

SERMON NOTES

“Breaking the Huddle”

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Attending church on Sunday is a bit like being in a _____.

THREE THINGS THAT HAPPEN IN THE HUDDLE:

1.) Encouragement

One of the things I always pray for is the opportunity, God willing, to come at last to see you. For I long to visit you so I can bring you some spiritual gift that will help you grow strong in the Lord. When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours.

Romans 1:10-12 (New Living Translation)

Do your utmost to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, as well as Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brethren.

2 Timothy 4:19-22 (New King James Version)

2.) Healthy Challenge and Admonition

But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Phillips paraphrase describes it this way. "It is now for you to demonstrate the goodness of Him who has called you out of the darkness into his amazing light."

1 Peter 2:9-11 (New Living Translation)

3.) Instructions

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.

1 Corinthians 13:4-6 (New Living Translation)

We can't simply stay in the _____, we have to get out of the huddle and _____.

THREE KEY RELATIONSHIPS:

- 1.) A viable ongoing relationship with _____
- 2.) Active caring relationships with the _____ and the _____
- 3.) Godly relationships with _____

Matthew 25:14-30 (page #1541)

THREE KEY MESSAGES (from Matthew 25 passage):

- 1.) God gives different people different gifts
- 2.) Reward for doing well is greater challenge and greater opportunity
- 3.) The consequences fall to those who don't try-who don't get out of the huddle