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“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another
Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth...”

-John 14:16

I will not leave you as orphans; I will **come** to you.

-John 14:18

“If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my
Father will love him, and **we** will **come** to him and make
our “**abode**” with him.”

-John 14:23

The Meta-Commands

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-John 13:34

By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you **love one another.**

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-John 15:12

This I command you, that you **love one another.**

-John 15:17

...may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in **love for one another...**

-1 Thessalonians 3:12

Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to **love one another...**

-1 Thessalonians 4:9

Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for **sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another** from the heart. -1 Peter 1:22

Above all, keep fervent in your **love for one another...** -1 Peter 4:8

This is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should **love one another...** -1 John 3:11

This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, **and love one another**, just as He commanded us. -1 John 3:23

“Beloved, **let us love one another, for love is from God** ; and everyone who **loves** is born of God and knows God.”
-1 John 4:7

“Beloved, if **God so loved us**, we also ought to **love one another**.”
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“...if we **love one another**, God abides in us, and **His love is perfected in us**.”
-1 John 4:12

“Now I ask you, lady, not as though I were writing to you a new commandment, but the one which we have had from the beginning, that we **love one another**.”
-2 John 1:5

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what does “love one another” look like?

Bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2)

Pray for one another (James 5:16)

Be **honest** with one another (Ephesians 4:2)

Forebear one another (Ephesians 4:2)

Be **kind** to one another (Ephesians 4:32)

Admonish one another (Colossians 3:16)

Build one another up (Romans 14:19)

Give **preference** to one another (Romans 12:10)

Live in **harmony** with one another (Romans 12:16)

Encourage one another (I Thessalonians 5:11)

Submit to one another (Ephesians 5:21)

Serve one another (Galatians 5:13)

Accept one another (Romans 15:7)

Be **devoted** to one another (Romans 12:10)

Teach one another (Colossians 3:16)

Comfort one another (I Thessalonians 4:18)

Forgive one another (Ephesians 4:32)

Be of the **same mind** with one another (Romans 15:5)

Regard one another as more important (Philippians 2:3)

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small and deep vs. big and shallow

Life Groups are small and deep



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sacrificial

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

-Matthew 16:24

“Love your neighbor as you have a sacrificial zeal that seeks **your** true good, **your** shalom.”

as yourself

recognize those things that help or hinder your shalom, bearing fruit

- ♦ the desires of the sinful nature are **destructive**
- ♦ **physical** health: don't be a diseased plant; eat, sleep well; exercise
- ♦ **mental** health: deep relationships are key here
- ♦ seek **excellence** in family, vocation, ministry
- ♦ **relationships** are critical: Holy Spirit, Word; Band of Brothers; Family
- ♦ the enemy will throw all kinds of **obstacles** in your path

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obstacles

- ♦ pride: God opposed to the proud: Uzziah & Elijah
- ♦ all about me & fear
- ♦ isolation
- ♦ dependency
- ♦ doom, gloom and apathy
- ♦ persistent sins
- ♦ lack of vision and losing the meta-narrative

The Vision

Christian **families committed** to the shalom of
their neighbors

make your home an

Embassy of the Kingdom of Heaven

We will build real **relationships**
with those **providentially** in our Jerusalem,
through **prayer** and **action**,
with **grace** and **wisdom** and **truth**,
being attractively **winsome**,
tearing down **walls**, building up **trust**,
doing the **work of the Kingdom**.

in these ten weeks...

- ♦ 1.7 million **crimes** committed
- ♦ 83,000 **rapes** and **sexual assaults**
- ♦ over 3,000 **murders**
- ♦ almost 9,000 **suicides**
- ♦ almost 500,000 contracted an **STD**
- ♦ 27 billion dollars spent on **illegal drugs**
- ♦ 165,200 **babies killed** in the womb

in these ten weeks...

- ◆ over half of a million people died, most of them **without a witness** from a Christian neighbor
- ◆ many who were spiritually sick, blind, in prison, lonely, dying inside...

in a **Land of Nought**

the people of God become a Remnant
of Hope

the old way of “engagement” doesn’t work anymore

but they have everything they need to
turn the world upside down

His Word
His Spirit
His people

who is equal to such a task?

But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For ~~And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in~~ we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who ~~are being saved and those who are perishing. To the~~ ~~one we are the smell of death; to the other,~~ ~~Galatians 6:9~~ the fragrance of life. **And who is equal to such a task?**

-2 Corinthians 2:14-16

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the lost scroll

Josiah

...as they were cleaning and repairing the temple,
Hilkiah “found the Book of the Law”..

“And when the king heard the words of the Law,
he tore his robes.”

-2 Chronicles 34:14-19



the valley of dry bones

Ezekiel

Prophecy over these bones...

I will put my Spirit within you...

and you will come to life...

a great army of God, restored and sent forth

-Ezekiel 37

the **commission**

Romans 8:28-39

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loves us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

-Romans 8:31-35, 37-39