



July 24, 2016
Elevation · 11:00 am
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Together We Go Ephesians 6:21-24

We must know each other well to change the world together.

"But that you also may know about my circumstances, how I am doing, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make everything known to you. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know about us..." Ephesians 6:21-22a

- Tychicus is sent from Rome to Ephesus for the purpose to help them know each other well. We can't serve together without that bond of truly knowing each other.
- Ephesians 4:12 - building up of the body of Christ should be our goal when we serve in our various roles.
- Ephesians 5:19 - Speak to one another in songs. Build each other up in worship.

We experience comfort, peace and love from being a family.

"...and that he may comfort your hearts. Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 6:22b-23

- Brethren - brothers and sisters in Christ, united in service, God as our father. We are a church family that is better together.
- The Household Code of Ephesians 5:21-6:9 shows us how to mutually submit and encourage one another in our family life.

We give grace for those united in this better together journey of loving Jesus.

"Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with incorruptible love." Ephesians 6:24

- Ephesians 1:2 & Ephesians 6:24 - grace given by Paul at the beginning and the end of his letter. We give grace to one another.
 - Write down names of people or groups of people that you wouldn't have thought you could be actually be better together with, but you have learned how to be this year.
 - Write down additional names of people or groups of people with whom you want to be better together in the future.

- We love with incorruptible and undying love. ἀφθαρσία (aftharsia) “incorruptibility” – imperishableness, immortality

- We have unity through Christ and our calling from Him
 - Ephesians 4:4-6 “There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.”

 - Ephesians 4:16 “we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.”

- Prayer is the way we fight for each other and help fulfill our purpose.
 - Ephesians 6:10-20. The armor of God.

 - Ephesians 6:19-20. “Pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.”

LifeGroup Discussion:

1. What has stood out to you the most in this Better Together series through the book of Ephesians?
2. What are some ways you can befriend people who are different than you? How will knowing each other well help us to change the world for Jesus more effectively?
3. How can you pray for people to fulfill their purpose as an ambassador of Christ as Paul requested in Ephesians 6:19-20?

Next Steps:

1. **Consider becoming a member of Calvary Church to fully commit to being part of the church family.** The next membership process is at the Discover Calvary class on Sunday, August 7 from 12:30-3:45 pm in Fireside Room. calvarylife.org/discover
2. **Pray through your list of people you want to be Better Together with that are more difficult for you.** Initiate reconciliation with anyone in our church family with whom you have unresolved conflict.
3. **Ask three or more people to pray for you to fulfill Paul’s goals in Ephesians 6:19-20 (see the passage above).**