

2020:THE FOUR PILLARS OF BEAVER DAM

PILLAR #2: BUILDING COMMUNITY

Matthew 22.36-40, Philippians 2.1-13

Last week we learned that the 1st Pillar (the first and greatest commandment from Matthew 22.36-38) is Loving God. This is shown through our worship of God.

A. The 2nd Pillar is like it: **LOVING OTHERS**. Matthew 22.39

Jesus' 'new command' to his fearful disciples in John 13.33-35.

The example of the early church in Acts 2.42-47.

The evidence of loving others is **COMMUNITY** .

B. Paul's prescription for building community in the church (Phil 2.1-13)

1. It's not **ALL ABOUT YOU** .

If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Galatians 6.3

Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand. Philippians 2.3-4 The Message

2. Learn to see that **ALL PERSONS** have **VALUE** . v. 3

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them... Genesis 1.27

3. Take **AN INTEREST** in **OTHERS** . v. 4

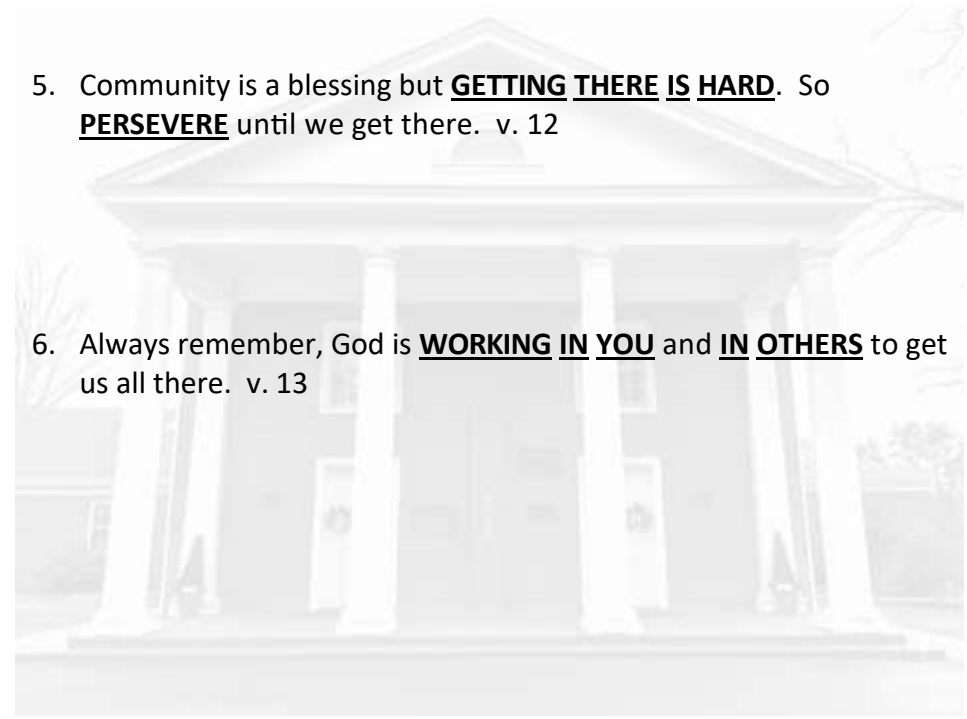
4. Whenever possible, **MEET THEIR NEEDS**.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant... vv. 5-7

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6.2

5. Community is a blessing but **GETTING THERE IS HARD**. So **PERSEVERE** until we get there. v. 12

6. Always remember, God is **WORKING IN YOU** and **IN OTHERS** to get us all there. v. 13



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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

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