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Romans 15:1-7

We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³ For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." ⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

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⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

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- Make disciples!!! (verse 2)
- No self-absorption! No tearing down!
- Imitate Christ by sacrificing to bless and benefit others (verses 3-4)

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Glorify God Through Supernatural Harmony

- A prayer for God to help us endure and be encouraged in extraordinary harmony (verses 6-7)
- Of course we'll disagree that's OK!!!
- Be so transformed by submission to Christ that we are one, no matter our differences and disagreements!
- Welcome others like Jesus welcomed you! (verse 7)

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