



**40 Days of Community: Love One Another**  
Today's Sermon: *Encourage & Build One Another Up*  
1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

**Sermon Series Introduction:**

*Our 40 Days of Community campaign is a practical, bible-based campaign designed to encourage you to grow in joy-filled unity as you belong to a community of believers. Over the next 40 Days plan to participate in every Sunday worship service and to attend a weekly Life Group (you can find a list of the groups here). Each week of the campaign you will be challenged to practice specific "one another's" of the New Testament. Each challenge will include practical teaching from God's word and an assignment with suggestions to live out the "one another" instructions of the bible. Every week your Life Group Leader will end your Life Group experience with a question from the sermon to consider and an opportunity to share your experience as you completed your assignment.*

*We were made by God to live and grow in community. We need one another. We grow best as followers of Jesus when we are in a church family and when we belong to a small group of like-minded believers. We are better together. Growing, reaching, serving, worshiping, and belonging are not SOLO ways of living. They all require others!*

***Get ready to grow as you obey God's word and experience Christ-centered community in your Life Group, learning and practicing the "One Another's"!***

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According to one pastor, there are 59 "One Another's" in Scripture.

No church is effective without practicing the "One Another's" well. We must learn and practice the one another's evaluating ourselves. There is little to no gain without goal setting, commitment and hard work.

*For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11*

Who is destined for wrath?

Who is not destined for wrath?

Who has salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ?

How does one obtain salvation?

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If you are discouraging others you are not encouraging them.

Use your words and your actions to Encourage One Another. Trust God with the outcomes.

*Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.*  
**1 Thessalonians 5:11**

Use your words and your actions to Build One Another Up. Trust God with the outcomes.

*Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. Romans 15:2*

*“All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up.*  
**1 Corinthians 10:23**

Chose to add rather than taking away.

*Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*  
**Ephesians 4:15-16**

*Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. Ephesians 4:29*



**Story:** Text “story” to 228-265-5020. Share your “One Another Stories!”

**Discussion:** Describe a time when someone encouraged you and built you up. What do you remember? Who was it that encouraged you and what is their relationship to you? How did their encouragement help you? Build you up? How often/well do you encourage others?

**Assignment:** Make at least one phone call a day and send personal notes as the Lord puts people on your heart or in your path. Make the purpose of your communication to “encourage and build the other up.” (1Thessalonians 5:9-11)

**Challenge:** Encourage and Build Up One Person Each Day This Week!

The 40 Days of Community “We Need One Another” Continues...

**February 6** - *Sermon:* Confess to and Pray for One Another

James 5:16

**February 13** - *Sermon:* Be Devoted to One Another with Brotherly Love, Honor One Another

Romans 12:9-13