

Count Your Blessings



The Blessing of Community

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

God Is Relational

- The creation story is a powerful reminder that relationships and companionship were integral to God's design from the very beginning.
- The same power that spoke creation into existence now guards us.
- Christians are called to be one body.
- We are not meant to carry the burdens life throws our way alone.

Relations Help Us Bear Our Burdens

- We rely not only on God's love but also on the strength of community to bear the weight of life's trials.
- Driven by love for God and others, we are called to lift each other up.
- We must look around and consider those who may be struggling, or need a word of encouragement, a listening ear, or a helping hand.
- We need to be known by our love and compassion.

Relationships Help Us Build Up Our Faith

- As we carry each other's burdens, we are called to walk side by side, encouraging and strengthening each other's faith.
- Our care should extend beyond physical needs to the spiritual well-being of others.
- We can care for others by not only learning the Word but living it daily through our words, actions, and generosity.

Call to Action

- Every act of love, gift, and encouragement strengthens the whole body of Christ.
- Each of us has something to give—whether to meet physical needs or to uplift others spiritually.
- If you have survived trials and, by God's grace and strength, found shelter in Him, share your testimony.
- When you feel called to share the Good News, do so boldly, undeterred by potential criticism or persecution.

Conclusion

- Each act of love, each gift, and each word of encouragement is not just helping an individual—it is strengthening the entire body of Christ.
- When we share our resources, offer our wisdom, and lift others up in their struggles, we are fulfilling our calling.
- Every time we give or serve, we are building a community that reflects God's love and unity.