

## **THE LOCAL CHURCH – Fellowship – Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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- **God puts you in a church is to get the fellowship (social interaction) you need**
  - We're supposed to fellowship-Rm15:7-Receive (take into friendship) you one another; 1Pt4:9-Use hospitality one to another; Gal5:13-By love serve one another; Js5:16-Confess your faults one to another; 1Th5:11-Edify one another; Gal6:2-Bear ye one another's burdens; 1Cor12:25-Care one for another
  - It matters who you hang with-1Cor15:33-Be not deceived evil communications corrupt good manners; Pr13:20-He that walks with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed
- **There is supernatural strength in fellowship-Hb10:23-Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering (firm, unmoved); (for he is faithful that promised;)** **24** And let us consider (W1828-Think on with care) one another to provoke (incitement to good; stir up, inspire) unto love and to good works: **25** Not forsaking (abandon, leave behind) the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.
  - We can inspire one another-Fil with a quickening, new life, ne strength
  - We can exhort one another-Embolden, strengthen, give spirit or courage, cheer the mind
  - This matters and can be the difference between winning or losing-People lose b/c they get weak and word from you can inspire and strengthen someone to continue on
  - This should be happening when we assemble (church)-If you don't assemble you can miss out
- **God puts you in a church so that divine friendships can be made**
  - A divine friend can bring joy and strength to you-Pr27:9-KJ-Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel
  - A divine friend makes you sharp-Pr27:17-Iron sharpens iron; so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend; CEV-Sharpen the minds of each other; CJB-Sharpens the character; ERV-Keep each other sharp
  - You need faith buddies-Pr17:17-VO-A true friend loves regardless of the situation, and a real brother exists to share the tough times