

BOOSTER, BOOSTER, BE A BOOSTER

SCRIPTURE:

Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near (Hebrews 10:24-25).

MATERIALS LIST:

- (1) Battery charger

MAIN MESSAGE:

Every one of us will have times in our lives when we are discouraged. God has an “app” for that. He created one of the best tools Christians can use to energize their faith when they are down: the Church.

SONG: “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

LESSON:

My wife has the amazing ability to know when I am discouraged and not feeling very well. Moms and dads are pretty good at doing this with their children too. They are able to sense when something just isn't quite right. The reason they can do this is because they know each other so well. They have lived with each other and spent thousands of hours working, and playing, and laughing and crying together. When you are around someone long enough, it is easier to notice when they are happy or sad, when they feel good, and when they are hurting. God created families for this very purpose. He wanted to make sure that we had people around us who would be there to recharge our emotional batteries when we feel like we have had all of the energy drained out of us.

But that is not all, God created to help us when we are down. God has provided something that can give us a spiritual jump-start when our faith begins to weaken as well. In our family, having people who spend a lot of time around each other is the key to being able to give encouragement when it is needed. In our spiritual lives, the same is true, but this time God gave us literally hundreds, thousands, and even millions of people who help us when we need that extra boost of confidence. In Matthew 16:18, Jesus said, “Upon this rock I will build My church.” God knew that there would be some tough times in the lives of Christians. Because of this, He created a church “family” that is made up of everyone who has obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ.

However, there is a catch. I cannot be encouraged or spiritually recharged if I do not spend a lot of time around my church family. The loneliest I have ever felt in my life is when I got into the bad habit of not attending as many church services and activities as I possibly could. That is why God commands us to “not forsake our own assembling together” (Heb. 10:25). God knew how important it is to be around other Christians as much as we possibly can. If I do not come to Bible class, or worship, or other fellowship activities, then no one is able to “stimulate” (energize) me “to love and good works” (Heb. 10:24). But even more important than that, I am not able to “stimulate” other people and encourage them either. We have to remember that we are all on the same team and we all struggle at times. There will be times when I need to be motivated to stay strong in my faith, and then there are times when I need to return the favor and encourage others as well.

PRAYER: We will always encourage each other and never develop the bad habit of forsaking our assembling together with the church so we can be encouragers to other Christians too.