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***Today’s Lesson: Love One Another***

**From Mike:**

It has been a rough Winter this year for Sundays. Last week we had another snow storm come in and it started early Sunday and snowed all through the morning. The timing was about as bad as it could be in terms of deciding whether or not to cancel our morning gathering. It was just a dusting at 7:30 and if we called things off and the snow stopped, people would complain that we were being wimps! If we didn’t call things off and it got terribly worse, folks would complain that we should have been more careful. Here is something I want you to remember. You don’t need anyone’s permission to come to church or choose to stay home. IT IS AND ALWAYS WILL BE—YOUR CALL TO MAKE! We had over one hundred of us here last Sunday. We cut a song or two, and I did a short lesson to introduce this week’s lesson, and we were all finished by 10:50. We didn’t have any trouble navigating through the snowy roads, but I don’t fault anyone who didn’t want to get out in it. We had a wonderful time together, even with a much smaller crowd, and I am very thankful that everyone got safely home afterwards.

It is hard to call off a Sunday morning Bible class and assembly time. Why? Because a lot of work, planning, and preparation went into getting ready for it. And, it is important! God wants us to get together and build one another up and help each other grow in Christ. When something is important to a lot of people, you have to be wise and very considerate about when and why to cancel things. It’s also complicated by the fact that everyone has different ideas about when and how things become dangerous. Finally, one of the biggest reasons it is hard to cancel is because we have financial obligations as a church family, and some folks just don’t make up their contribution when they don’t attend. That sets many things back and puts us in a negative situation.

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