



# FAITH MAIL

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### The Blessing of One Another

Thousands of people in our communities find themselves alone and isolated, without anyone to fellowship with. The coronavirus pandemic made this much worse, leaving many with severe mental health issues, depression and other debilitating conditions that mar their quality of life.

Children of Yahweh should never feel alone or cut off from others because of the nature of the family they belong to. Apart from Yahshua's promise never to leave us, we have what I call 'the blessing of one another'. One another means you're '**one**' among others of the same kind – in this case, followers of Yahshua. The apostle Paul, speaking about Yahweh's family, illustrates this beautifully with the picture of the human body. Many parts make up the body. They are interconnected and function harmoniously for the support and good of the whole (1 Cor. 12). So, in Yahweh's family, you're part of something bigger than you. The others need you as much as you need them. We are His Body and dwelling, not as individuals, but collectively, together (see 1 Cor. 3:17, Eph. 2:19).

In the New Testament, we find at least 22 'one another' statements, such as: "*Bear with one another*", "*Love one another*", "*Encourage one another*", and so on. These statements are directed at you and me, instructing us how we should behave towards each other. Again, it's for the good of the whole family. This means we're personally responsible for living by the values and principles captured in the 'one another' statements. So, as members of Yahweh's family, we worship, fellowship, grow, work, stand, and do life together. We're not independent, acting alone, but interdependent. The real blessing of embracing the 'one another' statements is that we're never alone, and through our contribution, the Body matures and achieves its purpose.

In Yahweh's family,  
no one grows or  
accomplishes the work  
they're called to do on  
their own.

How well are you doing in living out the 'one another' values? We have a self-assessment exercise that can help you to find out and perhaps work to improve your commitment to these values. Contact Miriam Bird, for your copy.

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