

All We Need Is One Another

Series: All You Need

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So far we have talked about All You Need is the Word of God, the Holy Spirit, and the Savior. Today let's work on the reality is that all you need is one another.

One of America's favorite songs is "God Bless the USA." Lee Greenwood's first line of the song says:

Lyrics

If tomorrow all the things were gone
I worked for all my life
And I had to start again
With just my children and my wife
I'd thank my lucky stars
To be livin' here today
'Cause the flag still stands for freedom
And they can't take that away

I like the line that says "with just my children and my wife." Slide three The people who went through the recent storms and were utterly devastated and destroyed understand even more what is really important and what they really need. What made Job's situation so terrible was that when the tornado hit the house where his children were partying all of them were killed, and then later even his wife turned against him. He was starting over without his children and his wife. But, there is something so comforting and strengthening to be able to say, i.e. "we still have each other."

Look around this room. Your greatest assets as a church are the people who make up the church.

1 Cor.12:12-26, 12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. 15 Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But in fact God has

placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

What Does Paul Teach Us?

- The physical body has all the parts it needs to be successful as a human being.
- The same is true of Christ's spiritual body.
- We all came into the body the same way, through baptism by the Spirit.
- Each of us is sustained by the same spiritual drink.
- Each part needs every other part.
- Do you believe that God arranges the body as to its parts just as he wanted it to be?
- Diversity is the strength and unity of the body.
- Weaker and less honorable parts are just as important.
- We all share the good and the bad with one another.

Hear me. If you are going to go forward boldly and victoriously as a group it will be because you support and rely on each other in a spirit of cooperation and submission to one another. Look around and notice who is not here or who is infrequently with us and make an effort to tell them that they are needed. Send that message clearly and often. It is every person's job to encourage and to motivate the people God has placed in this church.