

Strengthening Our Spiritual Family



1 Corinthians 16:13-18 (NKJV)

¹³ Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. ¹⁴ Let all *that* you *do* be done with love. ¹⁵ I urge you, brethren--you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and *that* they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints-- ¹⁶ that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with *us*. ¹⁷ I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. ¹⁸ For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men.

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- ◆ We have experienced more than our share of setbacks!
- ◆ Easy to get weary and discouraged – (Heb. 12:3)
- ◆ How will we respond?

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- ◆ The need for strong leadership –
- ◆ The need for a dedicated membership –
- ◆ The need for active participation –
- ◆ The need for sacrificial giving

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“We Need To Watch”



- ◆ **We need to watch our attitudes** – Phii 4:8
- ◆ **We need to watch our words** – Eph. 4:29
- ◆ **We need to watch our actions** – 1 Cor. 14:26
- ◆ **We need to watch for each other** – Rom 15:1,2

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“Stand Fast In The Faith”



- ♦ **In the faith** – 1 Cor. 15:1,2;
Col. 1:23; 2 Thes 2:15
- ♦ **“Be steadfast, unmovable,
always abounding in the
work of the Lord”** – 1 Cor.
15:58; 1 Thes. 3:3
- ♦ **Stand fast TOGETHER** –
Phil. 1:27

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“Be Brave, Be Strong”



- ♦ **“Quit you like men, be strong” (KJV) - ἀνδρίζω –**
(To be manly, Vines) – Josh. 1:6,7,9,18; Ps. 31:24
- ♦ **Following Jesus will take courage and fortitude –**
Mat. 5:10-12; Acts 14:22;
Rom. 12:14; 2 Tim. 3:12;

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“Let All That You Do Be Done With Love”



- ◆ **True love is based on commitment** – Affection, goodwill, benevolence – Active goodwill toward another – genuine concern for the well being of others
– 1 Cor. 8:1; 13:1-8; 14:1;
- ◆ **Imitating God’s love for us**
– John 3:16; Phil 2:1-8

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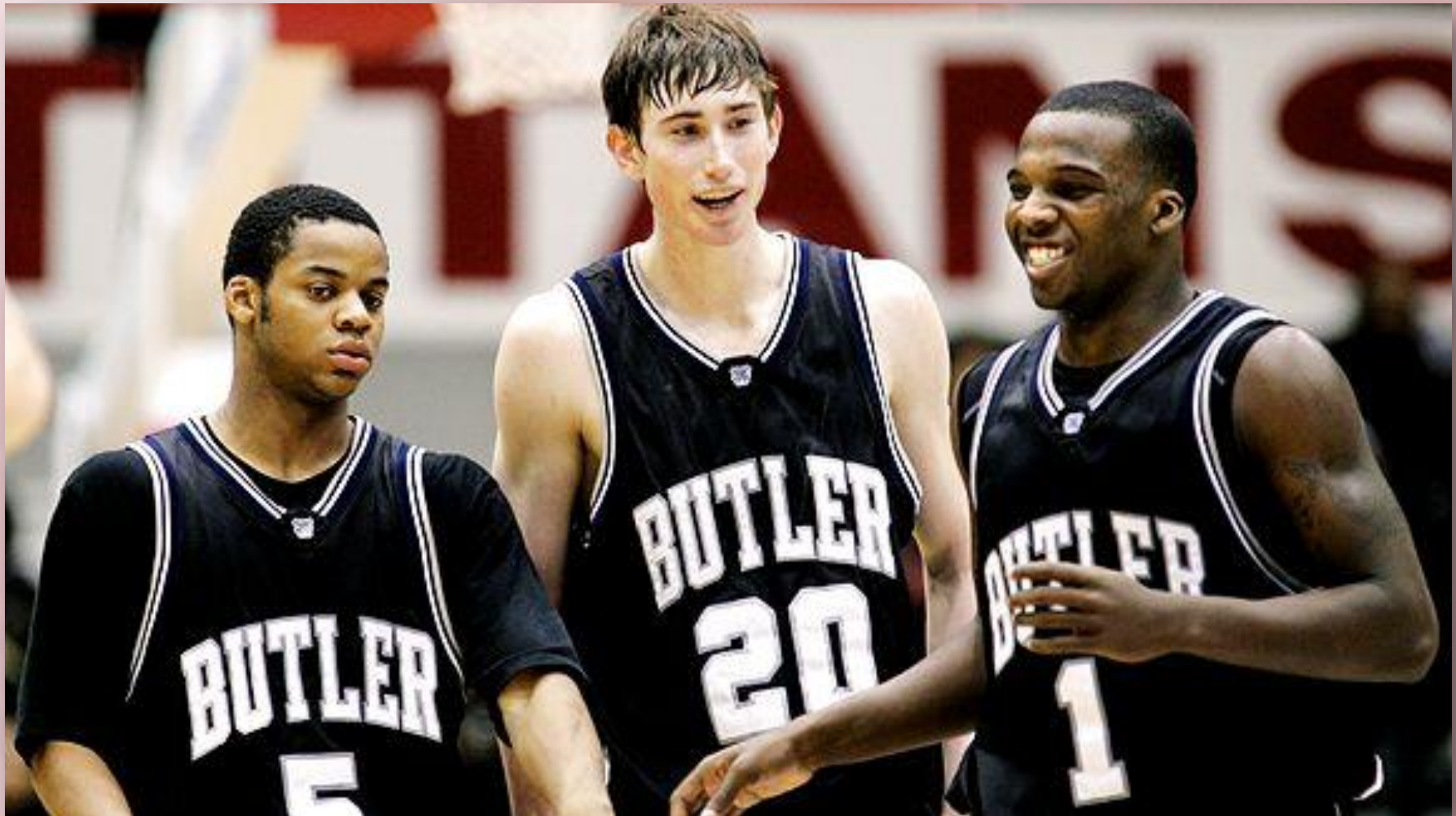
What We Need



- ◆ **Qualified Leadership** –
1 Tim 3:1-7; Tit 1:5-9
- ◆ **Substantive Preaching** –
2 Tim 4:2
- ◆ **Edifying Bible Classes** –
Eph 4:12
- ◆ **Heartfelt Worship** – John 4:24
- ◆ **Inspiring relationships** –
Rom 12:5-10
- ◆ **Enthusiastic Teamwork** –
Rom 12:5-8; Eph 4:16

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The Importance of Teamwork



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- ◆ Vigilance –
- ◆ Perseverance –
- ◆ Courage –
- ◆ Commitment –

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James 1:2-4 (NKJV)

² My brethren, count it all joy
when you fall into various
trials, ³ knowing that the
testing of your faith produces
patience. ⁴ But let patience
have *its* perfect work, that you
may be perfect and complete,
lacking nothing.

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