

ORDER OF SERVICE

May 21, 2023

Worship in Fellowship
Worship in Music
Worship in Message
Worship in Graduate Recognition
Worship in Giving

Wayne Braudrick
Summer Sipes

Pursue What is Good

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Outstanding Series

Life Change: We seek after good together.

William Ashley & the Bravos...

Reminders for the congregation:

12-13

Appreciate our servant-leaders

Get along

Reminders for the leaders:

14-15

Lead!

Look out for all

Reminders for everybody:

16-22

Always...

Rejoice

Pray

Give thanks

Stop fighting...

God's Spirit & prophesies

Discernment

Holiness

The concluding prayer:

23-24

Tells us about God...

He is a God of peace

He is the sanctifier

He is faithful

Tells us about Christians...

We will be whole in Christ

We can trust the Lord

Personal notes:

25-27

Pray for Paul

Love the brethren

Share the Word

Delight in God's grace

Please silence your phone



OUT

STANDING

A STUDY OF THESSALONIANS

TO
Enterprising Young Men.

THE subscriber wishes to engage **ONE HUNDRED MEN**, to ascend the river Missouri to its source, there to be employed for one, two or three years — For particulars, enquire of Major Andrew Henry, near the Lead Mines, in the County of Washington, (who will ascend with, and command the party) or to the subscriber at St. Louis.

Wm. H. Ashley.

February 13 — 1841





Jedidiah Smith's Party Crossing the Burning Mojave Desert
Frederick Remington 1906

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Mountain Bravos
David Wright
2005



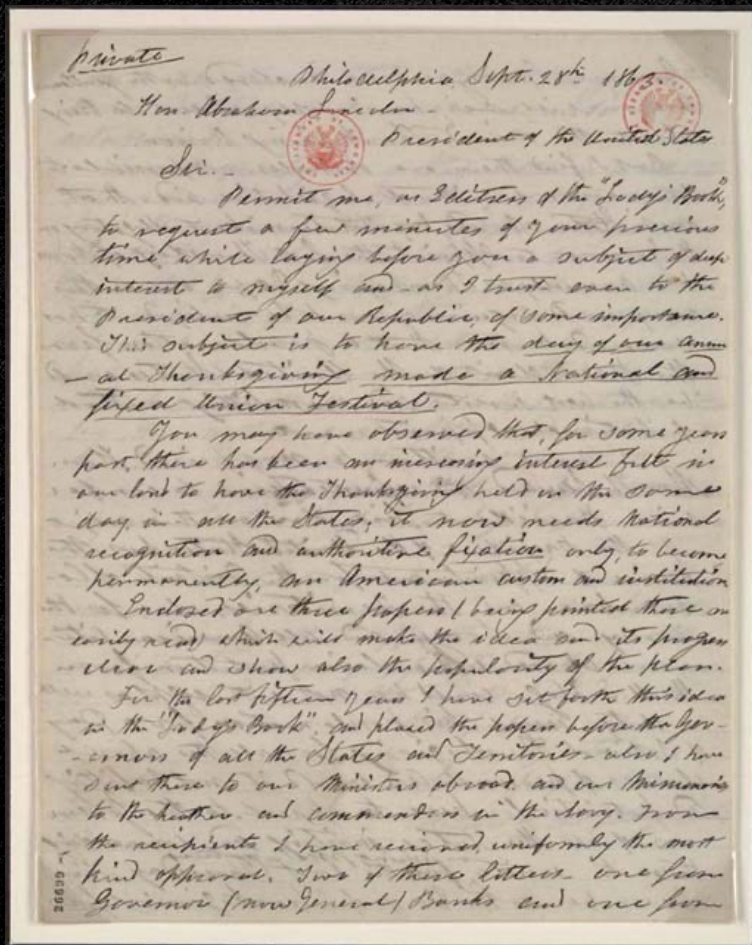
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*Rendezvous of
the Bravos*
Paul Calle
1995





**William Ashley letter
1819**

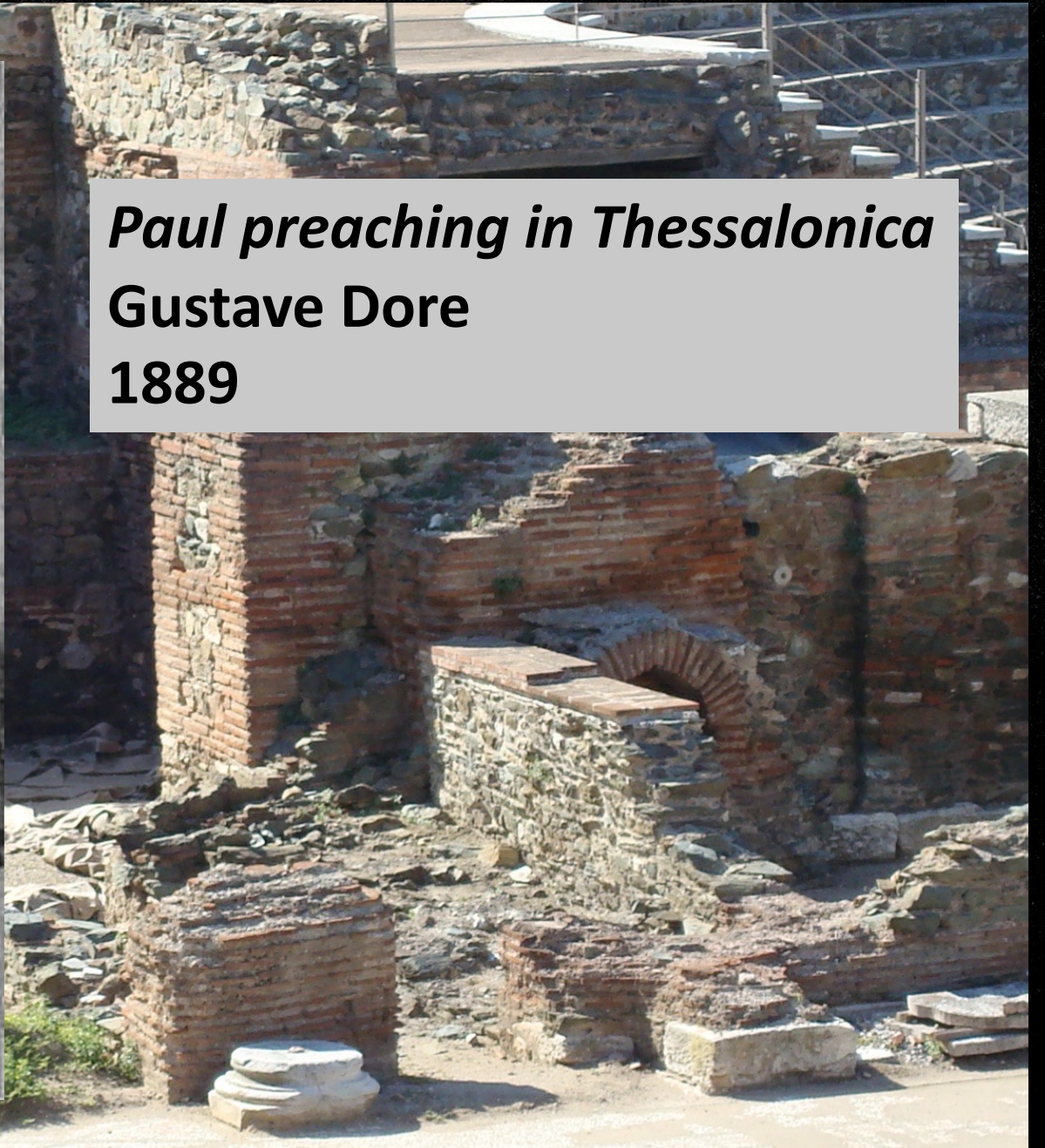


**Rendezvous of the Bravos
Paul Calle 1995**

**¿Porque usa los
Bravos en una
estudia la biblia?**



Paul preaching in Thessalonica
Gustave Dore
1889



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The breadth of tasks performed by local church pastors coupled with the rapid switching between task clusters and roles that appears prevalent in this position is unique. I have never encountered such a fast-paced job with such varied and impactful responsibilities.

– Rich DeShon, interview with Lifeway



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How dare you suggest there is a problem!



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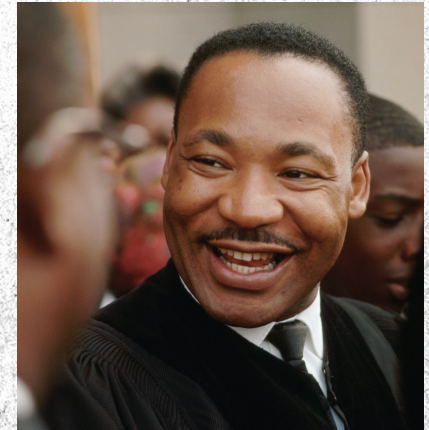
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[Harmony] will be achieved by true neighbors who are willingly obedient to unenforceable obligations.

– Martin Luther King, Jr., *A Testament of Hope*



**You hurt my
feelings! I'm
outa here.**



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Get people in line. “Idle” is from the Greek military and means a soldier not holding his place in line.



Macedonian phalanx when all stay in line



Phalanx when line is breached



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The reference is to those who are weak spiritually. Symptoms of spiritual weakness could be instability, inability to face persecution, or yielding to the attacks of Satan, all of which may have been present in the Thessalonian church. – Charles Ryrie, *First & Second Thessalonians*



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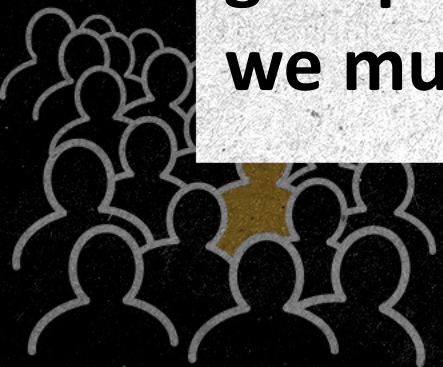
If the conservative Republicans might complain, the youth pastor changes his lesson. Because union members might get mad, the church doesn't hire the best candidate. The senior pastor makes sure he's quoted as a supporter of the latest social concern, even if the idea is biblically sketchy.



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We can't get caught up in repaying evil for evil, playing social groups against each other, or pleasing squeaky wheels. Instead, we must seek the good of the whole.





**Christians are the
last hope for a
culture cut apart
by selfish and
destructive rights.**



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Person A
focuses only on hurt



Person B
cries and rejoices



**Shortest verse in
Greek NT**

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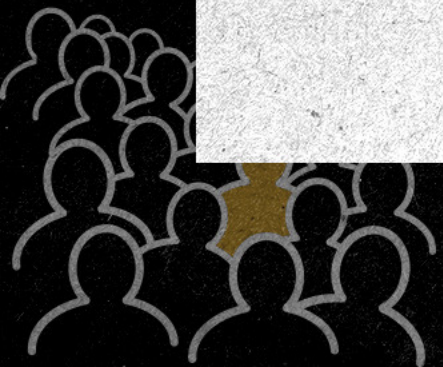
Greek: ἀδιαλείπτως adialeiptoos = without ceasing; used outside the Bible for a lingering cough

Story Time

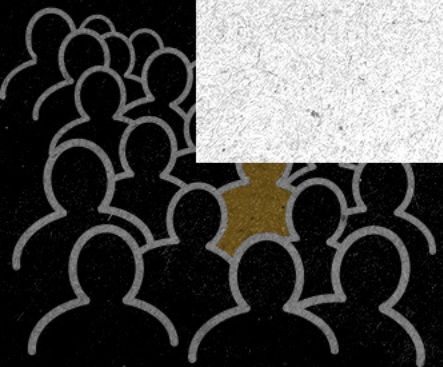


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“Trisomy 18,” the doctor said...He continued, “There is a very rare chance that your baby will live to gestation. And even if that were to happen, there is an even rarer chance the baby could survive outside the womb. We recommend you terminate the pregnancy.” Terminate the pregnancy. I can still hear the doctor’s voice pronouncing my child’s death sentence.



Through our shock, we told the doctor we would not be ending the life of our child. He rolled his callous eyes and told us we could come back in a month and see for ourselves that nothing had changed and reevaluate the situation then. He turned to walk out of the room. “Doctor, can you tell us the gender of our baby?” my husband asked. “Oh, it’s a boy.”

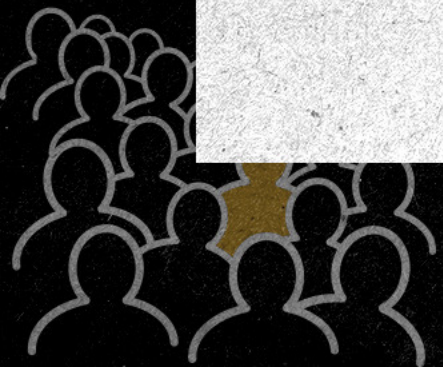


Matthew 7 CSB

⁷ “Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you.”



We left the doctor's office that day, sorrowful, yet determined to trust the Lord and pray. And pray we did. There have been several seasons of our life marked by prayer, this being one. We invited a few trusted friends and family members to pray and trust with us, and for a month we cried out to the Lord. We begged Him to heal and save the life of our sweet baby boy.



We also echoed the words of the three Hebrew boys in Daniel 3, who declared their faith in the Lord's ability to deliver them from the fiery furnace, yet at the same time, admitted their trust in His sovereign plan with the words, "but even if He does not deliver us..." We knew that even if God did not heal our son, He was still a good Father and that His plans for our lives and our child's life were beyond our understanding. So, we prayed hard, we trusted, we waited, and our faith grew in *impudence*.





courtesy University of South Florida



Suddenly, the doctor stopped. “I cannot believe this,” he said, stunned by what he saw on his screen. “Your baby’s brain is...perfectly normal. I don’t know what happened.” “We do,” we declared confidently, as we shared with him the details of our previous month of impudent prayer.
– Ryan Bailey, “Impudent Prayer”

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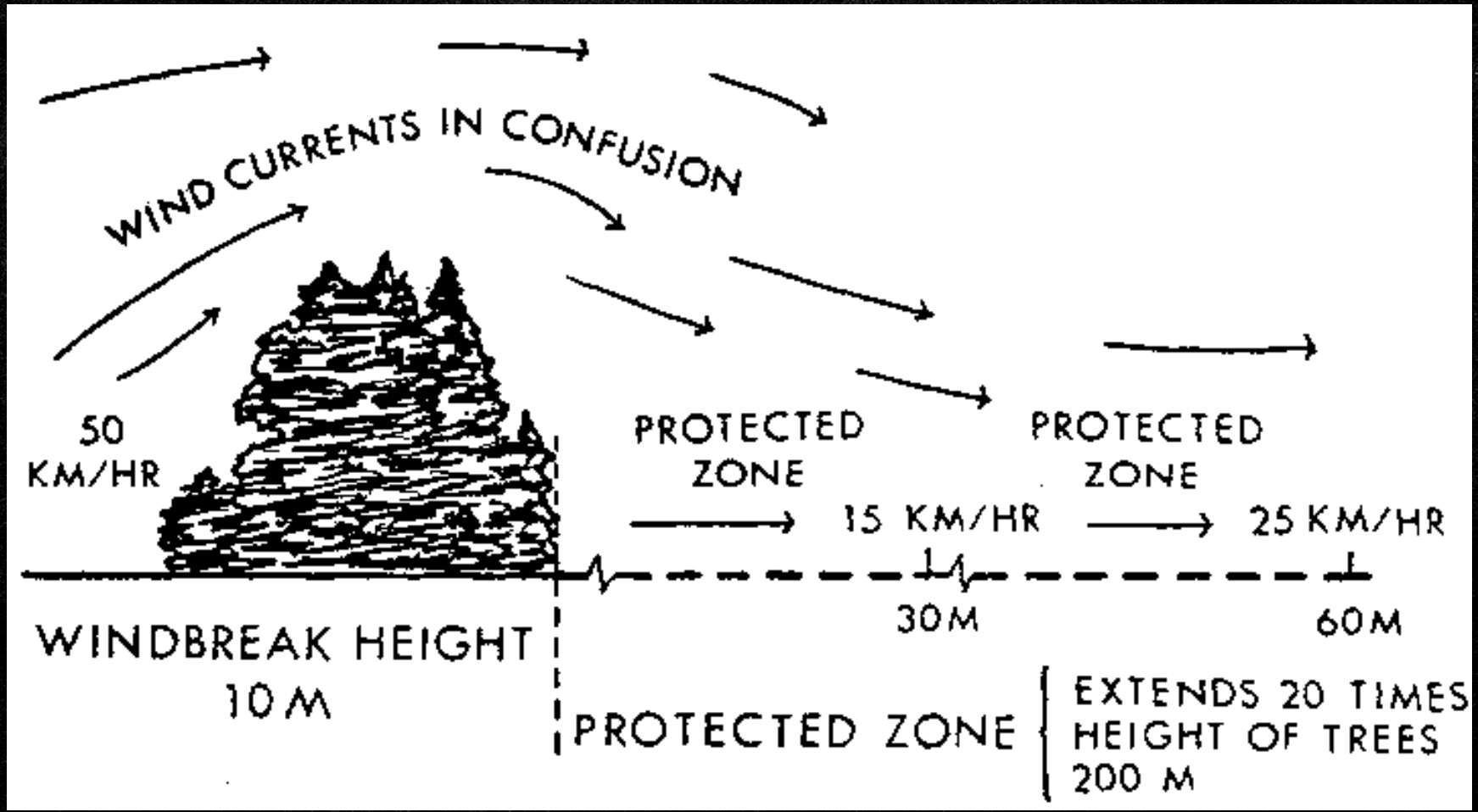
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[THE SPIRIT]





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Two aspects of biblical prophecy:

1. Forth-telling, i.e., speaking the truth. The bulk of biblical prophecy is about this – telling forth the truth about people & sin.

2. Foretelling, i.e., where the prophet perfectly predicts the future.



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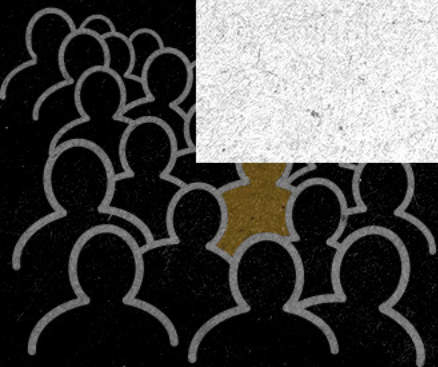




**¹ Be gracious to me, God,
according to your faithful love;
according to your abundant compassion,
blot out my rebellion.**

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Psalm 51 CSB



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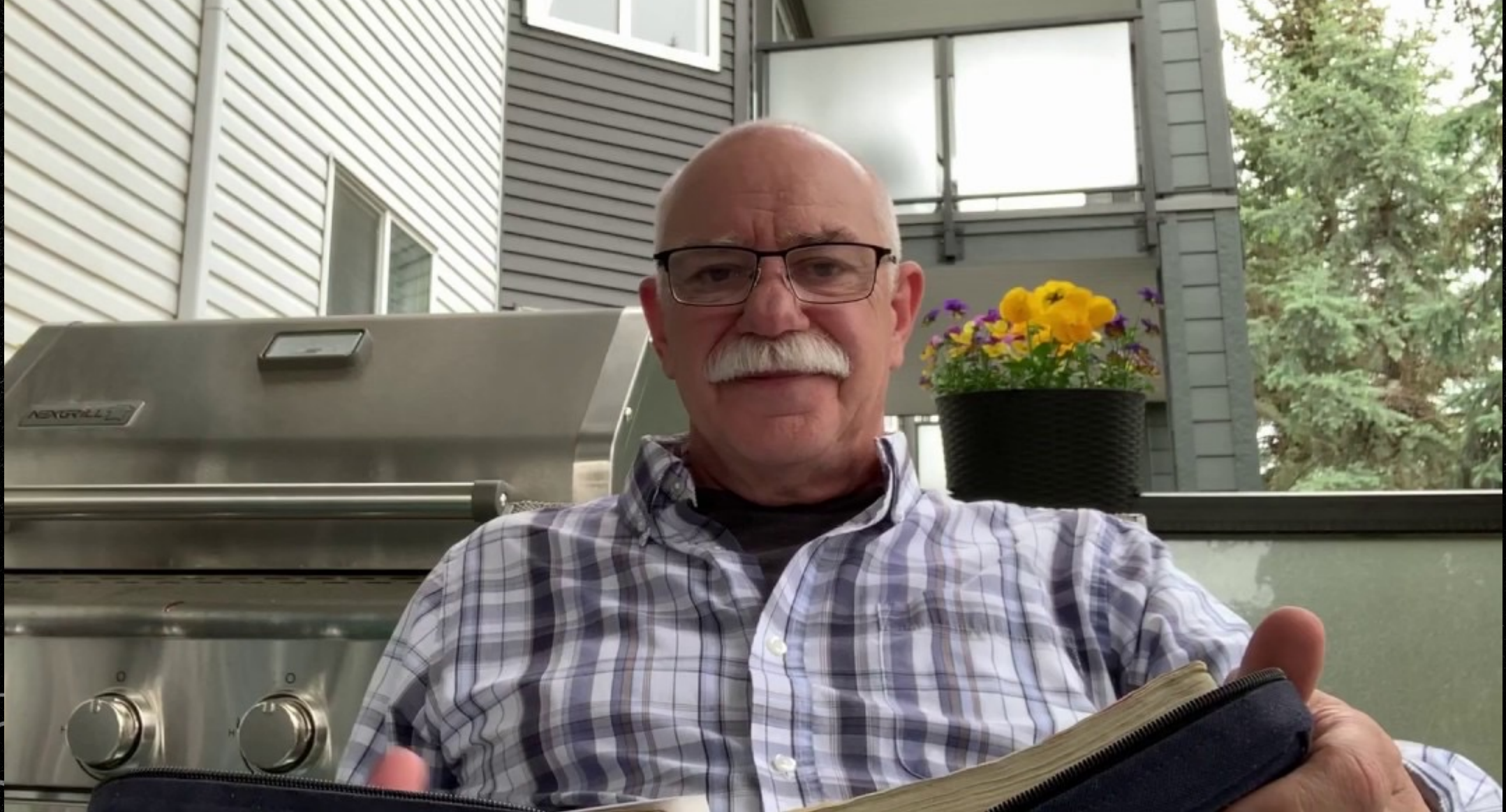
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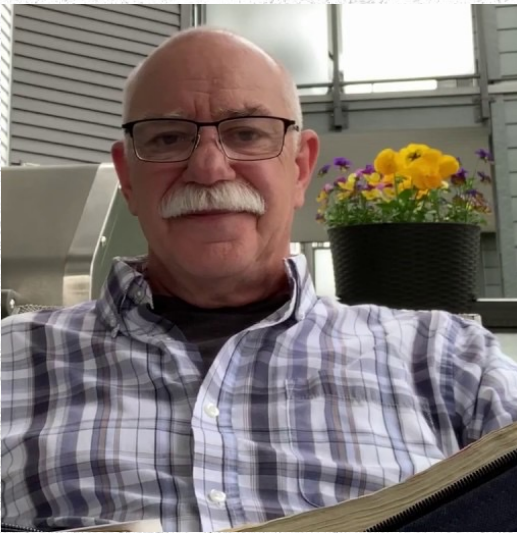
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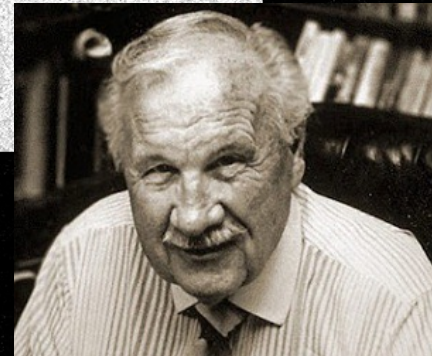


**34 “I give you a new command:
Love one another.
Just as I have loved you,
you are also to love one another.”**

**35 By this everyone will know
that you are my disciples,
if you love one another.””**

John 13 CSB

The church is the key...the most relevant body on earth. The church is the solution to the drastic problems that have baffled the minds of statesmen. We hold the answer...therefore, we must build each other up in love. – Ray Steadman, “The First Thing”



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