

Let Brotherly Love Continue

Hebrews 13:1–3

Late one winter evening, Daniel received a call from a Christian family whose car had broken down while they were passing through town. The repair shops were closed, they had nowhere to stay, and helping them would interrupt his comfortable evening. Daniel remembered how the church had cared for him during a difficult season, so he drove across town, welcomed the family into his home, and gave them a meal and a place to rest. Months later, he learned that this simple act had encouraged them not to give up. What seemed small to Daniel reminded a weary family that they belonged to the family of God.

That story captures the message of Hebrews 13:1–3: Christians are commanded to continually demonstrate their love for one another so that they might encourage one another. Brotherly love is not merely a warm feeling or an occasional kind word. It is a continuing commitment that becomes visible in the way we treat fellow members of God's family.

Love the Brethren You Know

"Let brotherly love continue" means that our care for one another must not disappear when opinions differ, schedules become crowded, or relationships require patience. A call, prayer, meal, visit, apology, or word of encouragement can strengthen a struggling Christian. We should not wait until love is convenient; we should choose to keep practicing it.

Welcome the Brethren You Do Not Know

Hebrews 13:2 calls believers to remember hospitality. Visitors, traveling Christians, and new families should not remain unnoticed among us. We can introduce ourselves, sit with them, invite them to a meal, help with a practical need, or simply make room for them in our lives. Hospitality tells the unfamiliar believer, "You are not alone; you belong here."

Remember the Brethren Who Suffer

Hebrews 13:3 teaches us to remember imprisoned and mistreated Christians as though we were suffering beside them. Remembering is more than being aware of their hardship. It means praying, providing, visiting when possible, communicating encouragement, and refusing to let distance make us indifferent. When one member suffers, the whole body should care.

This week, let us follow Daniel's example. Encourage one Christian you know, welcome someone unfamiliar, and prayerfully support someone who is suffering. These actions may seem ordinary, but God can use them to renew hope and strengthen His church. Brotherly love must be more than something we discuss; it must be something others experience through us.

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