

# One Anothering: Build up



Romans 14:15-20



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15 For if because of food your brother is hurt, you are no longer walking according to love. Do not destroy with your food him for whom Christ died. 16 Therefore do not let what is for you a good thing be spoken of as evil; 17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy



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Spirit. 18 For he who in this way serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. 19 So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another. 20 Do not tear down the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are clean, but they are evil for the man who eats and gives offense.

# One another-ing

- We have walked the path of God's plan
- Blessing His hearts, calling us to Himself
- Forgiving, Serving, Bearing, Admonishing
- This is the unity of each in Christ
- Mary M – a woman of thankful service

# Tyranny of 'Small' Things

- We are often “tripped” by the small
  - Toys, cracks, curbs, holes...
  - “judging...obstacle...stumbling block” (13)
  - Music, clothing, mandates, “rights”
  - Personal stuff – food!?
  - Not about \_\_\_\_\_ but about our hearts!

# If they are 'hurt'...

- More than just a preference...
  - *lupeo* – to make sorrowful, remorse, grief
  - Destroy- *apollumi*
- Not walking in love!
  - This is about the people of God moving together
  - Working the struggles out – Eudoia & Syntyche

# Good for you?

- God works in each us uniquely
  - What you can do, others cannot!
  - Good made evil?
- Kingdom of God
  - Right-ness, peace, joy in the Holy Spirit!
  - Serve Christ, “good faith” with one another

# Powerful Pursuit

- To make run, flee, press on, swift following
- Follow hard the “peace things” *eirene*
  - The everyday things need this!
  - Little arguments, disagreements, preferences
  - Follow hard after the unity...

# Building up

- *oikodome* – build up, promote growth
  - Jesus looking at the temple “buildings” 3x
  - Also, Ephesian 4:12 & 16
  - some **apostles**, some **prophets**, some **evangelists**, some **pastors** and **teachers**



## Ephesians 4:

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the **building up** of the body of Christ; 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. 14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all [aspects] into Him who is the head, [even] Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the **building up** of itself in love.

# Alternative...

- Tearing down the work of God
  - *kataluio* – throw down, dissolve, destroy
  - Used of the TEMPLE!!! Mt.26:61
- We are God's Workmanship, FAMILY!
- Build up and give thanks!
- Words, Songs, Time, Service, Listening



Building up  
one another