

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, Proverbs 11.

Hebrews 10:23-25 "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (ESV)

How do you see you and your relationship with the church? Is church important to you? Is it something that meets a need? Is it something you look forward to, or is it unnecessary and time-consuming?

I am not questioning one's faith or love for Christ. I am not trying to make anyone feel guilty when you can't make it to church. But this past weekend, I attended a meeting where we were introduced to a gentleman by a video recording he sent. In the video, he shared how important the Lord is to him, especially living in the Middle East.

Not everyone can go to church. The video was only a part of his story. He actually took online classes (at 5:00 A.M. his time) with others in our Association, and because he is the only believer where he lives, he looked forward to the weekly fellowship with class leaders and other students. The classes were his only way to worship, fellowship, and learn with other believers.

I heard how Authorities came into his house one day to inspect some things, and God be blessed, his computer was not on at the time, or he could have been arrested.

What we often take for granted can be a lifeline to others who want, need, and long for the opportunity to worship, fellowship, and study with other believers.

We should hold fast our confession of faith, not just for self, but for the growth and preservation of other believers.

Church is a place to connect with God and others.