Above & Beyond

Week 2: The Church: A Voice Above The Noise

Ephesians 3:20,21 "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

2 Corinthians 8:7 "But since you excel in everything - in faith, in speech..."

Ephesians 4:11-13 "So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

1. The Church is Equipped to serve.

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Romans 12:4-6 "For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us..."

2. The Church <u>Builds Up</u> the believer.

Ephesians 4:12 "...to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up..."

1 Thessalonians 5:11 "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

3. The Church is most <u>Effective</u> when united.

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Mark 3:24,25 "If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand."