



“And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.” 1 John 4: 21

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**Sunday – February 19, 2017**

## **Heart to Heart...**

*“With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints.”* (Ephesians 6:18) We can’t do it alone! We have no power to do anything alone. Our strength, our power is completely dependent upon our Lord and Savior. It was by the power of God who helped over these last two weeks while I was in Texas preaching/teaching/counseling. Your prayers and devotion to the Lord brought changes in the heart of the people as I personally visited with families and taught God’s message. Together with the Lord, good things came from working with the church and some of their struggles there. Hearts moved and changed. It’s wonderful to know that even though many may not know the struggles of others our Father does and knows what is needed and uses each of us to help. That was accomplished and let us give our thanks to our Father for His mercies and compassion to aid our brothers and sisters in times of uncertainty.

Your prayers and words of encouragement were very helpful. I am so thankful to the saints here for your emails and texts you sent me while away working with a congregation of the Lord’s church in Lubbock, Texas. I shared with them your messages and together we labored and they gave God thanks. The congregation was deeply moved by your love and prayers and they send their gratitude and love back to each of you here.

Without the elders here supporting me along with you and the Lord we could not have accomplished such good things. I want to ask you to continue to pray for the congregation in Lubbock as they set their sights on the Lord’s work, appoint more elders and deacons and overcome the devil’s attacks to bring people down into the pit with him. I want you to pray for our congregation. We have been blessed. I don’t know how much you realize what the Lord has brought to this congregation. We need to be alert and sober-minded as the devil looks for ways to take us down. Don’t think for a moment he will not attack and try to destroy us. We need to be holding to the Lord with all our heart, diligent in studying His word and prayerful each day. Salvation is drawing near. If you have been coasting, I pray you will stop lagging and be fervent in spirit serving the Lord. The coasters, the ones not too interested or put any thought as to what is going on, they are easy prey for the devil. I love you and pray for this congregation each day. Those aren’t just empty words but a reality. The Lord has blessed me by bringing us together in His name, for His name and rejoicing in His name. May His grace reach you and may your devotion and fire for Him never stop! Seek the truth and respond to it. Thank you and thank you. Think about it!!!

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