

Chapter Nine

Finding Support from the Body

The Trinity demonstrates the perfect relationship of the three persons of the Godhead. Though the perfect Godhead does not require fellowship or relationships, how fitting for God to create us as beings in need of fellowship. Especially in times of suffering, it is desirable to have support from a spouse, friend, or family member. How much more desirable to have a Christian brother/sister to come along side and be what Jonathan was to David – two souls knit together (1 Samuel 18).

The world's view of relationships can be contrary to the Bible. What do these verses say about relationships?

Genesis 2:18

Exodus 20:12

Proverbs 31:12, 15

Matthew 19:4-6

1 Corinthians 12:14

2 Corinthians 6:14

Ephesians 6:1-3

Hebrews 10:24-25

What various teaching methods did Christ use? When it came to His death, how did He communicate with the disciples? What might we learn from this when communicating with family and friends?

Humility is a difficult trait to possess. What does the Bible say about humility? See Philippians 2.

Ephesians 6:13-18 lists the tools you will need for battle. Use the Scriptures to become more familiar with these tools.

Belt of Truth – 2 Timothy 3:16

Breastplate of Righteousness - Philippians 3:8-9, Romans 13:14

Shoes = Gospel of Peace – Romans 10:14-17

Shield of Faith – Ephesians 2:8-9, Hebrews 11

Helmet of Salvation – Romans 5:9

Sword of the Spirit = Word of God - Hebrews 4:12-13

Personal Reflection

What are some ways you can continue to serve and minister to others even through chronic affliction?