

# STUCK WITH YOU

# Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023

## **Foundation Scripture:**

#### Ephesians 4:1-3:

"I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

#### **Introduction**

If we work together and stay 'stuck with each other', there is nothing that we cannot achieve for the glory of God.

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We must recognise that we are stuck with each other.

Ecclesiastes 4:12b says:

"And a three-fold cord is not easily broken."

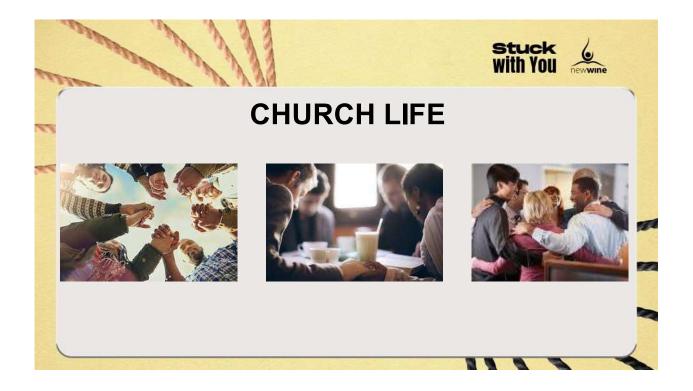
Also read **Ephesians 4:1-3** for more context.

## Love One Another!

John 13:34-35 says: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

The more of Christ that is in the individual believer, the more love the whole church will experience.

It is our love for one another that will make 'The Church I See' become a living reality.



**1 John 2:9-11:** "He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes."

The true test of our being followers of Christ is in our loving one another.

This is a true resemblance of the Godhead!

#### <u>Unity</u>

We must strive to keep the bond of peace, by keeping the unity in the Spirit.

Like in the family, the natural state of the church should be unity!

Do whatever you can to keep the spirit of unity that leads to the bond of peace.

Once we can do this, The Church I See will become a living reality, in Jesus' name!

"It takes a man who has the life of Christ, that is producing the fruit of the Spirit, to live in unity." – Pastor Kola Taiwo, New Wine Church, Woolwich.

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