

**WEEP WITH THOSE WHO WEEP**

For the past several months we have been troubled as we watched people on social media erupt in angry, hateful, hurtful words. As we see this we cannot help but ask, “Where is the kindness? Where is the empathy? Where is the love of Jesus?

*“Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep”* the Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 12:15). The next verse adds, “*Live in harmony with each other.”*

Harmony in today’s world seems far from our reality. The religious world is divided. The political world is divided. Our society is divided and this division too often is the division between right and wrong.

Maybe we need to stop listening to the voices that scream at us on social media or on our favorite TV channel. Maybe we need to stop listening to those who make millions by sowing discard among us.

It is time we stopped pointing fingers of blame and start choosing to weep with those who are weeping. It is true that perhaps in our own life we have struggles and pain and we have walked through some very dark valleys. However acknowledging someone else’s hurt does not mean that we cannot continue to work through our own. Maybe we need to step away from our computer and television and look a real person in the face and try to understand what that person is experiencing.

Only by learning to sit with others through pain we can learn how to really live in harmony with one another.

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***Welcome to our services*  SUNDAY Worship…………………………………9:30 AM Bible Class……………………………10:45 AM MONDAY Bible Study……………………………6:30PM WEDNESDAY Bible Study……………………..…..7:00 PM THURSDAY W.I.N.G.S. (Women In God’s Service) Ladies’ Bible Class…………….10:00 AM**

**Monday PM, Wednesday PM and Thursday AM classes will all meet in the West Annex for the present time**

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**TODAY’S SERMON: MAKING GOOD DECISIONS**

Friday Christians



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