

LIVESTREAM

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# Prayer Highlights





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# Part 3: "A Place to Belong"

*"You are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and you belong in God's household with every other Christian."*

**Ephesians 2:19b (LB)**



*"God's family is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth."*

*I Timothy 3:15b (GWT)*



*"It is not good for man  
to be alone."*



*The Bible says we are put together,  
joined together, built together,  
members together, heirs together,  
fitted together, held together and  
will be caught up together.*

**(1 Corinthians 12:12)**



*While your relationship to  
Christ is personal, God never  
intends it to be private.*



Romans 12:5

"In Christ we who are many  
form one body, and each member  
belongs to all the others"



**The Bottom line:**  
*The church is God's  
agenda for the world.*



*Jesus said (in Matthew 16:18.)*  
"I will build my church, and all the  
powers of hell will not conquer it."



**The Bible says, “Love your  
spiritual family.” (1 Peter 2:17)**



Ephesians 2:19

"You belong in God's household  
with every other Christian"



WHY YOU NEEDED A  
CHURCH FAMILY



#1] A church family  
identifies you as a  
genuine believer.



#2] A church family  
moves you out of self -  
centered isolation.



*"If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it. Or if one part of our body is honored, all the other parts share its honor."*

*(1 Corinthians 12:26)*



#3] A church family  
helps you develop  
spiritual muscle.



*The Bible says, "As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love."*

*Ephesians 4:16*



***We are commanded to love each other, pray for each other, encourage each other, admonish each other, greet each other, serve each other, teach each other, accept each other, honor each other, bear each other's burdens, forgive each other, submit to each other, be devoted to each other, and many other mutual tasks.***



#4] The Body of  
Christ needs you.



*1 Corinthians 12:7*

*"A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church."*



#5] You will share  
in Christ's mission  
in the world.



**The church is God's  
instrument on earth.**



#6] A church family  
will help keep you  
from backsliding.



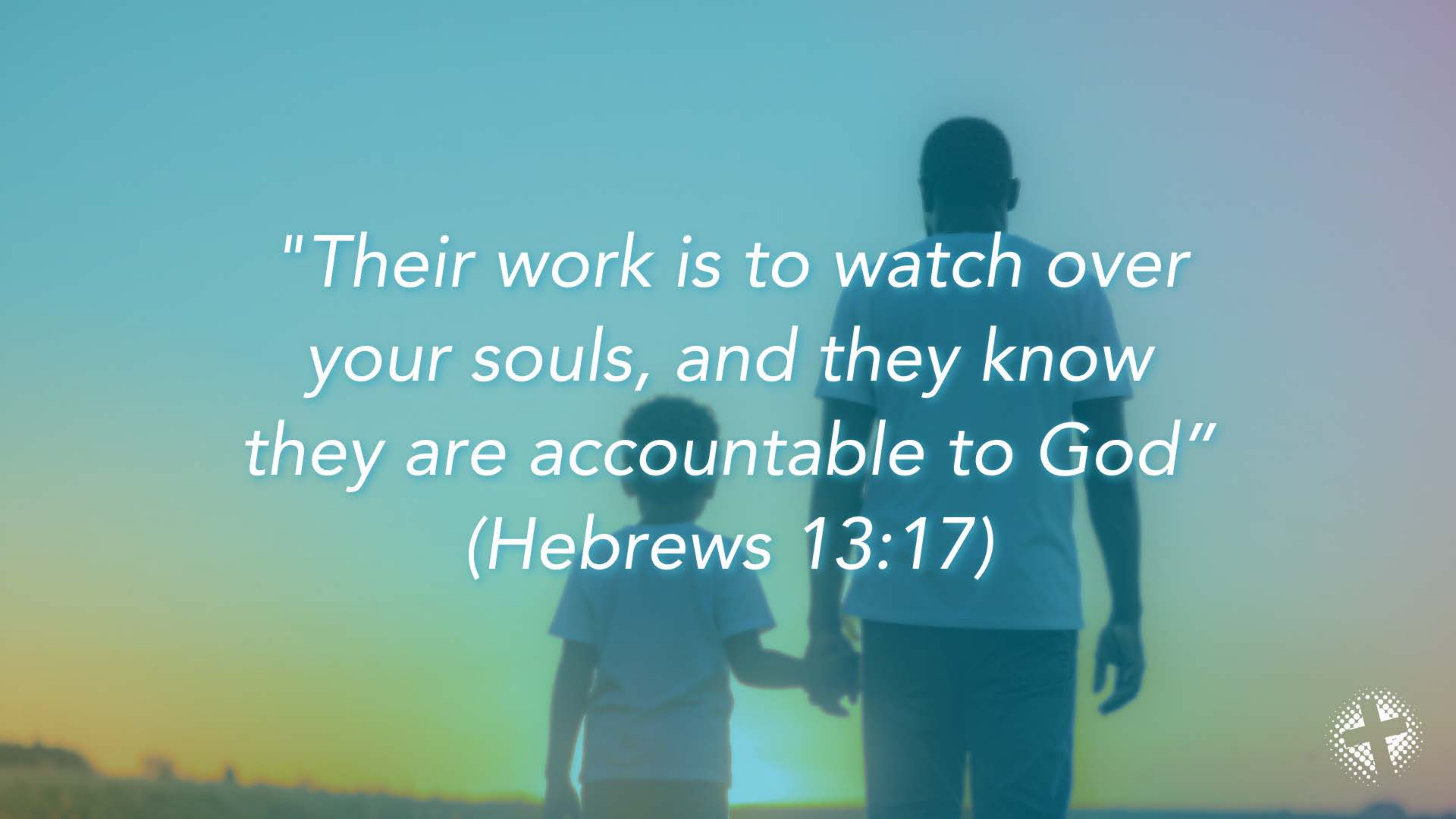
*Hebrews 3:13*

*"Encourage one another daily...  
so that none may be hardened  
by sin's deceitfulness"*



**James tells us, "If you know people who have wandered off from God's truth, don't write them off. Go after them. Get them back." (James 5:19)**





*"Their work is to watch over  
your souls, and they know  
they are accountable to God"*  
*(Hebrews 13:17)*



**Question to consider:**

***Does my level of involvement in my local church demonstrate that I love, and am committed to God's family?***

