

Faith Factor

Daring to Commit

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Romans 6:13 (TLB) – “Give yourselves completely to God – every part of you – for you are back from death and you want to be tools in the hands of God, to be used for his good purposes.”

Luke 9:23 (TLB) – “Anyone who wants to follow me must put aside his own desires and conveniences and carry his cross with him every day and keep close to me!”



The Great Commandment: Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT)
“‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

The Great Commission: Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)
“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Five Commitments

1. Uniting with others in WORSHIP,

Psalms 34:3 (NLT) – “Come, let us tell of the LORD’s greatness; let us exalt his name together.”

Isaiah 40:31 (TLB) – “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.”

Psalms 100:2 (NLT) – “Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy.”

Psalms 122:1 (NLT) – “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”

2. Connecting with others in FELLOWSHIP,

Romans 12:4-5 (MSG) – “We are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way around. The body we’re talking about is Christ’s body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn’t amount to much, would we?”

Ephesians 2:15-16 (TLB) – “He took the two groups that had been opposed to each other and made them parts of himself; thus he fused us together to become one new person, and at last there was peace. As parts of the same body, our anger against one another has disappeared, for we have been reconciled to God. And so the feud ended at last at the cross.”

2 Corinthians 5:18,19 (NIV) – “God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ gave us the ministry of reconciliation: And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.”

3. Growing with others through DISCIPLESHIP,

Ephesians 4:16 (NLT) – “He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT) – “God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.”

4. Serving with others in MINISTRY,

Mark 8:35 (TLB) – “If you insist on saving your life, you will lose it. Only those who throw away their lives for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live.”

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 – “Two people are better than one, because they get more done by working together. If one falls down, the other can help him up. But it is bad for the person who is alone and falls, because no one is there to help. Also, on a cold night, two under the same blanket gain warmth from each other, but how can one be warm alone? And one standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer; three is even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.” (NCV/TLB)

When we work together:

- We _____ (vs. 9)
- We _____ (vs. 10)
- We _____ (vs. 11)

Matthew 10:42 (TLB) – “And if, as my representatives, you give even a cup of cold water to a little child, you will surely be rewarded.”

Matthew 25:40 (CEV) – “The king will answer, ‘Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me.’”

5. Joining with others in EVANGELISM,

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20 (NLT) – “What gives us hope and joy, and what will be our proud reward and crown as we stand before our Lord Jesus when he returns? It is you! Yes, you are our pride and joy.”

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