

Building transparency to build the kingdom

Building Each Other Up

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

1 Thessalonians 5:11

We are made stronger as individuals with the help of brothers and sisters. There is beauty in building each other up in this community because in this process, we edify ourselves, equip each other, and ultimately, strengthen our desire to become more like Jesus Christ.

Here in CCF, community is a given.

So how do we make use of this precious community that God has provided for us?

As women in this community come together, we are able to empower one another and extend this kingdom of God as a unit. With that, I want to see women in this kingdom stir up one another in striving to live a Christ-like life. But in this process, we need a foundation to build upon - prayer, to constantly turn back to God. And this foundation is pieced up by us laying down our struggles at his feet. Therefore, in the midst of sharing and praying, vulnerability comes into play.

The Foundation of Building - Prayer

“Pray continually,” 1 Thessalonians 5:17

In fellowship, prayer is a practice that most of us are comfortable with. Here, Paul commands believers to pray without ceasing. It does not simply mean praying out of habit and routine. It is the attitude of God-consciousness and surrendering ourselves to God in every moment. As believers and followers of Christ, this is ideally the attitude that God wants to see deeply rooted in us.

Together as a fellowship, building this functional body of Christ as a unit requires an strong rooted foundation where we can communicate with God. Through praying continually, we can build this kingdom of God.

Vulnerability in Prayer

“Brothers and sisters, pray for us.” 1 Thessalonians 5:25

How often do we take the initiative to ask others to pray for ourselves? “Pray for me”. This is something more than being brave and bold. This is our openness to share with vulnerability. And as sisters, we are there to be transparent; we are there to show love through prayer.

“That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” 2 Corinthians 12:10

As we come to admitting who we are with all our struggles and imperfections, we recognise the need for community, and we recognise our need for God, because where we are weak, he is strong. Fear, pride, jealousy... these might not be the first things we would want to share about. But it is in our brokenness that we are all utterly reliant on God. If this place is where we can pour ourselves into others, and is where we can be vulnerable before God, we become stronger as individuals and as a unit.

My vision does not end at women's ministry of UTCCF. This ministry is just a platform for women to come and stand in transparency and experience prayer with vulnerability. All in all, it is to extend beyond this ministry and support all women, all leaders and everybody in this community as well as spur all of them to do the same.

Let us seek prayer with vulnerability to build each other up with prayer.