

AWAKENING

Awakening Through Growing Together
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*“So encourage each other to **build each other up**, just as you are already doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (TLB)*

People are different

1. DECIDE TO _____.

*“Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don’t see things the way you do. And don’t jump all over them every time they do or say something you don’t agree with—even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak in the faith department. Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently.”
Romans 14:1 (MSG)*

People change

2. DECIDE TO _____.

*“When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!”
2 Corinthians 5:17 (TLB)*

People hide

3. DECIDE TO _____.

"We refuse to wear masks and play games. We don't maneuver and manipulate behind the scenes. And we don't twist God's Word to suit ourselves. Rather, we keep everything we do and say out in the open, the whole truth on display, so that those who want to can see and judge for themselves in the presence of God."
2 Corinthians 4:2 (MSG)

People sin

4. DECIDE TO _____.

*"When people sin, you should **forgive and comfort** them, so they won't give up in despair."* 2 Corinthians 2:7 (CEV)

People are selfish

5. DECIDE TO _____.

*"...**Encourage** anyone who feels left out, **help** all who are weak, and **be patient** with everyone."* 1 Thessalonians 5:14 (CEV)