



ELIM TABERNACLE DEVOTIONS  
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March 1, 2026

## **We Are Better Together**

Tim Vik

John 17:20-21 (NKJV) *“I [Jesus] do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.*”

Romans 12:4-5 (NKJV) *“For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.”*

The Christian life was never meant to be lived alone. From the very beginning, God designed His people to worship, serve and grow together. Our 2026 Theme’s verse (John 17:20-21) tells us Jesus wants us to one so the world may believe!

Throughout the New Testament, we find repeated instructions filled with the phrase “one another.” These are not suggestions for optional relationships - they are the blueprint for how the Body of Christ functions as one. We are called to love one another, pray for one another, encourage one another, forgive one another, and bear one another’s burdens. These commands remind us that spiritual maturity is formed, not just in personal devotion, but in shared life.

This month, we encourage your household to slow down daily and reflect on these “one another” passages. As we do, we will discover that God’s plan for strength, unity, and growth is found in living connected to His people. Together is not just our theme - it is our calling.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is your favorite example of others living or working in unity (in the Bible or other history)
2. Can you think of a time when you experienced the strength of unity with another believer?

March 2, 2026

## **Together in Good Works**

Jeanne Vargo

Hebrews 10:24 *“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.”*

God wants us to have genuine concern for our church family. He wants us to help strengthen their faith and inspire them to do good. Faith can increase from our example by listening to other’s needs and sharing our faith in God to meet their needs. Sometimes God will ask us to meet those needs. Including someone in our own good works may bring motivation to them to do the same.

### **Discuss Together:**

1. How can you show concern for someone this week and uplift them?
2. Is there someone you can ask to share in a good deed with you? What ideas do you have on what that could be? (Maybe going out to eat or activity, develop a Sunday school activity or craft, cleaning project, visiting someone, or baking something to share.)

March 3, 2026

## **Together in Teaching**

Cindy Rogers

Colossians 3:16 *"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts."*

Does your life and the way you live example God's Word? Reading and studying the Bible is important for every individual but it is vital to have that wisdom applied to your life before you teach and advise others. The use of scripture and music are tools to help you guide others as you grow together in His Spirit and worship the Lord with thankfulness!

### **Discuss Together:**

1. Why is it important to read and apply God's Word to our lives?
2. One of the best ways to grow together is in a Bible study. Are you involved in a Bible study?

March 4, 2026

## **Together In Harmony**

Armendina Vik

Romans 12:16 *“Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.”*

This verse speaks to how important it is to not create- or ignore- barriers in our relationships. It begins with the word “live,” calling us to actively pursue harmony with others. This verse should prick our hearts to recognize what relationships we may need the Lord’s help in restoring to help us do life in harmony together.

### **Discuss Together:**

1. Is there a relationship in your life that needs attention this week? What steps can you take to begin rebuilding it?
2. Take a moment to pray, listen, and ask God to guide your next step toward harmony.

March 5, 2026

## **Together In Love**

Paula Thomas

Romans 14:13 *“Let us not therefore judge one another anymore: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother’s way.”*

While the Bible tells us not to judge each other, it does tell us that we should judge ourselves and examine our own selves, and to live in such a way that would not cause our fellow “one anothers” to fall.

Each of us has grown spiritually at different levels and times, and no two of us are alike, yet God expects each of us to strive for the same goal- to be Christ-like, and He expects us to follow the same Word and the same principles.

We are also told that if we sin (and we all do) then God forgives us our sins at the moment we repent of them.

### **Discuss Together:**

1. How can I live in such a way that I bring glory to God by my example?
2. Is there something I am doing that could cause my fellow brothers and sisters to stumble?
3. What about something I am not doing towards my brothers and sisters that may cause offense, or even hurt their faith?

March 6, 2026

## **Together In Forgiveness**

Ellen Mayek

Colossians 3:13 *“Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any, even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.”*

Forbear means to be patient and kind with each other. We should forgive others who do wrong, just like Jesus forgives us when we do wrong. If someone hurts you or has done something wrong to, try to talk to them and work it out. Maybe you can pray together and then forgive them like Jesus.

### **Discuss Together:**

1. Was there a time you needed forgiveness or had to forgive someone?
2. What was that like?

March 7, 2026

## **Together With Love**

Andy Vik

1 John 4:7 (NIV) *“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.”*

Love comes from God, so naturally his children will show love. Sometimes it's very easy to identify when people are family members because they have common traits. This could be physical like curly hair, height, or eye color. Or this could be behavior traits like a calm demeanor or an active lifestyle. In the same way, we should be identified as children of God because we show His Love.

### **Discuss Together:**

1. What is a trait that is common in your family?
2. Is God's love something we feel or something we do?

March 8, 2026

## **Together In Humility**

Sarah Velazquez

Romans 12:5 (NIV) *“So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”*

In spite of being diverse people, we as believers are unified together in the body of Christ. God has given us many talents in our individual lives to bring unity into the church. Just as our human bodies have different functions, the church is a single body with many members with different talents. As members of the body of Christ, we are not only connected to Him, but all to one another requiring us to be humble. God is calling us to be humble servants to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Using our talents to either encourage and uplift, cheerfully give, teach one another, as well as leading each other closer to the Lord.

### **Discuss Together:**

1. In what way(s) can we be humble towards one another throughout the week?
2. How can we use the talents God has gifted us with in our church?

March 9, 2026

## **Together In Non-Judgement**

Dani Edwards

James 4:11 (NIV) *“Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it.”*

James invites us to pause and listen to our own words. Not just the loud ones spoken in anger, but the quiet ones whispered in passing, typed without thought, or carried in our hearts. Words have weight. They linger long after they are spoken, shaping how safe people feel, how welcome they feel, and whether they believe they truly belong.

When we criticize, gossip, or assume the worst about someone, we often don't intend harm, but harm still follows. These moments fracture trust and create invisible distance between hearts that were meant to walk closely together. James reminds us that judging others places us in a role that was never ours to hold. God alone sees fully, knows completely, and judges rightly.

Living together means resisting the impulse to tear down and choosing instead to protect one another. It means letting grace slow our speech, love guide our tone, and humility shape our responses. As a church family, we honor God when our words become a shelter rather than a weapon, when we speak in ways that heal, unify, and reflect the patience and mercy God continually extends to us.

### **Discuss Together:**

1. Think about a time when words spoken to you either drew you closer to someone or created lasting distance. What made the difference?
2. Where do you feel most tempted to speak quickly or critically at home, at school, online, or at church? What would it look like to choose grace in those moments this week?

March 10, 2026

## **Together In Gathering**

Jeanne Vargo

Hebrews 10:25 *“Not forsaking 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.”*

God is sharing with us the importance of meeting regularly and increasingly as we see the end times approaching. Every day we see and hear things in the world that do not produce godly living or positivity. When we meet with fellow believers, our faith and feeling of support increases and we leave with positivity and strength. Attending church regularly with like-minded Christians, who example godly living, keeps us strong in faith to keep us from falling away.

### **Discuss Together:**

1. What do you see as the benefits of attending church more as the Lord's return approaches?
2. How can we encourage each other to attend church regularly?

March 11, 2026

## **Together In God's Love**

Wanda Johnson

1 John 4:11 *“Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.”*

This verse of scripture emphasizes the importance of God's love for everyone regardless of our imperfections and shortcomings. And in receiving His love in our lives, we are to give that godly love to all people in the same way. In doing this, we are reflecting God's perfect love. God is Love and has shown extraordinary love to us by sending His son, Jesus Christ, into the world for our salvation and eternal life. We are all called to follow Jesus' example so others would see Him in us and would also want His salvation.

### **Discuss Together:**

1. Who in our family, friends, home, or church might need to be shown the love of God?
2. In what ways can we improve in showing the love God that has been shown to us in the days, weeks, and months ahead?

March 12, 2026

## **Together In Acceptance**

Nancy Vik

Romans 15:7 NIV *"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."*

Christ has shown incredible grace by accepting us into His family...with all of our struggles and shortcomings. He, in turn, is asking us to extend that same grace, love, and acceptance to others. This command goes beyond tolerance; it's about sacrificial love and unity, and putting others' needs above our own. Regardless of differing backgrounds, cultures, and political views, we must strive to create a unified community that reflects God's love.

### **Discuss Together:**

1. How does this verse direct us in addressing divisions over opinions, backgrounds, or preferences?
2. How would our church look different if we lived this verse completely?

March 13, 2026

## **Together In Relationships**

Melissa Campbell

1 Peter 3:8 (ESV) *“Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.”*

The Bible is a clear road map for what is pleasing to God. Its complexity is beautiful because sometimes the message can be direct and other times there are layers that can take years of meditation and reflection. This scripture is a road map for navigating relationships with loved ones or others. It calls us to choose unity over always having to be right, to think about how others are feeling (sympathy) and to love actively and gracefully by being open to correction and compromise (humility).

This direction from the Lord about how to love others is both clear and layered. It is a direct command about how to show up as a person and how to interact with others. And it speaks directly to different seasons in life. When things are easy and calm and when there is suffering the Lord’s direction is to remain in unity and love. To be consistent. And He is our perfect example.

### **Discuss Together:**

1. Explain how it is possible or NOT possible to have one of these traits but not the others. For example, are you able to be tender and humble but not have unity of mind? If so, how? If not, why?
2. How do these directions help you navigate the relationships in your life? How can following this guidance improve the relationships in your life?

March 14, 2026

## **Together In Encouragement**

Dani Edwards

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV) *“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”*

Encouragement is not loud or showy. Often, it’s gentle spoken in a moment when someone is tired, uncertain, or quietly carrying more than they let on. Paul’s words remind us that building one another up is not an occasional act but a steady way of living together. It is something we return to again and again, even when it feels small or unnoticed.

To encourage someone is to see them not just their strengths, but their effort, their faith, their perseverance. It is choosing to speak hope when discouragement would be easier, to offer affirmation when silence would cost less. Encouraging words become scaffolding for weary hearts, helping others stand when they might otherwise fold inward.

Paul also affirms the community: *“just as in fact you are doing.”* This is not a rebuke, but a gentle reminder to keep going. Encouragement is a rhythm the church must maintain. When we build one another up, we participate in God’s work of shaping hearts, restoring confidence, and reminding each other that no one walks alone.

Living together means becoming people whose words strengthen faith and steady one another’s steps. When encouragement becomes our habit, the church becomes a place where hope grows, burdens feel lighter, and God’s love is made visible through us.

### **Discuss Together:**

1. Who in your life might need encouragement right now, even if they haven’t asked for it?
2. What is one intentional way you can build someone up this week through your words or actions at home, at school, or within the church?

March 15, 2026

## **Together By Loving One Another**

Ellen Mayek

I John 3:11 *“For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.”*

When God created us in the beginning, He wanted us to be together and love one another. Things got messed up since then, but He still wants us to love one another. Sometimes it is hard, but He will help us. God is love, and He loves us and wants us to give His love to others.

### **Discuss Together:**

1. How do you think it would be if we all together showed God’s love to others?
2. How would this world be?

March 16, 2026

**Together With Comfort**

Tony Mayek

1 Thessalonians 5:11” Wherefore *comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.*”

In a world where the only thing that matters to people is themselves, they don't usually think of others, and we don't see a lot of lifting up others as well.

Being one to comfort others together and edifying each other will bring us all TOGETHER just as the scriptures say we should.

**Discuss Together:**

1. What are some ways to comfort others?
2. How can we edify others?

March 17, 2026

## **Together In Devotion**

Steven & Brittney Boucher

*Romans 12:10 “Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.”*

This verse urges us to practice family-like love for each other. It also states our need to show honor to one another, meaning creating a respectful, supportive, and humble church family.

*“Outdo in honor”* - We should be enthusiastic and deliberate in showing respect, appreciation, and high regard for others.

### **Discuss Together:**

1. Who in your life could use some extra support and love?
2. How can you show them that love and support?
3. When was the last time you showed someone true appreciation for them?

March 18, 2026

## **Together With Greetings**

Andy Vik

1 Corinthians 16:20 (NIV) *“All the brothers and sisters here send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.”*

The members of the early church in the Bible had a tradition of greeting each other with a kiss. While our current culture may not always greet each other this way, we have other traditions such as a handshake, a hug or a high-five. Whatever our traditions, Paul says to greet each other with holiness. A holy greeting is a way to say: despite our differences, I respect you, I am unified with you and we are brothers and sisters in Christ.

### **Discuss Together:**

1. How does it make you feel when someone goes out of their way to greet you?
2. Can we be unified with each other even if we disagree about something?

March 19, 2026

## **Together In the Overflow**

Armendina Vik

1 Peter 1:22 *“Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.”*

We cannot show sincere love without a purified heart and that can only happen when we give ourselves to our Savior daily. Peter is asking the church to not love out of duty but to love each other out of overflow. I picture a heart shaped piñata pumped with candy and it just begins to burst into shreds. That's the picture of love Peter is calling us to - a heart so filled by Jesus that it can't help but spill over onto others.

### **Discuss Together:**

1. Do you think people would recognize Jesus in us if we lived out of the overflow?
2. Why do you think obedience leads to love?

March 20, 2026

## **Together In Forbearance (Patience) for One Another**

Wanda Johnson

Ephesians 4:2 “With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love.”

This scripture encourages us believers to maintain love, unity and peace within the church body. In our relationships, we practice humility, patience and love. God calls us to grow and develop Jesus’ character by following His example taught to us in His Word.

With our interactions with one another, we should promote unity, peace and mutual encouragement. We can then express genuine gratitude for Jesus, His compassion, truth and grace.

### **Discuss Together:**

1. In what ways has God or someone shown us forbearance (patience)?
2. How did this impact how I give forbearance to others today?

March 21, 2026

## **Together With Our Elders**

Melissa Campbell

1 Peter 5:5 *“Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”*

When you wake up to a cold and snowy day you are wrapped in clothing that covers all of you. Sometimes, if you have to venture outside in the snow, you are so covered head to toe that people can only see your eyes. They may not recognize you, but you are warm. And God is asking for you to clothe yourself, cover yourself until you are unrecognizable, in humility. People should not see you or recognize all of your pride and achievements but instead know that they are looking at the work God has done.

And if you need help with this, seek the elders. This may mean people that are more advanced in age than you. But it definitely means people who have walked through some things, have formed a relationship with God, and realized that pride has no place. That God is alongside you when humility covers you.

### **Discuss Together:**

1. Who are the “elders” God may be calling you to learn from right now, and how can you intentionally seek their guidance and wisdom? What about their character shows you that they are clothed in humility?
2. How might our relationships change - at home, work, church, or school - if we are truly covered in humility?

March 22, 2026

## **Together In Serving With Love**

Sarah Velazquez

Galatians 5:13-14 (ESV) *“For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*”

As God has given us free will to make our own decisions, our flesh which lives in a sinful state allows selfishness to creep in. When we serve one another humbly in love, our focus will shift from selfishness to servant hood. Prioritizing service in our walk can look like praying for someone in the drive thru, cutting an elder’s grass, sharing a meal with someone in time of need and expecting nothing in return. In later verses, Paul talks about the Fruits of the Spirit, which includes the first one being love. As we strive to be more like Christ in our walk with Him, loving our neighbor as ourselves can reflect in our decisions, behaviors and interactions.

### **Discuss Together:**

1. How can we serve others in love in times we ourselves don’t feel 100 percent in hard times going on in our lives?
2. When putting others first, how can it change our mindset in everyday life?

March 23, 2026

## **Together In Love**

Cindy Rogers

Romans 13:8 *“Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.”*

While we should endeavor to be debt-free, a debt we can never fully pay is the amount of love showed to God and each other. When we love others, we are fulfilling God’s command and reflecting His example. Don’t be takers! Be givers together – in LOVE!

### **Discuss Together:**

1. What are the two greatest commandments?
2. How can you show love and be a blessing to someone this week?

March 24, 2026

## **Together In Loving Others**

Paula Thomas

I John 3:23 *“And this is his commandment, that we should believe on the name of his son Jesus Christ, and love one another as he gave us commandment.”*

In this passage, we are first told to believe on the name of Jesus, then we are told to love one another.

If we do not believe, then it stands to reason we will also not really love with Christ-like love either. As Christians, we are commanded to love all people, especially those of the household of God – our fellow “one-anothers”.

Loving is hard work, especially when someone hurts us, lets us down, tramples over us, or rejects us. But if we are Christians...if we believe...

### **Discuss Together:**

1. Why do you think God links believing on His name together with loving one another in the same passage?
2. How can we show love to one another that is active and meaningful?
3. How can we show love to someone that hurts us?

March 25, 2026

## **Together With Forgiveness**

Tony Mayek

Ephesians 4:32 “*And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving on another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you;*”

In this world today, we don’t see so much kindness taking place, as well as forgiveness.

When showing these two things we could make an impact in others and change this world, one person at a time.

### **Discuss Together:**

1. Key word in here is *Forgiveness*; how do we forgive?
2. Do you believe that God has truly forgiven you, and if so, can you now give that same forgiveness that He has shown you?

March 26, 2026

## **Together In Hospitality**

Steven & Brittney Boucher

1 Peter 4:9 (NIV) “*Offer hospitality without grumbling.*”

Hospitality, according to the Oxford Dictionary, means “The friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers”.

Simply, this expresses our need to help one another, TOGETHER, as a family.

1 Peter 4:8 states that we should “love each other deeply”. Hospitality is a way to show selfless kindness and love. “Without grumbling” expresses that we provide this hospitality without complaining.

Conclusion: We should all show a helping hand and open heart when we see someone in need.

### **Discuss Together:**

1. What are some reasons why helping someone could be difficult?
2. What is something that you can do this week to show someone hospitality?

March 27, 2026

## **Together In Love**

Ellen Mayek

Romans 12: 9-10 *“Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brother love; in honour preferring one another.”*

We should love others honestly and not pretend to. This verse tells us we should hate things that are evil or bad, and we should love things that are good. We should always do our best to do and look for things that are good. The Bible teaches us what is good. Together we should love one another and not think we are better than anyone. Show kindness and love each other.

### **Discuss Together:**

1. What are things we should hate?
2. What are things we should love?

March 28, 2026

## **Together In God's Love**

Wanda Johnson

1 John 4:11 *“Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.”*

This verse of scripture emphasizes the importance of God's love for everyone, regardless of our imperfections and shortcomings. And in receiving His love in our lives, we are to give that godly love to all people in the same way. In doing this, we are reflecting God's perfect love. God is Love and has shown extraordinary love to us by sending His son, Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation and eternal life. We are all called to follow Jesus' example so others would see Him in us and would also want His salvation.

### **Discuss Together:**

1. Who in our family, friends, home, or church might need to be shown the love of God?
2. In what ways can we improve in showing the love God that has been shown to us in the days, weeks, and months ahead?

March 29, 2026

## **Together In Love**

Nancy Vik

John 13:34 NIV *"A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."*

Jesus raises the standard from simply asking us to love our neighbors, to loving sacrificially, just as He did. This isn't just a suggestion; it is a commandment. His love is patient, kind, and unconditional; the model we are called to follow in our daily, often messy, lives. This kind of love is not just a feeling, but it calls for serving, forgiving, and looking out for the interests of others, even in difficult circumstances.

### **Discuss Together:**

1. What practical ways can we show love to difficult people?
2. How has Jesus shown His love to you?

March 30, 2026

## **Together One Another**

Tony Mayek

John 13:35 *“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another;”*

To show others that we are God’s disciples, we show others the same love that Christ shows us.

Have compassion for others.

Do things that this world has lost the desire to do and truly care for others.

### **Discuss Together:**

1. What are you doing to show others that you’re disciple of Christ?
2. How can we show others true love, like Christ has shown us?

March 31, 2026

## **Until We See Him**

Tim Vik

1 Peter 3:8 (NKJV) “Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous.”

For the past 30 days, we have reflected on what it means to live as the Body of Christ—loving one another, forgiving one another, bearing one another’s burdens, encouraging one another, serving one another.

These commands were never meant to be a one-month emphasis. They are a lifelong calling.

Peter writes, “Finally...” Not meaning “this is the end,” but instead, “this is what it all comes down to.” Unity. Compassion. Brotherly love. Tender hearts. Humility. This is what the church looks like when Jesus is truly our Lord.

The world will not be drawn to our programs as much as it is drawn to our love for one another. The enemy is not threatened by busy Christians - but he is threatened by a united church. When we truly live out the “one anothers,” we become a visible example of the gospel.

And one day, our “one another” living will culminate in eternity. So this is not the end of a one-month journey - it is the beginning of living intentionally.

Let’s continue:

- Loving one another.
- Praying for one another.
- Forgiving one another.
- Bearing with one another.
- Encouraging one another.
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### **Questions:**

1. Which “one another” impacted you most this month?
2. What is one intentional step you will take to continue living this out?