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*Building the Church*  
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*“Let all things be done for edification.” 1 Corinthians 14:26*

We live in a broken world, where everything seems to be breaking down — our cars, our appliances, our relationships, and our bodies. But God reminds us that the congregation is a place where believers use their spiritual gifts to build one another up. Some weeks, we are falling apart all week, but Sunday comes, and we surround ourselves with God’s people who are commissioned by Jesus and empowered by the Spirit to go to work building us up again. We all need that.

We all need to be surrounded and bombarded regularly with a constant flow of words, actions, and prayers that edify us. That’s church. It may be a simple but tender greeting, a potent line in a song of worship, an encouraging word, or someone breaking into our lives with a very genuine, “How are you *really* doing?” All of those things are exactly what happens in church life, and all of those things are exactly what lost, unchurched people do not have. Let’s take our part in the Great Commission, building the church to reach others so that they, too, can be saved and built up in Christ.



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