

A Ministry of Heartsway Baptist Church

WEEK ELEVEN • THE POWER OF ENCOURAGEMENT | WEDNESDAY

The Ministry of Presence

Key Truth

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE (KJV)

Romans 12:15

"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep."

Good Morning!

Good morning! Encouragement does not always require a speech. Often it begins with presence: celebrating another person's joy or sitting quietly beside someone in sorrow.

Romans 12:15 calls us to enter the experiences of others. Rejoicing together multiplies gratitude. Weeping together divides the loneliness of grief.

We may avoid hurting people because we do not know what to say. Yet compassionate presence can speak when words cannot. A listening ear, a shared tear, or a faithful prayer says, 'You are seen, loved, and not alone.'

Slow down today. Give someone your full attention. Resist the urge to redirect the conversation toward yourself or provide a quick answer. Be present, and let the love of Christ be felt through your willingness to share their moment.
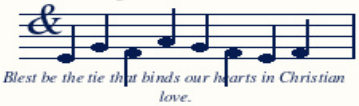
TAKE FIVE CHALLENGE

Take five intentional minutes today.

1. **Read Romans 12:15.**
2. **Celebrate one person's good news sincerely.**
3. **Make room for someone who is hurting.**
4. **Spend five minutes praying with compassion.**
5. **Offer your presence without trying to fix everything.**

SONG FOR THE JOURNEY

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
— John Fawcett



Christian fellowship joins our joys and sorrows and reminds us that no believer walks alone.

SHARE THE BLESSING

Give someone the gift of unhurried attention. Celebrate what brings them joy or sit faithfully with them in sorrow.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, teach me to be fully present with others. Keep me from careless words, hurried answers, and self-centered conversation. Help me rejoice sincerely, weep compassionately, listen patiently, and make Your loving presence visible. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PASTOR MIKE'S THOUGHT

You do not always need the perfect words; sometimes love is most clearly heard through faithful presence.

THE GOSPEL IN ONE VERSE

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16 (KJV)

TOMORROW'S TAKE FIVE

Week Eleven • Thursday • Words That Give Life • Proverbs 16:24 (KJV)

Walking with you in Christ,
Pastor Mike
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Doing God's work, God's way, in Jesus' name!

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