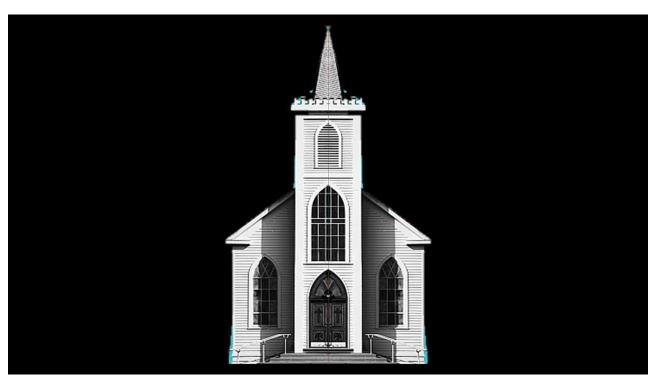




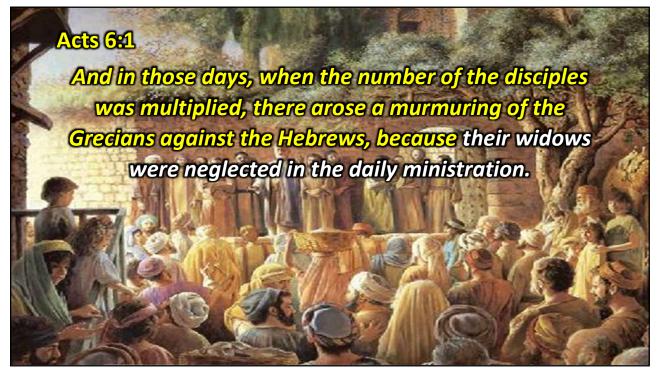








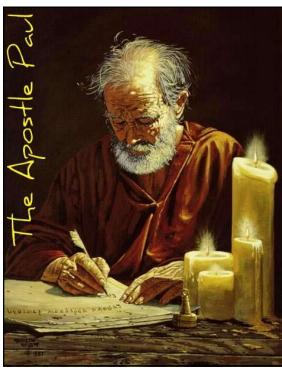




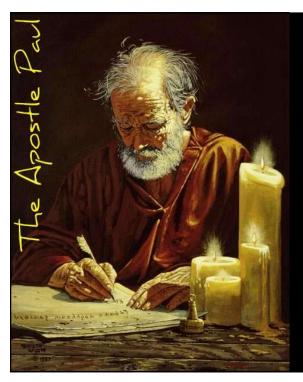






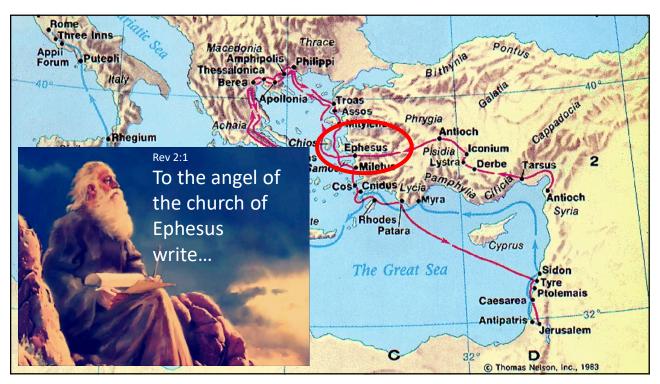


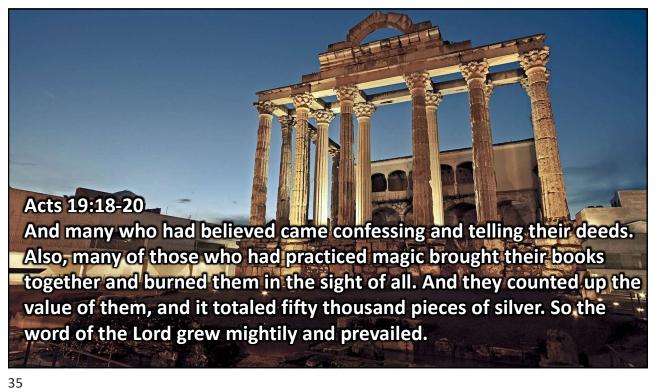
Phil 2:1-4 Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

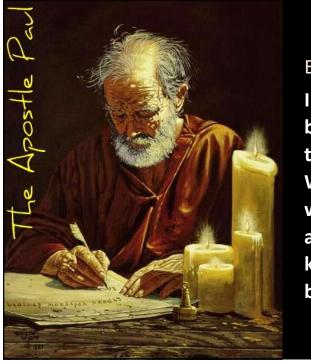


Phil 4:1-2

Therefore, my beloved and longedfor brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved. Be United, Joyful, and in Prayer. I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

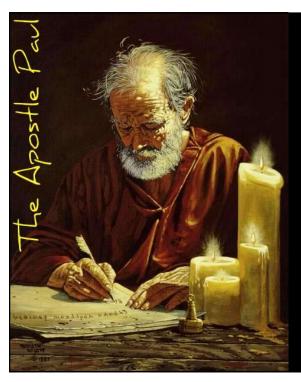






Eph 4:1-3

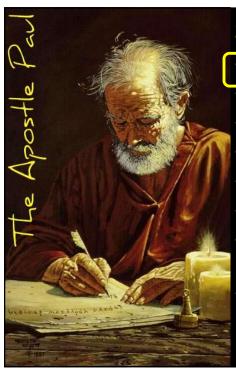
I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.



Eph 4:31-32

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

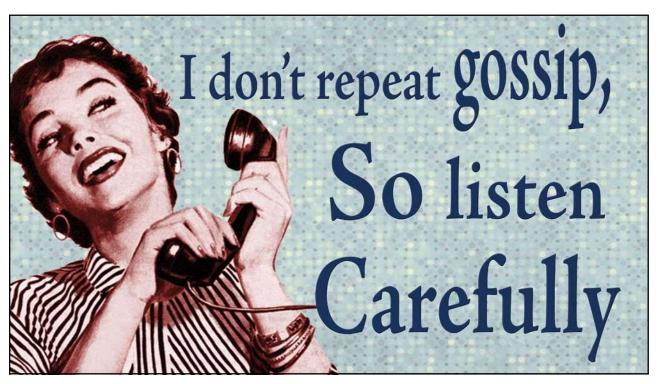


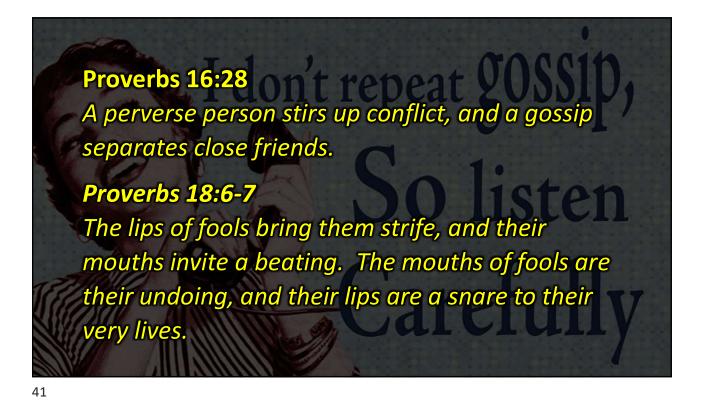


2. Demonstrate AGAPE

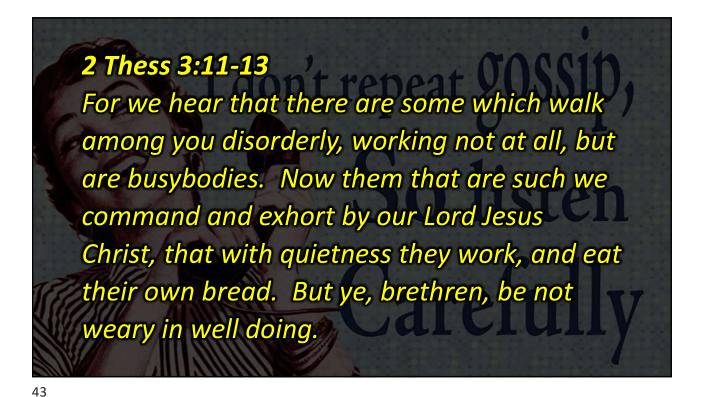
- Love is patient and kind.
- Love is not jealous, boastful or proud.
 - Love does not misbehave.
- Love is not self seeking.
- Love is not easily angered.
- Love keeps no record of being wronged.
- Love does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.
- Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

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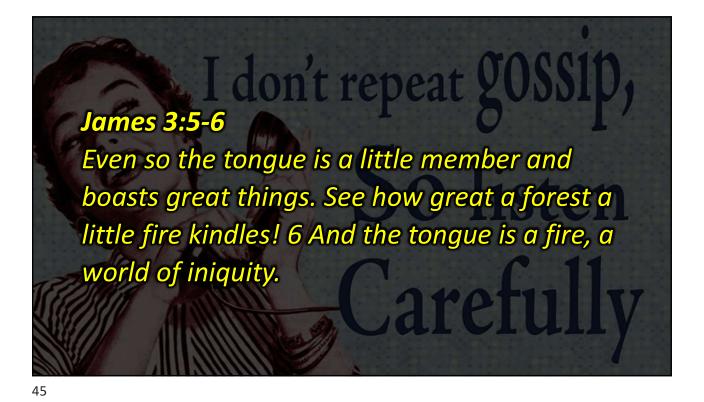
The lips of fools bring them strife, and their mouths invite a beating. The mouths of fools are their undoing, and their lips are a snare to their very lives.



I don't repeat \$0\$\$10, James 1:26

Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.

Carefully

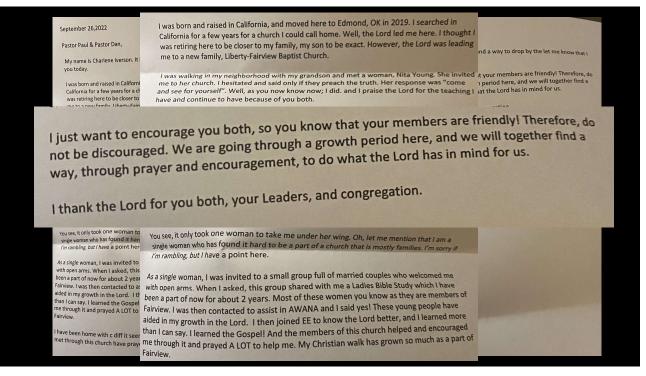


1 REALIZE YOUR FEAR IS IN YOUR HEAD 4. Take the 2 START WITH PEOPLE YOU KNOW (Reach out to acquaintances; Join existing cliques; Meet friends friends; Accept social invitations) **3** GET YOURSELF OUT THERE (Join meet-up groups; Attend courses; Volunteer; Go to parties) initiative and TAKE THE FIRST STEP (Say hello - It's about being sociable!) (Don't judge. On an emotional level, open your heart.) Make Friends. **6** GET TO KNOW THE PERSON (What does he/she do? What are his/her values? What are his/her passions? Goals? Dreams? What motivates/drives him/her?) 7 CONNECT WITH GENUINITY 8 BE YOURSELF (Don't change yourself for anyone else) **BE THERE FOR THEM** (That's what friendships are about!) 10 MAKE THE EFFORT TO STAY IN TOUCH

Heb 10:24-25 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Proverbs 27:6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.













- 1. We aren't changing the doctrine and mission and teaching of our church. Our name simply better reflects who we are.
- 2. We have a lot of ministries in our church. Share and play well together.
- 3. We have a diverse congregation.