

Ephesians #12 - GOD Adopts Me – Ephesians 5:1-21 – OUTLINE

INTRODUCTION

- We've learned so far in this letter, what Christ has done for us. Chosen, pursued, saved, given a new identity, and given a new way of living. All this is possible because Jesus, the only Son of GOD has died for our sins. By taking our punishment, and rising from the dead, Jesus has made adoption available to us. Though we were not born children of GOD, we can become adopted children because of Jesus. Today we'll learn not only what the benefits of adoption are, but the duties / responsibilities of adopted children are.

I. WALKING IN OUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS – Ephesians 5:1-5

Explanation:

- Paul uses a very fitting illustration. He compares our Christian life to a father and child relationship. Let's explore that illustration. A father has already "walked the path" that his child is on, so he can show him the way. A father gives good advice meant not to limit, but to protect their child. A father's legacy is more than money. It is also wisdom. Scripture says in **Proverbs 1:7-8, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and discipline. ⁸Listen, my son, to your father's instruction..."**

- And so as children of GOD, we must walk in our Father's footsteps, listen to his advice, and receive His wisdom. Let's see how this looks practically...

Application:

- GOD's children show sacrificial love toward GOD. – v.2
 - Putting His perfect will over our short-sighted desires.
 - Loving GOD and loving people.
- GOD's children reject the stench of sin. – v.3-4
 - Rejecting all sexual sin.
 - Rejecting greed.
- GOD's children reject idolatry. – v.5
 - Idolatry tries to rob GOD of his authority in our lives.
 - Idolatry tries to rob us of our purpose on this Earth.

II. GOD, THE FATHER OF LIGHT – Ephesians 5:6-14

Explanation:

- Paul makes a clear distinction between darkness and light. Before Christ we were children of darkness. We were slaves to sin and satan. We were part of the world and the world welcomed us as part of them. But as v. 14 says, Jesus woke us up from the spiritual death and shone the light of GOD on us. This woke us up to see how lost we truly were and how holy He truly is. Now, we are children of light because GOD is light and there is no evil in Him. **James 1:17 says, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."**

- So just as dark and light cannot coexist, neither can sin and godliness coexist within the same person. We must be like our father – filled with light, purity, and holiness.

Application:

- GOD's light punishes evil. – v.6
 - Beware. Evil-doers will try to pull us into the dark to do what they do.
 - GOD's threefold wrath will be poured out on all evil: passive, active, and eternal.
- GOD's light promotes good. – v.9

- GOD's light in us does what is right – for GOD and others.

- GOD's light reveals the truth (about sin and righteousness) to us so we can see as GOD sees.
- GOD's light exposes dark deeds. – v. 11-14
 - We shouldn't get caught up with sinners because when GOD exposes them, we will also be exposed.
 - We must "expose" evil. To expose means to correct and rebuke publicly with the purpose of restoring them to a right relationship with GOD, not just humiliate them.

III. DOING THE WILL OF THE FATHER – Ephesians 5:15-21

Explanation:

- Paul echoes Romans 13:11-14 in this letter. In that passage, Paul reminded Christians that **"...our salvation is nearer than when we first believed."** (Romans 13:11). Because of the imminent return of Jesus, who is coming at an hour we do not expect, we should always be living a life worthy of GOD; a life that is set apart and different from the world. This must be a life that looks like the life of our big brother Jesus – the perfect son of GOD. So what should we do?

Application:

- We must redeem the time, like Jesus. – v. 15-16
 - We must use every moment and opportunity to do what brings glory to GOD. Like Jesus.
 - We must budget our time to make sure we spend time with GOD. Like Jesus.
- We must be sober-minded and complete in the Spirit, like Jesus. – v.18
 - Christians don't get drunk or high. We must always be sober-minded so we can fight temptation. Like Jesus in the wilderness when He was tempted by satan.
 - We must not silence the Spirit, but let Him produce fruit through us. Like Jesus.
- We must show gratitude to GOD, like Jesus. – v.19-20
 - Jesus found plenty to be thankful for – the faith of others for example – even though He was going through hard times. Jesus even sang hymns.
 - Gratitude shows our trust in Him and that He is the one who satisfies our souls.
- We must submit to one another, like Jesus. – v.21
 - We must be willing to care for others with sacrificial love, putting our pride, entitlement, anger, bitterness, and even comfort away. Like Jesus.
 - We must be willing to submit to the authority GOD has placed in our lives, we'll see more of this next week.
 - This authority includes GOD, family, spiritual (pastors and leaders), government. Like Jesus.

CONCLUSION

- If we are obedient in this, we will prove to be children of GOD our Father
- **Matthew 5:13-16 | "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt should lose its taste, how can it be made salty? It's no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."**
- And we must remember its only possible because of the adoption we have received through Jesus.

So far in this letter, we've seen what Christ has done for us: He has chosen, pursued, saved us, given us a new identity, and a new way of living. All of this is possible because Jesus, the only Son of GOD, took our punishment and rose again. Through Him, we can become adopted children of GOD—even though we were not born into His family. Today, we'll see not only the blessings of adoption, but also the duties of being His children: how we should live, walk, and reflect our Father's character.

I. WALKING IN OUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS – EPHESIANS 5:1-5

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Application:

- 1. GOD's children show sacrificial love toward GOD.** This means putting His perfect will over our short-sighted desires. Every choice we make should reflect a desire to honor Him rather than satisfy only ourselves. It also means loving GOD and loving people. Our love for Him naturally flows out in acts of kindness and service toward others. **Are you known as a loving person?**
- 2. GOD's children reject the stench of sin.** – This includes rejecting all sexual sin. Anything that dishonors the body GOD has given us or disrespects His design must be turned away from. It also includes rejecting greed. We are not to crave what belongs to others or chase wealth as an idol. **Does your life bring a pleasing or foul smell to GOD?**
- 3. GOD's children reject idolatry.** - Idolatry tries to rob GOD of His authority in our lives. When we place anything above Him—money, status, pleasure, or people—we reject His rightful place as Father and King. It also robs us of our purpose on this Earth. Following anything other than GOD's plan distracts us from living the life He created us to live. **What are the idols in your life?**

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Application:

- 1. GOD's light punishes evil.** – Beware. Evildoers will try to pull us into darkness to do what they do. We must be alert to their schemes and not be deceived. GOD's threefold wrath will be poured out on all evil: passive, active, and eternal. We cannot ignore His justice. **Are you hiding sin?**
- 2. GOD's light promotes good.** – GOD's light in us does what is right—for Him and for others. Our actions should reflect His righteousness in every choice. GOD's light reveals the truth about sin and

righteousness so we can see as He sees. It guides our decisions and shapes our thoughts. **Do you have the light of GOD in your mind? How are you covering this light?**

3. GOD's light exposes dark deeds. – We shouldn't get caught up with sinners because when GOD exposes them, we will also be exposed. Staying close to Him keeps us safe from hidden sin. We must "expose" evil. To expose means to correct and rebuke publicly, with the purpose of restoring others to a right relationship with GOD, not merely to humiliate them. **What evil is GOD calling you to expose with the goal of restoring someone to a right relationship with GOD?**

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Application:

- 1. We must redeem the time, like Jesus.** – We must use every moment and opportunity to do what brings glory to GOD, following the example of Jesus. Our days are short, so each choice matters. We must budget our time to make sure we spend it with GOD. Like Jesus, prioritizing His will ensures our lives stay aligned with His purposes. **How are you using the 24 hours GOD gives you?**
- 2. We must be sober-minded and complete in the Spirit, like Jesus.** – Christians don't get drunk or high; we must always be sober-minded so we can resist temptation. Like Jesus in the wilderness, self-control is key to walking in righteousness. We must not silence the Spirit but let Him produce fruit through us. Like Jesus, we cooperate with the Spirit to grow in love, joy, peace, and holiness. **Are you known for your discipline and self-control? Or recklessness in word and deed?**
- 3. We must show gratitude to GOD, like Jesus.** – Jesus found plenty to be thankful for—even in hard times, He praised the Father and recognized the faith of others. Gratitude reflects trust in GOD's goodness. Gratitude also shows our trust in Him and that He alone satisfies our souls. It is a visible mark of a child of GOD living in the Spirit. **What are you grateful for today? In your life? In the life of others?**
- 4. We must submit to one another, like Jesus.** - We must care for others with sacrificial love, putting aside pride, entitlement, anger, bitterness, and even comfort. Submission flows from humility and love. We must be willing to submit to the authority GOD has placed in our lives, including GOD, family, spiritual leaders, and government. Like Jesus, our obedience honors Him and strengthens the community around us. **Are you entitled? Ungrateful? Self-centered? How is GOD calling you to honor and respect the authority GOD has put in your life? How can you show it?**

CONCLUSION

If we are obedient in this, we will prove to be children of GOD our Father. As Matthew 5:13-16 says, "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt should lose its taste, how can it be made salty? It's no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. 14 You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." We must also remember that all of this is only possible because of the adoption we have received through Jesus. Through His suffering, death, and resurrection, Jesus made us children of GOD and empowered us to live like Him, for the glory of our Father in Heaven.

Hasta ahora, en esta carta hemos visto lo que Cristo ha hecho por nosotros: Él nos escogió, nos buscó, nos salvó, nos dio una nueva identidad y una nueva manera de vivir. Todo esto es posible porque Jesús, el único Hijo de DIOS, tomó nuestro castigo y resucitó. Por medio de Él, podemos llegar a ser hijos adoptivos de DIOS, aunque no nacimos en Su familia. Hoy veremos no solo las bendiciones de la adopción, sino también los deberes y responsabilidades de ser Sus hijos: cómo debemos vivir, andar y reflejar el carácter de nuestro Padre.

I. CAMINANDO EN LOS PASOS DE NUESTRO PADRE – EFESIOS 5:1-5

Pablo usa una ilustración muy apropiada. Compara nuestra vida cristiana con la relación entre un padre y su hijo. Un padre ya ha “caminado el camino” en el que está su hijo, por lo tanto, puede mostrarle el camino. Un padre da buenos consejos, no para limitar, sino para proteger a su hijo. El legado de un padre es más que dinero; también es sabiduría. La Escritura dice en **Proverbios 1:7-8: “El temor del Señor es el principio de la sabiduría; Los necios desprecian la sabiduría y la instrucción. ⁸ Oye, hijo mío, la instrucción de tu padre...”** Así que, como hijos de DIOS, debemos caminar en los pasos de nuestro Padre, escuchar Su consejo y recibir Su sabiduría. Veamos cómo se aplica esto.

Aplicación:

- 1. Los hijos de DIOS muestran amor sacrificial hacia DIOS.** – Esto significa poner Su perfecta voluntad por encima de nuestros deseos que se enfocan en lo temporal. Cada decisión debe reflejar un deseo de honrarlo y no solo de satisfacernos a nosotros mismos. También significa amar a DIOS y amar a las personas. Nuestro amor hacia Él naturalmente se expresa en actos de bondad y servicio hacia otros. **¿Eres conocido como una persona que ama a DIOS y a los demás?**
- 2. Los hijos de DIOS rechazan el hedor del pecado.** – Esto incluye rechazar todo pecado sexual. Cualquier cosa que deshonre el cuerpo que DIOS nos dio o que desprecie Su diseño debe ser rechazada. También incluye rechazar la avaricia. No debemos codiciar lo que pertenece a otros ni perseguir la riqueza como un ídolo. **¿Trae tu vida un aroma agradable o desagradable a DIOS?**
- 3. Los hijos de DIOS rechazan la idolatría.** – La idolatría trata de robarle a DIOS Su autoridad en nuestras vidas. Cuando ponemos cualquier cosa por encima de Él—dinero, estatus, placer o personas—rechazamos Su lugar legítimo como Padre y Rey. También nos roba nuestro propósito en la tierra. Seguir cualquier cosa fuera del plan de DIOS nos distrae de vivir la vida para la cual Él nos creó. **¿Cuáles son los ídolos en tu vida?**

II. DIOS, EL PADRE DE LUZ – EFESIOS 5:6-14

Pablo hace una clara distinción entre las tinieblas y la luz. Antes de Cristo éramos hijos de las tinieblas, esclavos del pecado y de satanás, aceptados por el mundo como parte de su sistema. Pero como dice el v.14, Jesús nos despertó de la muerte espiritual y resplandeció la luz de DIOS sobre nosotros. Esto reveló cuán perdidos estábamos y cuán santo es Él. Ahora somos hijos de luz porque DIOS es luz y en Él no hay maldad. **Santiago 1:17 dice: “Toda buena dádiva y todo don perfecto viene de lo alto, desciende del Padre de las luces, con el cual no hay cambio ni sombra de variación.”** Así como la luz y las tinieblas no pueden coexistir, tampoco el pecado y la santidad pueden coexistir en una misma persona. Debemos ser como nuestro Padre: llenos de luz, pureza y santidad.

Aplicación:

- 1. La luz de DIOS castiga el mal.** – Cuidado. Los malhechores tratarán de arrastrarnos a las tinieblas para hacer lo que ellos hacen. Debemos estar alertas y no dejarnos engañar. La triple ira de DIOS será derramada sobre todo mal: pasiva, activa y eterna. No podemos ignorar Su justicia. **¿Estás escondiendo pecado?**
- 2. La luz de DIOS promueve el bien.** – La luz de DIOS en nosotros hace lo correcto—para Él y para los demás. Nuestras acciones deben reflejar Su justicia en cada decisión. La luz de DIOS revela la verdad

sobre el pecado y la justicia para que podamos ver como Él ve. Nos guía en nuestras decisiones y moldea nuestros pensamientos. **¿Tienes la luz de DIOS en tu mente? ¿Cómo la estás ocultando?**

3. La luz de DIOS expone las obras de las tinieblas. – No debemos mezclarnos con pecadores porque cuando DIOS los exponga, también seremos expuestos. Permanecer cerca de Él nos guarda del pecado oculto. Debemos “exponer” el mal. Exponer significa corregir y reprender públicamente, con el propósito de restaurar a otros a una relación correcta con DIOS, no solo para humillarlos. **¿Qué mal está llamando DIOS a que expongas con el objetivo de restaurar a alguien a una relación correcta con Él?**

III. HACIENDO LA VOLUNTAD DEL PADRE – EFESIOS 5:15-21

Pablo repite en esta carta lo que dice en Romanos 13:11-14. En ese pasaje, Pablo recordó a los cristianos que **“...la salvación está más cerca de nosotros que cuando creímos.” (Romanos 13:11).** Por causa del regreso inminente de Jesús, que vendrá a la hora que no esperamos, debemos vivir siempre una vida digna de DIOS: una vida apartada y diferente del mundo. Esta debe ser una vida que se parezca a la de nuestro hermano mayor Jesús, el perfecto Hijo de DIOS. Nuestras acciones, actitudes y decisiones deben reflejar Su carácter. ¿Cómo se ve esto en la práctica diaria?

Aplicación:

- 1. Debemos redimir el tiempo, como Jesús.** – Debemos usar cada momento y oportunidad para dar gloria a DIOS, siguiendo el ejemplo de Jesús. Nuestros días son cortos, cada decisión importa. Debemos administrar bien nuestro tiempo para asegurarnos de pasar tiempo con DIOS. Al imitar a Jesús y dar prioridad a la voluntad del Padre, aseguramos que nuestra vida siga Sus propósitos. **¿Cómo usas las 24 horas que DIOS te da?**
- 2. Debemos ser sobrios y llenos del Espíritu, como Jesús.** – Los cristianos no se embriagan ni se drogan; debemos mantenernos sobrios para resistir la tentación. Como Jesús en el desierto, el dominio propio es clave para andar en justicia. No debemos apagar al Espíritu, sino dejar que Él produzca fruto en nosotros. Como Jesús, cooperamos con el Espíritu para crecer en amor, gozo, paz y santidad. **¿Eres conocido por tu disciplina y dominio propio? ¿O por la imprudencia en tus palabras y acciones?**
- 3. Debemos mostrar gratitud a DIOS, como Jesús.** – Jesús siempre encontró razones para dar gracias— aun en momentos difíciles alabó al Padre y reconoció la fe de otros. La gratitud refleja confianza en la bondad de DIOS. También muestra que solo Él satisface nuestras almas. Es una marca visible de un hijo de DIOS viviendo en el Espíritu. **¿Por qué estás agradecido hoy? ¿En tu vida? ¿En la vida de otros?**
- 4. Debemos someternos unos a otros, como Jesús.** – Debemos cuidar a los demás con amor sacrificial, dejando a un lado el orgullo, el interés propio, el enojo, la amargura e incluso la comodidad. También debemos estar dispuestos a someternos a la autoridad que DIOS ha puesto en nuestras vidas, incluyendo a DIOS, la familia, los líderes espirituales y el gobierno. Como Jesús, nuestra obediencia honra al Padre y fortalece a la comunidad. **¿Eres orgulloso? ¿Desagradecido? ¿Egoísta? ¿Cómo está llamando DIOS a honrar y respetar la autoridad que Él ha puesto en tu vida? ¿Cómo lo puedes demostrar?**

CONCLUSION

Si obedecemos en esto, demostraremos que somos hijos de DIOS nuestro Padre. Como dice **Mateo 5:13-16: “»Ustedes son la sal de la tierra; pero si la sal se ha vuelto insípida, ¿con qué se hará salada otra vez? Ya no sirve para nada, sino para ser echada fuera y pisoteada por los hombres. ¹⁴ »Ustedes son la luz del mundo. Una ciudad situada sobre un monte no se puede ocultar; ¹⁵ ni se enciende una lámpara y se pone debajo de una vasija, sino sobre el candelero, y alumbrará a todos los que están en la casa. ¹⁶ Así brille la luz de ustedes delante de los hombres, para que vean sus buenas acciones y glorifiquen a su Padre que está en los cielos.”** También debemos recordar que todo esto es posible únicamente por la adopción que hemos recibido en Jesús. Por medio de Su sufrimiento, muerte y resurrección, Jesús nos hizo hijos de DIOS y nos capacitó para vivir como Él, para la gloria de nuestro Padre celestial.

1. Let's share what GOD is doing in our lives.

Choose ONE to share with your group.

- ___ Share one spiritual victory you've had since last week.
- ___ Share one spiritual struggle you've had since last week.
- ___ Share one thing GOD is teaching you about Himself.

2. Let's study the word of GOD together.

Take turns reading the verses and make notes in your copy of The Bible.

I. WALKING IN OUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS — EPHESIANS 5:1-5

Paul calls us to imitate GOD our Father. The motivation is love; just like Christ loved GOD His Father and just like Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us. Paul warns us not to live like the world: sinning with our body, with our words, or with the love of money.

- **What does a relationship with GOD as our Father look like? How does that look different than a relationship with a "distant GOD"?**
- **According to verses 3-5, what behaviors are "out of place" for GOD's children? Why do you think Paul connects these actions to "idolatry"?**

II. GOD, THE FATHER OF LIGHT — EPHESIANS 5:6-14

Paul warns us not to be "deceived" by people that make sin seem harmless. Because we are now children of light, we don't mix darkness and light in our "private" lives. Walking in the light means exposing sin, in us and around us, with the hope of bringing others to know Jesus.

- **Verse 10 says we should "try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord." How can we do this in daily decisions? Give examples of decisions you have made recently.**
- **Read verses 11-12 again. What does it mean to "expose" the works of darkness, and how can we do this with both truth and love?**

III. DOING THE WILL OF THE FATHER — EPHESIANS 5:17-21

Paul urges us to understand GOD's will instead of being controlled by alcohol or the things of the world. Instead, we should seek an intentional and sacrificial relationship with GOD and other Christians. This will produce in us: joy, worship, gratitude, and real love for Christians.

- **Read Ephesians 5:15-17. What does Paul mean by "making the most of the time"? What are ways Christians might waste their time instead?**
- **In verses 18-19, Paul contrasts being "drunk with wine" with being "filled with the Spirit." What does it look like to be Spirit-filled in everyday life?**
- **Read verses 19-21. What marks of Spirit-filled community do you see here? How can our church reflect this more?**

3. Let's make a plan to grow together.

Based off today's study, I believe GOD wants me to take the following action(s):

Helpful Ideas:

- ___ Serve my local Church.
- ___ Study a book of the Bible.
- ___ Share the Gospel.
- ___ Fast from food and dedicate time to prayer.

4. Let's pray together.

Share specific ways you can pray for one another today.

1. Compartamos lo que DIOS está haciendo en nuestras vidas.

Elige UNA o DOS para compartir con el grupo.

- ___ Comparte una victoria espiritual que hayas tenido la semana pasada.
- ___ Comparte una batalla espiritual que hayas tenido la semana pasada.
- ___ Comparte una cosa que DIOS te ha enseñado acerca de Él la semana pasada.

2. Estudiemos la palabra de DIOS juntos.

Tomen turnos para leer el texto y hagan notas en sus Biblias.

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Pablo nos llama a imitar a DIOS nuestro Padre. La motivación es el amor; así como Cristo amó a Su Padre y así como Cristo nos amó y se entregó por nosotros. Pablo nos advierte que no vivamos como el mundo: pecando con nuestro cuerpo, con nuestras palabras o con el amor al dinero.

- **¿Cómo se ve una relación con DIOS como nuestro Padre? ¿En qué se diferencia de una relación con un "DIOS distante"?**
- **Según los versículos 3-5, ¿qué conductas están "fuera de lugar" para los hijos de DIOS? ¿Por qué crees que Pablo conecta estas acciones con la "idolatría"?**

II. DIOS, EL PADRE DE LUZ — EFESIOS 5:6-14

Pablo nos advierte que no seamos "engañados" por personas que hacen que el pecado parezca inofensivo. Como ahora somos hijos de luz, no mezclamos la oscuridad con la luz en nuestra vida "privada". Caminar en la luz significa exponer el pecado, en nosotros y a nuestro alrededor, con la esperanza de llevar a otros a conocer a Jesús.

- **El versículo 10 dice que debemos "comprobar lo que agrada al Señor". ¿Cómo podemos hacer esto en las decisiones diarias? Da ejemplos de decisiones que hayas tomado recientemente.**
- **Lee otra vez los versículos 11-12. ¿Qué significa "exponer" las obras de las tinieblas y cómo podemos hacerlo con verdad y amor?**

III. HACIENDO LA VOLUNTAD DEL PADRE — EFESIOS 5:17-21

Pablo nos insta a entender la voluntad de DIOS en lugar de dejarnos controlar por el alcohol o las cosas del mundo. En cambio, debemos buscar una relación intencional y sacrificial con DIOS y con otros cristianos. Esto producirá en nosotros: gozo, adoración, gratitud y amor verdadero hacia los creyentes.

- **Lee Efesios 5:15-17. ¿Qué significa para Pablo "aprovechar bien el tiempo"? ¿De qué maneras los cristianos podrían desperdiciar su tiempo?**
- **En los versículos 18-19, Pablo contrasta estar "ebrios de vino" con estar "llenos del Espíritu". ¿Cómo se ve una vida llena del Espíritu en lo cotidiano?**
- **Lee los versículos 19-21. ¿Qué marcas de una comunidad llena del Espíritu ves aquí? ¿Cómo puede nuestra iglesia reflejar esto más?**

3. Hagamos un plan para crecer juntos.

Según el estudio de hoy, creo que DIOS quiere que tome la(s) siguiente(s) acción(es):

Ideas Útiles:

- ___ Servir a mi Iglesia.
- ___ Estudiar un libro de la Biblia.
- ___ Compartir el evangelio.
- ___ Ayunar de comida y dedicar ese tiempo a la oración.

4. Oremos juntos.

Compartan formas específicas en que pueden orar unos por otros.