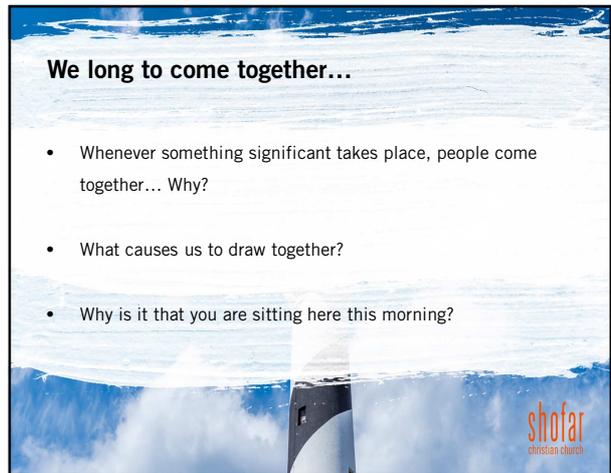


# A HEART FOR THE CHURCH

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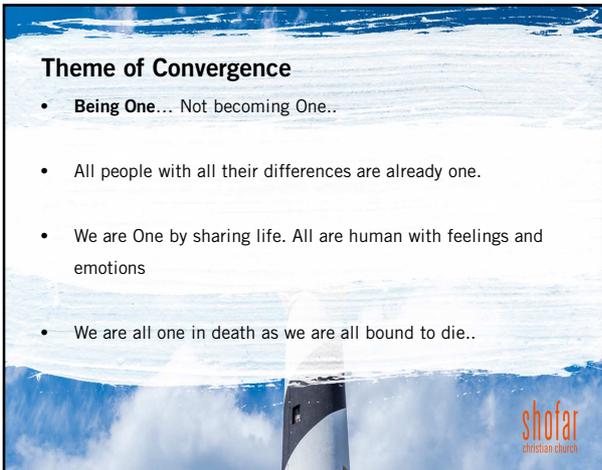
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## We long to come together...

- Whenever something significant takes place, people come together... Why?
- What causes us to draw together?
- Why is it that you are sitting here this morning?

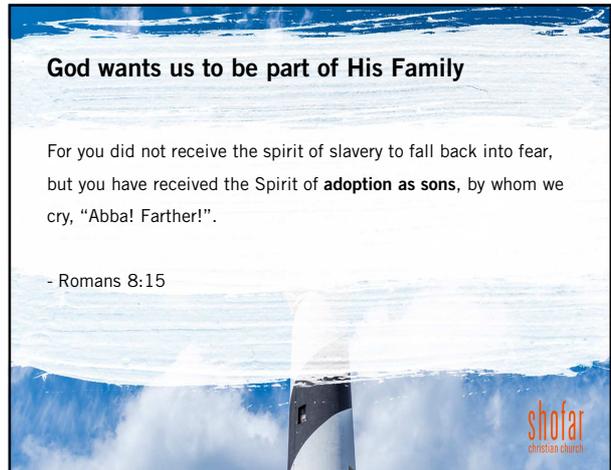
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## Theme of Convergence

- **Being One...** Not becoming One..
- All people with all their differences are already one.
- We are One by sharing life. All are human with feelings and emotions
- We are all one in death as we are all bound to die..

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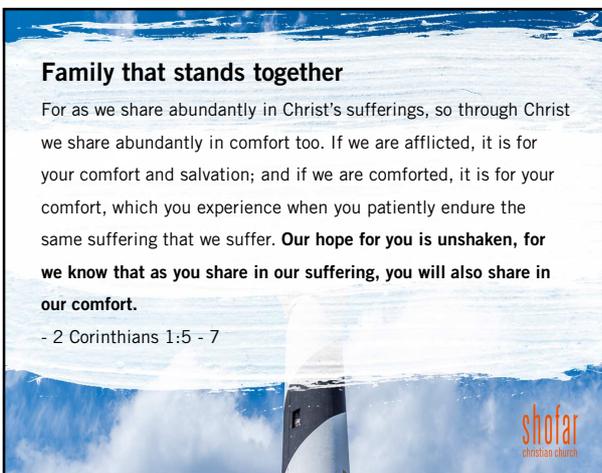


## God wants us to be part of His Family

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of **adoption as sons**, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

- Romans 8:15

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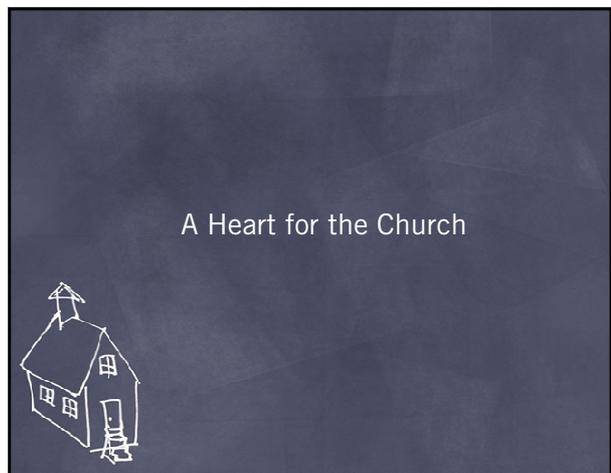


## Family that stands together

For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same suffering that we suffer. **Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our suffering, you will also share in our comfort.**

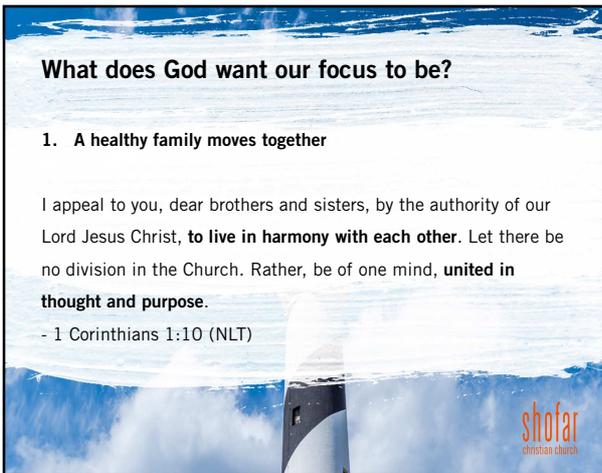
- 2 Corinthians 1:5 - 7

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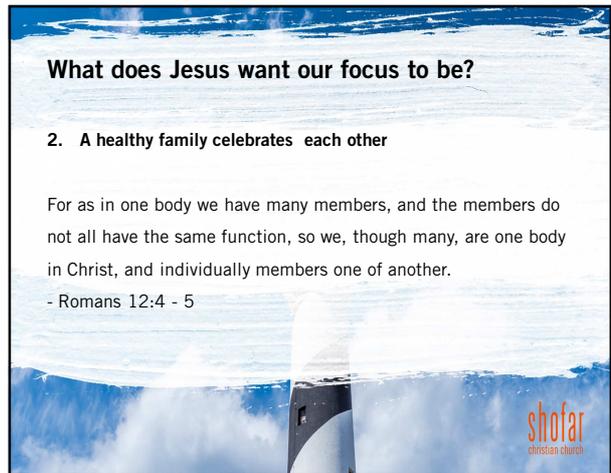
**What does God want our focus to be?**

1. **A healthy family moves together**

I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, **to live in harmony with each other**. Let there be no division in the Church. Rather, be of one mind, **united in thought and purpose**.

- 1 Corinthians 1:10 (NLT)

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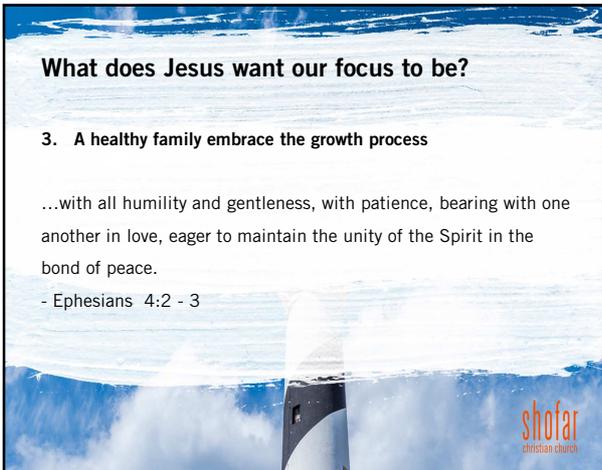
**What does Jesus want our focus to be?**

2. **A healthy family celebrates each other**

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

- Romans 12:4 - 5

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**What does Jesus want our focus to be?**

3. **A healthy family embrace the growth process**

...with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

- Ephesians 4:2 - 3

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