Real Christian Community Series—The Church as it Ought to Be

“Bear With One Another”

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Ephesians 4:1-3

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Introduction:
A. Sometimes we find it hard to _______ __________ with each other.
B. Healthy relationships require _______ _______ and a lot of ________.
C. How many have seen the movie “The ____________ of the ______”?

I. Bearing with others is part of living a life _________ of our calling.
   A. We are called to _______ and _________ all people - those we _______ and those we don’t.

II. Bearing with others requires __________, gentleness and ____________.
   A. In humility we remember that each of us are far from ________.
   B. It helps to be more patient with others when we try to underdasd _______ they are ________ from.

III. Bearing with others requires ___________.
   A. Forgiveness is not a ___________ - it is a ____________.
   B. Forgiveness is very ____________ and is impossible with ____________ ____________.
   C. Forgiveness and ____________ are not the same thing.
   D. Forgiveness is good not only for the ___________, but also for the ____________.

IV. Bearing with others preserves ________ among believers.

Conclusion: Practical Steps for Bearing with One Another
A. We can take a good look at ourselves and make an ________ ________ of our own weaknesses and idiosyncrasies.
B. We can make a _____ of those with whom we have difficulty _____.
C. We can _______ about the situation.
D. We can make an effort to ______ appropriately toward the person.
E. All of us are ___________ and ____________.