Christ & Us

Ken Chapman · 1 Corinthians 12:12–27

INTRODUCTION

- The God who created us created us as social beings.
- He built within us, within our mechanism, within our psyche, this interdependence that we need other people.
- I'd like for us to talk about relationships, the relationships that God intended in the body of Christ, and how we should live in those relationships and what happens when those relationships go wrong.

1 God Has a Plan in the Body of Christ

1 Corinthians 12:12–27; 1 Corinthians 14:4–26; 1 Corinthians 3:17

- For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body being many are one body, so also is Christ.
- God has a plan for spiritual growth and for spiritual encouragement in the body of Christ in the church. And we need to be a part of that plan.
- We ought to be so interconnected that when someone else is suffering, I don't have to be told.
- The talents that you might have in this body need to be governed and channeled by love.
- It's not to build yourself up, it's to build up the body. It's to build up others.
- You're destroying, defiling God's temple, and you'll have to answer to not man, but to God.

2 Don't Let Anybody Stand Between You and God

Numbers 20:12; Psalm 106:32–33

- We get discouraged with one another, we get put out with one another, and then we end up letting that destroy our relationship with God.
- Don't let anybody stand between you and God. Don't let anybody wreck your relationship to God.
- Because you did not believe me to hallow me in the eyes of the children of Israel. Therefore, you shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.
- They angered him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses on account of them.
- Moses allowed those, the children of Israel, and their behavior, more properly, their misbehavior to affect his character negatively and his relationship to God.

THE CHALLENGE

Be the part of the body that God intended you to be. Help one another. Love, edify, encourage, support, but always make it about your relationship with God and about helping others enhance that relationship with God.

MY NOTES