

## I. The Abundant Life is a Life of Service

- A. Described as a service of love
  
- B. The service of God is first manifested in a believer in the church
  - 1. Paul looked for faith and love for the saints
  
  - 2. *A new commandment I give you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another ~ John 13:34*

## II. You Need the Body of Christ, the Church

- A. Ephesians 4
  - 1. That is where we meet the men God has given to build us up
    - a. To equip the saints
  
    - b. To the building up of the body
  
  - 2. Why do we need them?
    - a. To help our faith
  
    - b. To understand our salvation in Christ
  
    - c. To protect us from deception
  
    - d. To grow up into Christ

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### **III. The Body of Christ Needs You**

A. Because everyone is gifted for a purpose

B. Because growth comes when every part of the body is functioning efficiently

### **IV. Loving the Rest of the Body will Limit Your Experience on this Earth**

A. Because the church is not where it needs to be

B. Because I must work to help it become what it needs to be

### **V. Loving the Rest of the Body will Help You to Attain the Highest Possible Understanding of God on this Earth**