

BE STRONG, FALL 2022 – ZACH MABRY
SNOWBIRD WILDERNESS OUTFITTERS

LIVING OUT THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH - EPHESIANS 4:11-5

- ▶ “ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”

WE ARE THE SAINTS

- ▶ God has blessed us with pastors and teachers. Their job is to equip the saints for the work of the ministry
- ▶ We are the ones who are supposed to be doing the “work of the ministry”
- ▶ We cannot look to our pastors to do the work of the church. We need to look in the mirror

TAKE OWNERSHIP

- ▶ Your pastor is not:
 - ▶ In your house
 - ▶ Married to your wife
 - ▶ Parenting your children
 - ▶ Working at your job

USING YOUR HOME FOR THE GOSPEL

- ▶ You are the pastor of your home and the resident theologian
- ▶ Is your home a place where the Gospel is taught and lived out?
- ▶ Is your home a sanctuary for others?

USING YOUR WORKPLACE FOR THE GOSPEL

- ▶ You may be the only witness to your coworkers
- ▶ Are you working with excellence?
- ▶ Are you living and preaching the Gospel?
- ▶ 1 Cor 10:31 "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

STOP COMPLAINING

- ▶ This culture is trying to emasculate our young men and trap them into a prolonged adolescence. True. What can you do to help?
- ▶ Don't let your church be the church fall into the 80/20 trap. Recruit and find areas to serve
- ▶ "1 Peter 4:7-11: The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: . . . whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

GET TO WORK

- ▶ Foster and adoption
- ▶ Coaching/FCA
- ▶ Widows and shut ins
- ▶ Investing in younger men

GET CREATIVE

- ▶ Firewood
- ▶ Handyman/Yardwork
- ▶ Cleaning
- ▶ Cooking/Hospitality

FINAL WORD

- ▶ Romans 12:3-8 " For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness."