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WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY?

## Spoonfuls of Life

### Let's go on a family "vacation" ...

*"By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames." 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 (NIV)*

### Testing | loss | flames

*"Remember how the LORD your God led you through the wilderness for these forty years, humbling you and testing you to prove your character, and to find out whether or not you would obey his commands. Yes, he humbled you by letting you go hungry and then feeding you with manna, a food previously unknown to you and your ancestors. He did it to teach you that people do not live by bread alone; rather, we live by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD." Deuteronomy 8:2-3*

### Who am I?

- Can *that* person be loved?

### More than community

*"Students are not greater than their teacher. But the student who is fully trained will become like the teacher." Luke 6:40*

*"So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing."  
1 Thessalonians 5:11*

### Cultivating community

*"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control..."  
Philippians 3:20-21 (NIV)*

*"Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ. When I was with the Jews, I lived like a Jew to bring the Jews to Christ. When I was with those who follow the Jewish law, I too lived under that law. Even though I am not subject to the law, I did this so I could bring to Christ those who are under the law. When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law, I too live apart from that law so I can bring them to Christ. But I do not ignore the law of God; I obey the law of Christ. When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings." 1 Corinthians 9:19-23*

### Do they know who they are?

- Does *that* person know they are loved?

**"The life of the Christ-follower IS the life of the church  
enfolded in the community."**

*John Stott's Daily Reflections—pages 21-28  
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