It’s All About Jesus

Church hurt and our shared calling to serve Christ

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Our shared devotion to Jesus calls us to address hurt honestly, seek healing, and serve together in love. How we treat one another shapes how people see His church.

1 We belong to Jesus and to one another

1 Corinthians 12:12–27

God gives each member a place and purpose. Our differences matter, and so does our pain. When one member suffers, the whole body should respond with care.

2 Leaders carry a greater responsibility

James 3:1; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 5:2–3; Mark 10:42–45

Leaders answer to God for how they care for His people. Lead through service, humility, and example. Support leaders through prayer and honest communication, with appropriate accountability.

3 Recognize the spiritual battle

Ephesians 6:12; Ephesians 4:26–27; 2 Corinthians 2:10–11

The enemy can exploit unresolved anger and division. Pray before reacting, take responsibility for your response, and resist gossip. Pursue truth, repentance, and forgiveness.

4 Seek understanding before reaching conclusions

James 1:19–20; Ephesians 4:15

Listen carefully and speak truth in love. Hurt deserves care, but assumptions about motives need examination. Ask, “This is how it felt to me. Is that what you intended?”

5 Examine expectations and differences in commitment

Romans 12:3–8; Galatians 6:1–5

Recognize different gifts, abilities, and circumstances. Clarify expectations, honor commitments, and communicate limitations. Carry one another’s burdens while accepting personal responsibility.

6 Bring our differences under the lordship of Jesus

Philippians 2:1–8

Follow Jesus’ humility, value others, and submit preferences and convictions to Scripture. Unity must remain grounded in the biblical Jesus and gospel (John 1:1–14; 14:6; Acts 4:12; 2 Corinthians 11:4; Galatians 1:6–9).

7 Keep your eyes on Jesus as you pursue healing

Hebrews 12:1–3; Romans 12:18

Bring your wounds to Jesus and pursue peace where possible. Healing may require an apology, difficult conversations, healthy boundaries, and time. Trust grows through honesty and consistent behavior. Serious harm requires protection and accountability.

Our response this week

Renew your devotion to Jesus. Pursue reconciliation where possible. Serve together in love (John 13:34–35). Our hope is in His death and resurrection; respond to Him in repentance and faith.