

# THE COMMUNICATOR

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## Encourage One Another!

The last two years have been a trial haven't they? We have suffered, done without, been restricted, and have often heard the cunning whispers of that fake friend, Discouragement. What can we do to help hurting people? Well, for starters, we need to face two beautiful facts:

1. *Our problems here are not final.*
2. *We're not the only people, and not the first, to live in troublesome times.*

Shakespeare said, "There is a tide in the affairs of men." The swelling tide of the last two years brought to our shores a tsunami-sized smackdown! In various ages, other people have also been submerged in their own swamping tides.

The writer of Hebrews was dealing with some knee-weak disciples whose cheese was slipping off the cracker, but his words are like warm sunshine pouring through a crack in the storm clouds. His strategies are bound to help the hurting believer in today's tides. Here are three ways to survive the storm:

### Hold Fast to Faith.

***"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised;)" - Hebrews 10:23***

We won't do anyone any good if we allow tough times to move our own eyes off of the Lord. Sometimes shock and despair jolts us and blurs our view of truth. Yes, a fallen world disappoints, but our Redeemer is faithful and true. In our darkest hour, Jesus loves us as He

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loved us at the cross under a darkened sky and with the earth shaking under the fury of God. As the chilling waves of death pummeled Him, his love held fast. He tasted death for us to be our living Savior, good Shepherd, and future King. Keep faith strong by drawing near to Him in full assurance. His promises are final.

***"If you have a good, sound church, be there with bells on when it meets!"***

### Consider One Another.

***And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works; - Hebrews 10:24***

It's easy to be consumed by our own challenges, but in God's family we are called to help others. Taking intentional action, we can speak a word and give the smile that says, "Yes, I know, let's walk together with God through it." Provoking others to love and good works is far better than each going their own way, silently searching for relief, feeling like nobody cares. Silent searchers are among us. They need us to consider them. *(continued)*

**Don't Forsake the Assembling.**

***“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” - Hebrews 10:25***

The enemy divides and conquers. Loneliness and isolation might throw a pity party that promises fun, but that's the wrong party for a believer in Jesus.

We are not alone, praise God!

If you have a good, sound church, be there with bells on when it meets. Those folks are

family. Skipping out on church for no good reason might be the easiest thing to do, but it is the way of selfishness. What if everyone skipped?

Internet church is no substitute for the real thing. It might be educational (if the teacher is sound), but you can't look through that screen into the eyes of a hurting person and bring something to them that helps their soul, or share the gospel to a brand new friend who was a visitor. Go to church and meet some needs! Encourage somebody. Love people! Internet church can be handy, but there is no substitute for personal connection.



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It's not true. Pastors eat problems for breakfast. They get sick. And sometimes they struggle.

These leaders of churches also lead families that are needy. They have financial needs, and worry about who is influencing their kids. Preachers' car batteries die, homes need painting, and need dental care. You might think they just leisurely show up on Sunday, but your pastor is a shepherd whether he is awake or asleep, every day of the week. His kids need rides to ball practice.

Your pastor probably thinks about quitting.

*An October study from the Barna Group, which studies faith in the U.S., revealed that 38% of pastors were seriously considering leaving full-time ministry, up from 29% in January 2021. Among those under age 45, nearly half were considering quitting, according to The Journal. The trend was already taking hold, but the pandemic multiplied pastoral problems and also added a whole new set of pressures. They don't teach "Pandemics 101" class in Bible school either. Your pastor was faced with figuring it out. Have you thanked him for trying?*

Do you show your spiritual leaders that you appreciate their work in the Word? (Gal. 6:6) Do you thank them for feeding your family on Sunday, or do you sneak out the side door and head for lunch?

The Bible says: ***"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward. - 1 Timothy 5:17-18***

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