











Paul's Faith from Prison







3.24.22 Unbounded: Paul's Faith from Prison (Ephesians 4:11-16)

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¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Table Questions:

- 1. What does it look like when saints are being equipped for the ministry?
- 2. Why do you think Paul says we are to keep equipping the saints until "all" are mature and ministering? How difficult is it to see all members of a congregation maturing and ministering?
- 3. Paul's hope is "that we may no longer be children" who are immature in the faith. Why do you think some who've been members of congregations for many years are still so immature in their faith?
- 4. When Paul says, "We are to grow up in every way into Him who is the Head, into Christ," what ways do you think you are not growing in Christ?
- 5. Do you see yourself as a maturing believer?
- 6. Why do you think the overall aim of all the equipping, serving, building, and maturing is love?

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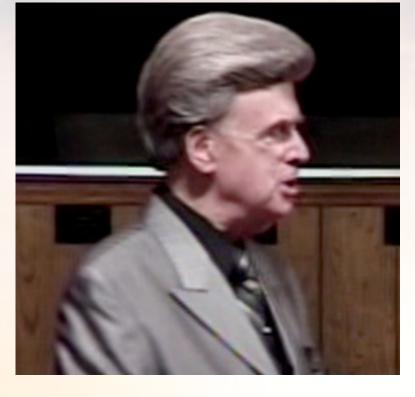
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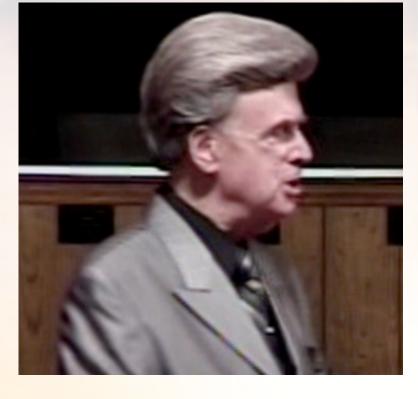
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 - Shepherds
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- Maturity of the Body
 - Through unity
 - Knowledge of God's Son
 - Christlikeness

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 - Local
 - Global













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