

Romans 15:1-6

What's It All about?

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves; let each of us please our neighbor for the good, for building up. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The insults of those who insult you fall upon me." For whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Every Day with God

It's all about relationships. Paul reminds us that we are to think in harmony with one another. Paul reminds us that those of us who are strong should help our neighbors who are weak. Paul reminds us that we should be of one accord.

Those are challenging reminders. Doesn't it seem as if our world is more polarized than ever before? Doesn't it seem like we are more about pleasing ourselves than pleasing our neighbors?

Paul prays that the "God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another."

We owe it to Jesus to try to get along with one another. It is all about relationships.

Prayer: God of endurance and encouragement grant me to think in harmony with my neighbors.

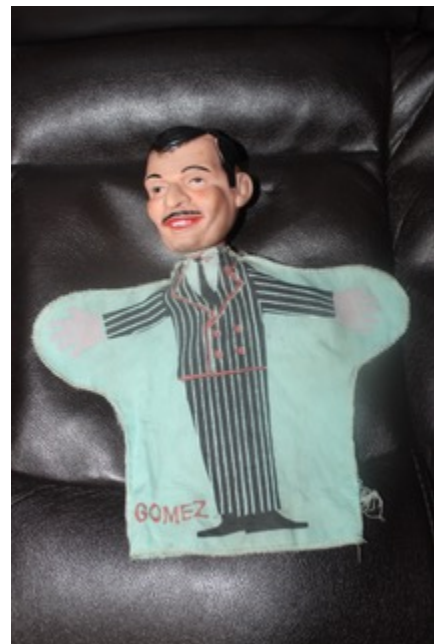


Photo: We need to open our arms and welcome our neighbors into them.