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26 But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand.:27 When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”

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Hebrews 10:24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.

Hebrews 10:25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Main Thoughts :

1. We Need Each Other
2. We Need Wisdom in Choosing Community
3. We Have a Responsibility to Each Other

REVIEW

Ephesians 4:13 This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.:14 Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.:15 Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. Matthew 7:24 “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.

BUILD YOUR HOUSE ON A ROCK:

FOUNDATION.....TRUTH

STRUCTURE.....ACTIONS AND OBEDIENCE

COMFORTFEELS IN THE HOUSE

1. KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS

- SYSTEMATIC STUDY OF SCRIPTURE

- READING IS THE STARTING PLACE AND HERE ARE THE TOOLS YOU MUST HAVE:

1. Bible that is NOT on your phone
2. Bible that is in a modern language
3. Journal to write questions
4. Concordance
5. Bible dictionary

RESULT...

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2. GROWING UP IN EVERY WAY

EMOTIONAL MATURITY

WHERE YOU ARE EMOTIONALLY, IS THE RESULT.

1. THE SINS YOU COMMITTED AGAINST OTHERS
2. THE SINS OTHERS COMMITTED AGAINST YOU

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Nehemiah 8:10 This is a sacred day before our Lord. Don't be dejected and sad, for the joy of the lord is your strength!”

WHAT THE AIR SMELLS LIKE!

CONFESSION ADDRESSES BOTH SINS

1 John 1:9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.10 If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

James 5:16 Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

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- ACCOUNTABILITY IN COMMUNITY

1. SMALL GROUP MEETING UNLESS YOUR FAMILY HAS WEEKLY WORSHIP.
2. OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

STOP ACTING LIKE CHILDREN...RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- FRIENDSHIPS WITH PEOPLE IS CRITICAL.

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- FRIENDSHIPS WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE SAME GOALS.

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- FRIENDSHIPS WITH PEOPLE THAT PRODUCE REAL CONNECTION.

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COVID DESTROYED CONNECTIONS, COMMUNITY MUST RESTORE THEM.

Ezekiel 37:9 Then he said to me, "Speak a prophetic message to the winds, son of man. Speak a prophetic message and say, 'This is what the Sovereign lord says: Come, O breath, from the four winds! Breathe into these dead bodies so they may live again.'"

Ezekiel 37:10 So I spoke the message as he commanded me, and breath came into their bodies. They all came to life and stood up on their feet—a great army.

Ezekiel 37:11 Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones represent the people of Israel. They are saying, 'We have become old, dry bones—all hope is gone. Our nation is finished.'

Ezekiel 37:12 Therefore, prophesy to them and say, 'This is what the Sovereign lord says: O my people, I will open your graves of exile and cause you to rise again. Then I will bring you back to the land of Israel.'