**BETTER TOGETHER** in 2022

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**I Can’t Live Without You**

The “One Another” Passages



We have been in a series of messages called **Better Together** and in our first message, **Trekking Together** and we learned that …

**We** is better than **Me**.

In our message last week, **Gifted for Others**, we realized that God had called us to use our spiritual gifts to build up and bless the body of Christ called the church. Because …

What you **have** is what we **need**.

**This week we are going to do something totally different today.** If you think about it **… it is tough being together**.

We are **different** people, and all us can be **difficult** people.

In the New Testament **“One another”** is two words in English, but it is only one word in Greek: ἀλλήλων (ah-LAY-loan). **It is used 100 times in 94 New Testament verses.**

One **another** requires another **one**.

The one another’s in scripture generally fall into four categories:

* Love
* Unity
* Humility
* Encouragement

We are called to **love** one another … even when we are notvery **lovable**.

*A new commandment I give to you,* ***that you love one another****: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that* ***you are my disciples****,* ***if you have love for one another****.”* John 13:34–35

*and may the Lord make you increase and* ***abound in love for one another*** *and* ***for all****, as we do for you,* 1 Thessalonians 3:12

**How important is love?**

*Owe no one anything,* ***except to love each other****, for* ***the one who loves another*** *has fulfilled the law.* Romans 13:8

In other words, if you love someone, then you do not cheat them,   
lie to them, covet what they have, you will keep the ten commandments. The three about your relationship with God and  
the last seven are about your relationship with **one another.**

*Beloved,* ***let us love one another****, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.* 1 John 4:7

Through love, we **serve** one another.

*For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but* ***through love******serve one another****.* Galatians 5:13

In love, we **put up with** one another.

*… with all humility and gentleness, with patience,* ***bearing with one another in love****,* Ephesians 4:2

***Bearing*** *- to regard with tolerance, endure, bear with, put up with.*

Because of love, we are **devoted** to one another.

***Greet one another with the kiss of love****. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.* 1 Peter 5:14

**Also in** Romans 16:16; 1Corinthians 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:12

Yes! Four of the “one another” commands are about kissing.

***Love one another with brotherly affection****. Outdo one another in showing honor.* Romans 12:10

We love by seeking to do **good** to one another.

*See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but* ***always seek to do good to one another*** *and to everyone.* 1 Thessalonians 5:15

We are called to **unity** with one another … not **uniformity**.

We work on unity by being at **peace** with one another.

*Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and* ***be at peace with one another****.”* Mark 9:50

We work on unity by living in **harmony** with one another.

***Live in harmony with one another.*** *Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.* ***Never be wise in your own sight****.* Romans 12:16

We work on unity by **accepting** one another.

*Therefore* ***welcome one another*** *as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.* Romans 15:7

We work on unity by **patiently** waiting for others.

*So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat,* ***wait for one another*** *…* 1 Corinthians 11:33

We work on unity by not **biting**, **devouring**, and **consuming** one another.

*But* ***if you bite and devour one another****, watch out that you are not* ***consumed*** *by one another.* Galatians 5:15

We work on unity by not **boastfully** challenging or **envying** one another.

*Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.* Galatians 5:26

We work on unity by not **lying** to one another.

***Do not lie to one another****, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices.* Colossians 3:9

We work on unity by being **kind**, **tender-hearted**, and **forgiving** to one another.

*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.* Ephesians 4:32

*bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.* Colossians 3:13

We are called to live with an attitude of **humility** and **deference** for one another.

*Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders.* ***Clothe yourselves****, all of you,* ***with humility toward one another****, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”* 1 Peter 5:5

A humble person **values** one another.

***Do nothing from*** *selfish ambition or conceit, but* ***in humility*** *count others more significant than yourselves.* Philippians 2:3

**]** A humble person is willing to **follow** one another.

*…* ***submitting to one another*** *out of reverence for Christ.* Ephesians 5:21

We are called to encourage one another **toward** love, unity and humility.

Do not **judge** one another.

*Therefore* ***let us not pass judgment on one another*** *any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.* Romans 14:13

**]** Bear one another’s **burdens**.

***Bear one another’s burdens****, and so fulfill the law of Christ.* Galatians 6:2

**]** **Encourage** one another.

*Therefore* ***encourage one another*** *with these words.* 1 Thessalonians 4:18

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

**]**Stir **up** one another to **love** and **good deeds**.

*And let us consider how to* ***stir up one another to love and good works****,* Hebrews 10:24

**Pray** for one another.

*Therefore,* ***confess your sins to one another*** *and* ***pray for one another****, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.* James 5:16

Be **hospitable** to one another.

*Show* ***hospitality*** *to one another without* ***grumbling****.*  1 Peter 4:9

Put the one another’s into practice in your life and you will discover that we are indeed **Better Together**!

Thank God for the “**one another’s**” in your life.

Commit to living in **love**, **unity**, **humility** and **encouragement** with one another.