



Enough is our Concordia University Texas theme for the 2023-2024 academic year.

CONNECT

with self and others:

What does it mean to be consistent?

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ENGAGE

the Word:

I'm graduating this semester from the DCE program (Kathryn Morgan here) and still haven't decided where I'm going to serve, and work come January 2024. Moving is such a scary task. My move will involve a new car, new tires, finding my cat a home, driving across the country multiple times, and leaving some things behind in Austin. Everything is going to change for me. I will no longer be a student. I will have a real job. Everything is changing. When everything is changing, it's hard to remember that some things never change. That one thing that never changes is God. God never changes, He's always the same, and He's always there for us.

Recently I told a friend that to get God's help we must call upon him. In a particular time when Jesus invited Peter to walk on water with him on the sea, Peter starts drowning after a few steps, and calls out to Jesus. What is interesting to me is that it was only then that Jesus immediately helped him. My friend noted, sure, we need to ask for help, but Jesus wasn't a mile away waiting for Peter to call on Him, He was standing right next to him, ready to help. Jesus is always there, the one thing that can remain constant and consistent in our lives (even when we move out of our Concordia season). Jesus died and rose again so that we could have free access to forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. He took the sins of the entire world on the cross and transferred to us His credit of righteousness.

Jesus is consistently there for us; how can we keep our eyes fixed on him? Perhaps being consistent with quiet time in the word and in prayer. In the passage we are asked to let love continue, and to show hospitality to everyone. How can we be consistent in loving others? The simple answer is by allowing God to work through us.



READ
Hebrews 13:1-8

SHARE:

Discuss these questions in your group or ponder in your private study.

- 1. What does it mean to "let brotherly love continue"?
2. Where have you seen God's consistency in your life?
3. How can you be consistent in your relationship with the Lord?

1Let brotherly love continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. 3 Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. 4 Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. 5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." 6 So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

- Hebrews 13:1-8

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PRAYER:

God, remind us that You are a consistent and constant God. That you are always here for us, waiting for us to call upon you. Help us to seek you so that we can love others well. Guide us as we go throughout this week serving you. Amen.

