

## We Are Builders!

### Description

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Romans 14:13-23

Building a fort with your siblings teaches you a few things:

1. Having the same parents does not guarantee having the same opinions.
2. If you spend your time bickering rather than working on the fort, you won't get it done in time for the neighborhood water-balloon fight.
3. Your siblings have a great deal more to contribute than you originally admitted.

For the sake of our goal we had to work together, encourage each other and find peace. The same goes for the church. Believers must, for the sake of the goal, work together, encourage each other, and find peace. Our work should be about building up people not tearing them down. What can we do to encourage the gifts and graces in our fellow brothers and sisters?

My brothers and I learned that the little details each of us wanted in the fort were not nearly as important as its function. In the same way, the kingdom of God is not about "eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (v. 17). If we seek the latter, we will be better prepared to make a stand when the enemy attacks.

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