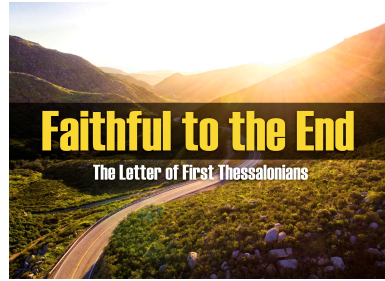


SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

Marks of a Faithful Church Pt. 2

With Jeremy Vasic
Multiplication and Mobilization Catalyst
March 14, 2021



How do we live faithfully in community?

Living as faithful communities means to live as family.

Show honour to those who lead us.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 Dear brothers and sisters, honour those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. ¹³ Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other.

Don't be afraid to challenge one another.

1 Thessalonians 5:14 Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy.

1 Corinthians 5:12 (NLT) It isn't my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning.

1 Corinthians 5:11-12 (MSG) But I am saying that you shouldn't act as if everything is just fine when a friend who claims to be a Christian is promiscuous or crooked, is flip with God or rude to friends, gets drunk or becomes greedy and predatory. You can't just go along with this, treating it as acceptable behavior. I'm not responsible for what the outsiders do, but don't we have some responsibility for those within our community of believers?

Don't fear walking through fear.

1 Thessalonians 5:14 Encourage those who are timid.

Look out for the vulnerable.

1 Thessalonians 5:14 Take tender care of those who are weak.

Live with a greater purpose and a higher love.

1 Thessalonians 5:14-15 Be patient with everyone. ¹⁵ See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people.

John 13:34-35 So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.

Big Idea: Live out our identity as family, united by the purposes of God and the love of Christ.

What is uniting us as a Church family? As Impact Communities?

Are we committed to living like family as a community of believers? What challenges do we have in believing this about our identity?



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