

We close this series by focusing on how we can spend the next 1,000 days moving toward spiritual health in our personal lives and in our church. Each of us must intentionally pursue the spiritual practices we've discussed in this teaching series and grow to become people who live and love like Jesus. Then, we'll have the firm foundation for becoming a healthy church body that is ready to grow into all God has for us.

SESSION 8

Our Next 1,000 Days

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

—ROMANS 12:2

“From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

—EPHESIANS 4:16



ACTS 14:21-28

Read Aloud in Your Group

²¹ They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, ²² strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. “We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,” they said. ²³ Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.

²⁴ After going through Pisidia, they came into Pamphylia, ²⁵ and when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.

²⁶ From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. ²⁷ On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

²⁸ And they stayed there a long time with the disciples.



FOR DISCUSSION

INTRODUCTORY QUESTION: What is a habit you do every day that brightens your day?

1. What are Paul and Barnabas focused on doing as they return to various churches they had planted? How are these actions important for the church as they move forward?
2. What are ways we can strengthen one another and encourage each other to remain true to our faith (v. 22)?
3. Is there an “unhealthy pattern” or a habit that seemed neutral but is having a negative impact on your life with Jesus that you would like to change? Confess it to one another. What is one step you can take to create a new pattern?
4. Look at the “one anothers” verses from the New Testament on the next page. Read through those verses together and talk about:
 - What are some things we are doing together already?
 - What is something we want to keep growing in doing?
 - What is something we haven’t done yet but would like to try?
5. As you think back through the sections of Acts we have covered in this series, what are some indicators of spiritual health?



Biblical “One Another” Phrases

SOME OF THE NEW TESTAMENT “ONE ANOTHER” VERSES

- Be at peace with one another (Mark 9:50)
- Love one another (John 13:34)
- Be devoted to one another (Rom. 12:10)
- Honor one another (Rom. 12:10)
- Live in harmony with one another (Rom. 12:16)
- Stop passing judgment on one another (Rom. 14:13)
- Accept one another (Rom. 15:7)
- Instruct one another (Rom. 15:14)
- Greet one another (Rom. 16:16)
- Serve one another (Gal. 5:13)
- Carry one another’s burden (Gal. 6:2)
- Be patient, bearing with one another in love (Eph. 4:2)
- Be kind and compassionate to one another (Eph. 4:32)
- Forgive one another (Eph. 4:32)
- Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs (Eph. 5:19)
- Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ (Eph. 5:21)
- In humility consider others better than yourselves (Phil. 2:3)
- Teach one another (Col. 3:16)
- Admonish one another (Col. 3:16)
- Encourage one another (1 Thess. 4:18)
- Build one another up (1 Thess. 5:11)
- Spur one another toward love and good deeds (Heb. 10:24)
- Do not slander one another (James 4:11)
- Don’t grumble against one another (James 5:9)
- Confess your sins to one another (James 5:16)
- Pray for one another (James 5:16)
- Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another (1 Peter 5:5)



6. Reflecting on this entire teaching series, Calvary Next, what has resonated with you? Share a revelation from the Holy Spirit, a valuable insight, useful tool, or spiritual practice that you are already doing or plan to engage in as you move forward in your life with Jesus.



TAKE 5

LOVE AS A NOUN AND AN ACTION VERB

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ROMANS 12:9-13

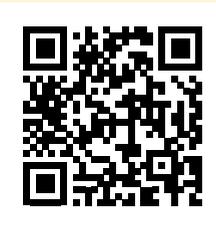
Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

In the first few chapters of his letter to the Romans, Paul attempts to unite the church in Rome by speaking about the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as the truths which all believers have in common. Paul explains that Jesus supersedes all our differences, shortcomings, and brokenness. Because of Christ's finished work, Paul exhorts the church in Rome to not just to have love for one another, but to sincerely love one another- using the word "love" as an action verb.

Despite their differences, he tells the church to be "devoted to one another in love" and to "honor one another" above themselves. Paul strongly advocates for unity, not uniformity, in the church. It is something that only Christ can do in and through us. It is amazing to see that when there is unity, the church flourishes.

Christ first loved us in all our brokenness. He calls us to love others with that same love He demonstrated to us. What would it look like for us to love all those around us—despite our shortcomings, our differences, and even our disagreements?

Pastor Shawn shared during a recent service that we are all broken people living in a broken world. Pray that the Lord will use us, even in our brokenness, to receive His great love and share that love of Christ with others.



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