

The Joy of Accountability

Prov 27:6; Heb 10:23-25

"All mankind is of one author, and is one volume; when one man dies, one chapter is not torn out of the book, but translated into a better language; and every chapter must be so translated ..."

“As therefore the bell that rings to a sermon, calls not upon the preacher only, but upon the congregation to come: so this bell calls us all: but how much more me, who am brought so near the door by this sickness ... “

“No man is an island, entire of itself,
Every man is a piece of the continent,
A part of the main.
If a clod be washed away by the sea,
Europe is the less ...

Any man's death diminishes me,
Because I am involved in mankind,
And therefore never send to know for
whom the bell tolls; It tolls for thee.”

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No man stands alone,
Each man's joy is joy to me,
Each man's grief is my own.**

**We need one another,
So I will defend,
Each man as my brother,
Each man as my friend.**

**I saw the people gather,
I heard the music start,
The song that they were singing,
Is ringing in my heart.**

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Can you think of a Christian brother or sister right now:

- *whom you can turn to when you are in trouble (family crisis, serious illness, victim of injustice/ oppression)?***
- *whom you can bare your soul, and share your struggles within?***

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*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works,** which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*

Ephesians 2:8-10

Let your light so SHINE before men, that they may see your good works and GLORIFY your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

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Accountability

Why we are a “big deal”

Sermon Series: “Authentic Community”	Made in the Image of God
All We Like Sheep	We are Precious
Culture of Honour	We are Honoured
The Folly of Judging	We view each other Highly
Our Father (Psalm 103)	We are deeply Loved
Embracing Offense	We overcome evil with Good
Words that Heal (or Kill)	Our words are Powerful
Welcoming Strangers	We turn strangers into Family
The Joy of Accountability	We Account for each other’s Ability!

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the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.”*

Prov 27:6

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- **Give each other permission** to create discomfort and to speak words of truth, in love (= “exhort”).

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“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Heb 10:23-25

**No man is an island,
Way out in the blue,
We all look to the One above,
For our strength to renew.**

**When I help my brother,
Then I know that I,
Plant the seed of friendship,
That will never die.**