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**CHANGE**

**God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.**

**Therefore we will not fear,  
though the earth should change  
and though the mountains slip  
into the heart of the sea**

*Psalm 46:1-2*

**My soul, wait in silence  
for God only,  
for my hope is from Him.  
He only is my rock and my  
salvation, my stronghold;  
I shall not be shaken.**

*Psalm 62:5-6*

**On God**

**my salvation and my glory rest;**

**The rock of my strength,**

**my refuge is in God.**

**Trust in Him at all times, O people;**

**Pour out your heart before Him;**

**God is a refuge for us. Selah.**

*Psalm 62:7-8*

**Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.      *Philippians 4:6-7***

**Watch over your heart  
with all diligence,  
for from it flow  
the springs of life**

*Proverbs 4:23*

# Transitions

# **Finding meaning in change**

**For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.**

*John 3:16*

# Finding meaning in change

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

*Romans 8:28*

# **Finding meaning in change**

**For those whom He foreknew,  
He also predestined to become  
conformed to the image of His Son**

*Romans 8:29*

# Finding meaning in change

For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

*Philippians 1:6*

**I will build My Church  
and the gates of hell  
will not prevail against it**  
*Matthew 16:18*

**And He [God] put all things in subjection under His [Jesus'] feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.**

*Ephesians 1:22-23*

# **Jesus is the Head of His Body, the Church**

**Calling us (everyone) to Himself  
Causing good out of difficulty  
Shaping likeness of Jesus in us  
Building His Church**

# Growing Together in Christ

**But speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ,**

*Ephesians 4:15*

# **Growing Together in Christ**

**From whom the whole body,  
being fitted and held together by  
what every joint supplies,  
according to the proper working  
of each individual part**

*Ephesians 4:15-16*

# **Growing Together in Christ**

**causes the growth of the body for  
the building up of itself in love.**

*Ephesians 4:16*

# **Growing Together in Christ**

**Speaking the truth in love**

**Serving with our gifts**

**Building each other up in love**

# **Growing Together in Love**

**Walk in a manner worthy of your calling with humility, gentleness, patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace**

*Ephesians 4:1-2*

# **Growing Together in Love**

**Be devoted to one another in  
brotherly love; give preference to  
one another in honor;**

*Romans 12:10*

# Growing Together in Love

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

*Philippians 2:3-4*

# Reconciled with God

**But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ . . . [so that he] might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross.**

*Ephesians 2:13,16*

# Reconciled with each other

**If anyone wishes to come after Me,  
he must deny himself, and take up  
his cross daily and follow Me.**

*Luke 9:23*

# Reconciled with each other

A dead man has . . .

Nothing to promote

Nothing to protect

# Growing Together in Christ

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of ***God's household,***

*Ephesians 2:19*

# Growing Together in Christ

Having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a *holy temple in the Lord*, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

*Ephesians 2:20-22*

# Growing Together in Christ

For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are **one body in Christ**, and individually members one of another.

*Romans 12:4-5*

# Growing Together in Christ

For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and ***the two shall become one flesh***. This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to ***Christ and the church***.

*Ephesians 5:31-32*

# **Pictures of The Church**

**We are the Family of God**

**We are the Temple of God**

**We are the Body of Christ**

**We are the Bride of Christ**

**All pictures of relationship**

***Relationships established by God***

# **Church about relationships**

**Family – Person is valued**

**Temple – Fit is valued**

**Body – Involvement is valued**

**Bride – Love and loyalty valued**

# **Church about relationships**

**We are His Church  
His Family . . . His Temple  
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***Designed  
to live and serve together  
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# **Marks of a Growing Church**

**Get along with each other**

**Respect each other**

**Affirm each other**

**Encourage each other**

**Do what brings you together**

# Marks of a Growing Church

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

*John 13:34-35*

**Keep  
Growing Together  
in Christ**