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Worship Service
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1 Thessalonians: Holiness & Hope in a Hostile World

Lesson Nineteen • 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15

The Call to Ministry

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To promote peace in the church we are called to MINISTRY in the church.

Be at peace among yourselves. 1 Thessalonians 5:13

And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15

Every Member a Minister

Every member at LifeBridge is a MINISTER for building up the church.

The existence of pastors in the church does not release its members from their responsibility to care for one another in the church.

And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-12

The Call to Ministry at LifeBridge

1. Every Member Is Called to BUILD UP Those Who Are Struggling and Need Spiritual Care!

Different Approaches for Different Needs

➤ ADMONISH the idle (v. 14).

➤ ENCOURAGE the fainthearted (v. 14).

➤ HELP the weak (v. 14).

Universal Approach for Building Up All

Be PATIENT with them all (v. 14).

2. Every Member Is Called to MAKE SURE Everyone Responds with Grace When Done Wrong!

Christlike Response to Acts of Evil

➤ Refuse to RETALIATE with acts of vengeance (v. 15).

➤ Seek to DO GOOD with acts of kindness (v. 15).

Takeaway for LifeBridge

Let us be a church ENGAGED in the work of ministry, characterized by the grace and truth of Christ, for building up the body of Christ, until Christ returns for His church.