

Day 8 - 14 Days of Prayer & Fasting - 06/02/23

We are Better Together 2023@ICC

After the 6 days of creation, God saw it was GOOD! And it was VERY GOOD. But in Genesis 2:18, God declares for the first time "It is NOT good for MAN to be alone". We were designed for RELATIONSHIPS. We are BETTER TOGETHER because we can grow WISE with the Godly, we can have deep and meaningful relationships, and we can achieve more and persevere more.

Being together is not just about being in close proximity to one another, it is about true fellowship in the Spirit of God. Proverbs 27 says that as iron sharpens iron, so does one man sharpen another. Relationships are NOT easy, Jesus said offenses will come, but as we rub shoulders and opinions and perspectives with each other, there in lies the opportunity to grow, learn and love. We are to become more Christlike, God wants to transform us into the IMAGE of God. God is LOVE! Paul tells us let LOVE BE YOUR HIGHEST GOAL. YOU CANNOT SAY YOU Love God and hate your brother or sister. We are to put aside jealousy and selfishness and love one another as Christ has loved us.

The key to relationships is not agreement, but actually COMMITMENT, COVENANTAL COMMITMENT. Sticking together through the good and tough times and learning to YIELD and LOVE. The devil hates unity and wants to divide and destroy our relationships from marriages, to leadership teams, to families. Let's rebuke every plan and manoeuvre of the enemy to play on people's pride and self wants.

Read and PRAY: 1 Corinthians 13. Love is patient and is KIND...

Also pray for harmony in ICC amongst all the leaders, connect groups and ministries according to Psalm 133 -

[1] How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony! [2] For harmony is as precious as the anointing oil that was poured over Aaron's head, that ran down his beard and onto the border of his robe. [3] Harmony is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon that falls on the mountains of Zion. And there the LORD has pronounced his blessing, even life everlasting.

Release the blessings of Obed Edom!

Watch Dr Robert Waldinger on What makes a good life? (<https://youtu.be/8KkKuTCFvzI>).

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