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Worship in Fellowship
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Apply The Spurs

Hebrews 10:19-25

Activate Series

Life Change: We are catalysts in the body of Christ.

Sewanee and the spurs...

Humans require activation.

God calls for spurring.

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God's action plan

The context contains three imperative actions:

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Consider one another.

God calls to activate love, good deeds, assembling, & encouragement.

Frisco Bible Annual Vision

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PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE



**Tim “Sewanee”
Alderson**



courtesy Pine Cove



courtesy writing of riding

Cowboy Canter
Douglas Wodark
2003





courtesy cleansing detox – seriously, this was on that site!

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APPLY THE SPURS

HEBREWS 10:23-25

Family Formation in Post-Covid-19 America



courtesy AEI

We [are observing] a disordered passivity – a failure to launch, which leaves too many Americans on the sidelines of life...[the] rising generation is acutely averse to risk, and so to every form of dynamism...Americans [are] walking on eggshells around each other in many of our major institutions as [speech and conduct codes] stifle the public arena...and tell us how not to behave without showing us how to thrive. – Yuval Levin, “Family Formation in Post-Covid-19 America”

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¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have boldness to enter the sanctuary through the blood of Jesus—²⁰ he has inaugurated for us a new and living way through the curtain (that is, through his flesh)—²¹ and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water.

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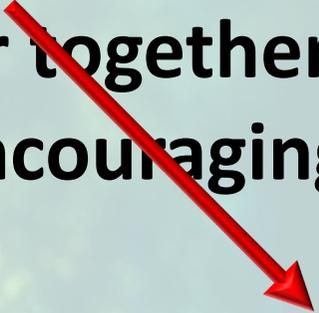
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Therefore, we consider – think about each other and the march of God's plan – in order to spur:

Love, Good deeds, Assembling together, Encouragement

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Paul preaching in Athens

Raphael

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God stresses that being activated can feel as negative as being poked with a sharp stick, but it is for good.

The Cowboy by Frederic Remington 1902



The Stubborn Mule
Hermann Simon
1881



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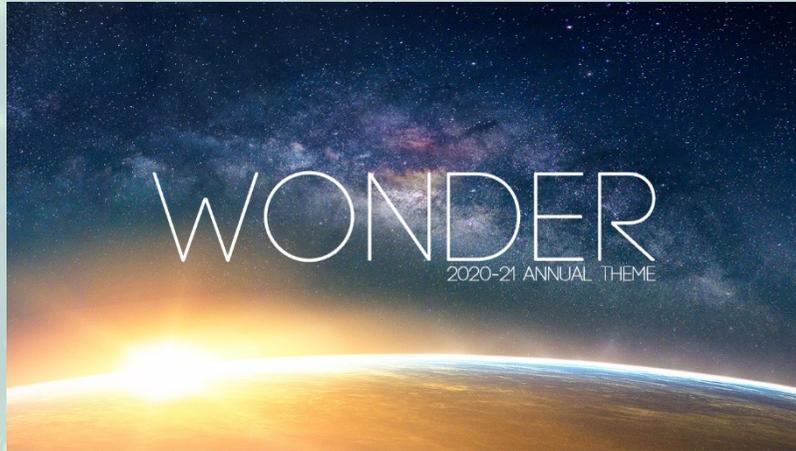
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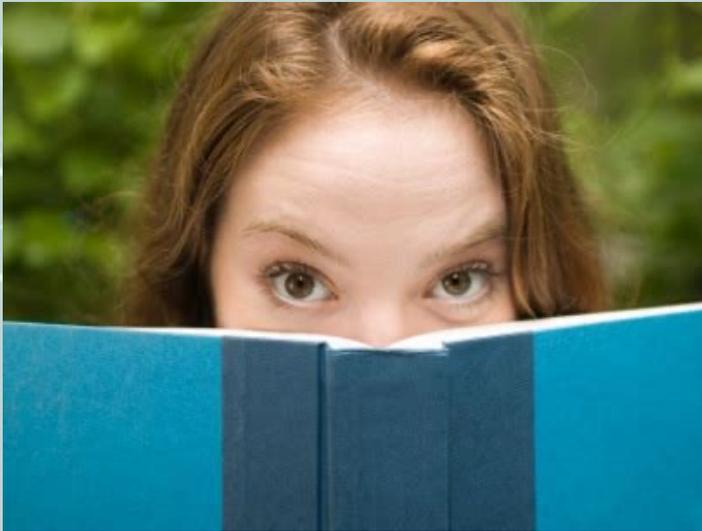
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**How can we do that?
Name one endeavor that
specifically contributes to
considering one another
for the proper motive.**





Ask why.

**As you study someone,
ask why you are doing so.
Is it because you are
lusting? Laughing?
Seeking a weakness? Or
are you trying to get to
know them so you can
serve them better?**



courtesy ABC

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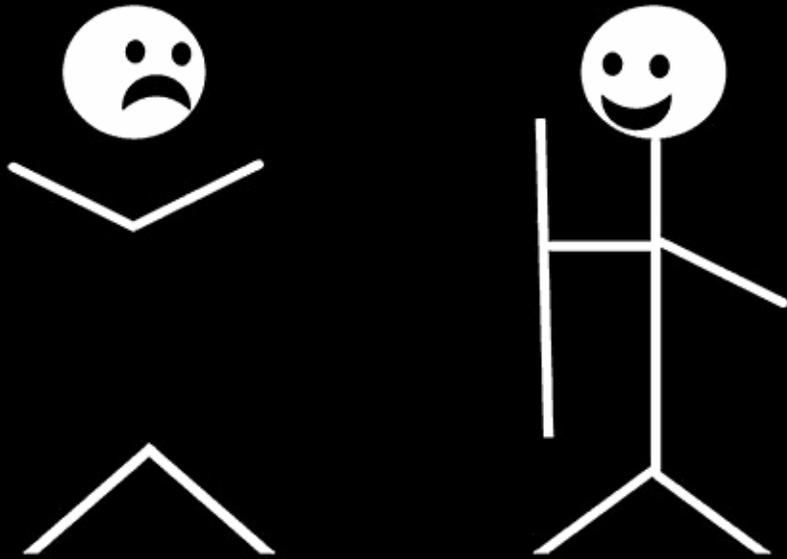
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courtesy psychiatrictimes

I'VE GOT YOUR BACK!



**Top expressed pain –
the way brethren can
turn very ugly very fast
when their pet concern
is not embraced.**

Wayne, a couple in our church have been our friends for years. We've shared very deeply together, laughed and cried together in small group. Last week they said that since I won't "use the pulpit to point out the evil of the US Democrat party," they are leaving the church. They even threatened to send a "censure" note to our small group because I "refuse to call out evil." Applying scripture, I speak against evil all the time – regardless of party. This is maddening and defeating. Please pray for me.

Sigh. I ache with you and pray for you. You know not to attack back (not even under the pretense of “setting the record straight”), but to pray about them until you are praying for them in love. Only love can conquer reactionary hatred. 1 Peter 4:8 is still our rule even if other brethren forget: “Above all, maintain constant love for one another, since *love covers a multitude of sins.*” – WB

Romans 12

18 If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. **19** Friends, do not avenge yourselves; instead, leave room for God's wrath, because it is written, *Vengeance belongs to me; I will repay, [Deut. 32]* says the Lord. **20** But *If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him something to drink. For in so doing you will be heaping fiery coals on his head. [Prov. 25]* **21** Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good. ^{CSB}



courtesy NYfamilies

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Mother with her dead son
Käthe Kollwitz
1938

**In 1993 moved to center of
the Memorial for the
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in the former East Germany**

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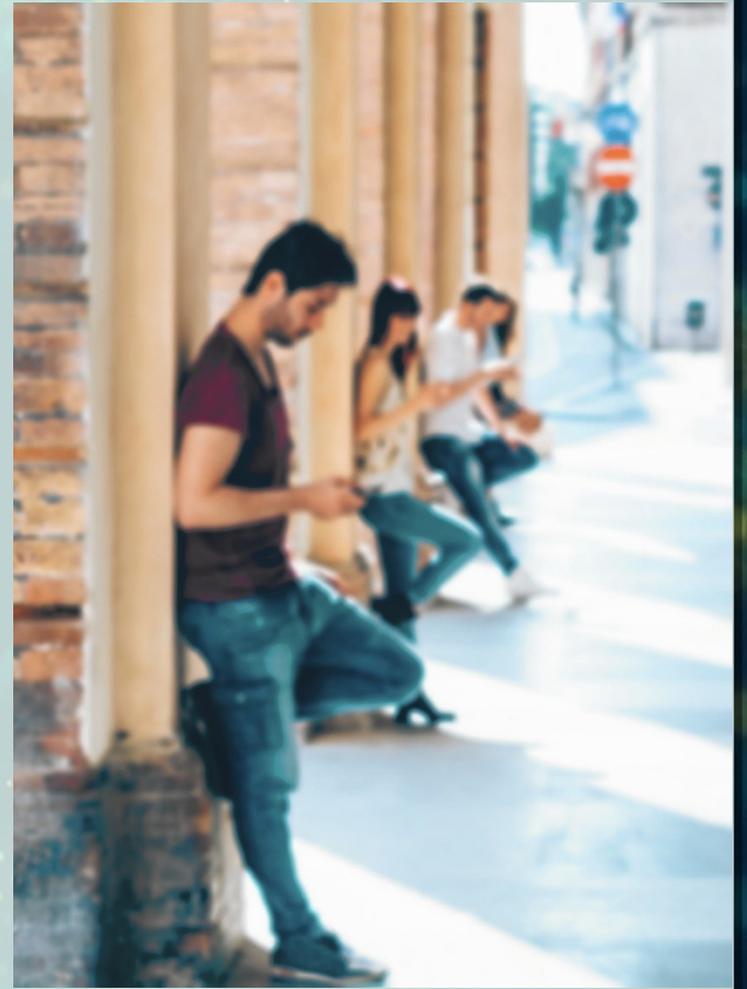
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functional loner?

Y/N I have ended a relationship because we disagreed on a cultural issue.

Y/N I evaluate a church primarily on what I can get out of it.

Y/N I have shared more deeply via social media than in private conversation about the same topic.

Y/N I keep relationships distant enough that I can't get seriously wounded.

Y/N I consider myself highly committed to the assembly of the brethren if I make my small group once/month and join worship twice/month.

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courtesy attitudemag

Ezekiel 13

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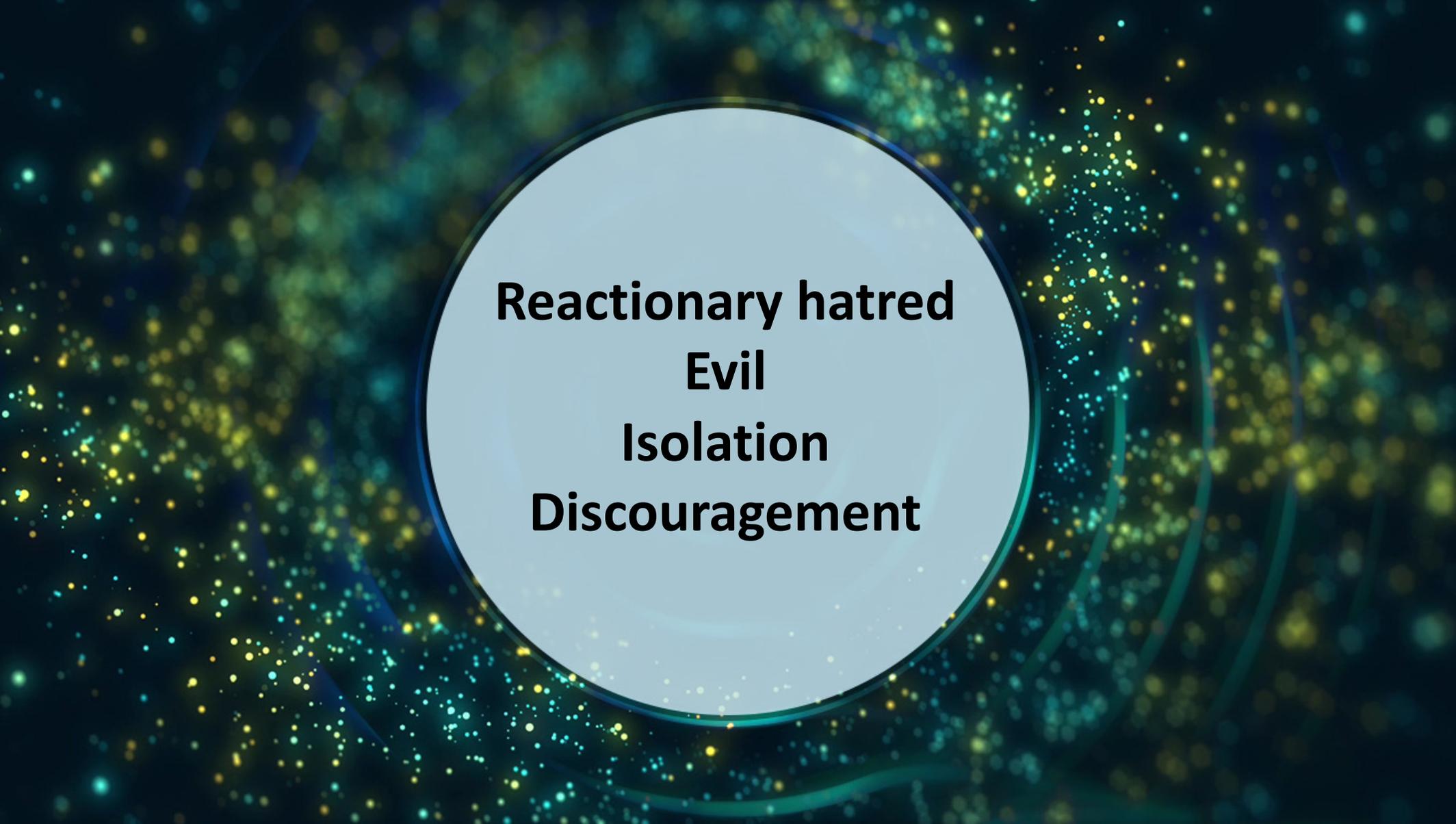
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Isaiah 35

3 Encourage the exhausted and strengthen the feeble.

4 Say to those with an anxious heart, "Take courage, fear not.

Behold, your God will come."^{NASB}



Reactionary hatred
Evil
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1902



- ~~Reactionary hatred~~ **Love**; it's the amazing commodity that grows larger as given away
- ~~Evil~~ **Do good**; in some small (or big) way light your candle against the darkness
- ~~Isolation~~ **Fellowship**; God is with you always, & His people are committed to growing in Him together
- ~~Discouragement~~ **Encouragement**; especially the positive news that nothing wrong will remain crooked. Jesus will return.

A central globe of the Earth is shown with a glowing green network of lines and nodes overlaid on it. The globe is surrounded by a dense field of glowing green and yellow particles, creating a sense of digital activity or data flow. A circular light effect, resembling a lens flare or a ring of light, surrounds the globe and the text. The background is dark with a subtle grid pattern.

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Premise

Christians are called to be active people, ones who take on new adventures by embracing the continual process of growth in Christ. Yet activation has always been a struggle for Christians because Satan, our own flawed flesh, and the world system work against our forward motion. Thus, entire sections of life that should fruitfully flourish instead lie fallow. What should be exciting explorations languish for lack of adventurers.

“Activate” by Adam Agee & Ian Eskelin

Here’s the plan

I think I got it made

Life is easy

When you’re sitting in the shade

Not too hot not too cold

I think that’s what I’ll be



**Now I'm nervous
And I've come undone
My head is spinning like the earth
Around the sun
I feel you drawing me away
From my complacency
I think I'm ready to go
Don't stop 'til everybody knows
This is the purpose of my life**

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This is the reason I'm alive
Don't have time to wait
Activate, activate
There's a world out there in need
Now is the time for you and me
Before it gets too late



Activate, activate

Make a move

'cause talk is really cheap

You'll never start a revolution

In your sleep

Showing love to everyone is what

It's all about

One by one everyone activate

Proverbs 27

**17 Iron sharpens iron,
and one person sharpens another. ^{CSB}**

***Objective:* That we spur each other on in Christ.**



“The younger generation out there is disgusted with the older one,” he says. “The people who get all the attention from the press are the woke, but there’s another big part of the young population that’s ready for a moral revolution.” And not just in the U.S. He has traveled and taught in China and says “it’s happening there, too, subterraneously. It’s building.”

– “The Case for an America Revolution in Morals” James Hankins’ interview with Barton Swaim, Aug. 19, 2022

Theme

We are called to propel each other forward in Christ. Specifically, Hebrews 10 tells us to put considerable thought into παροξυσμός *paroxysmos* – a term which in that context means “to stimulate, sharpen, spur.” This is a strong calling, but a positive one. Hebrews 10:24-25 declares that in this catalytic work, we must spur each other to:

- 1. Love**
- 2. Good deeds**
- 3. Assembling together**
- 4. Encouragement**

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**We don't need
mere information.
We need constant
motivation!**



courtesy Kentucky Derby

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Stickers are also available in the foyer.

