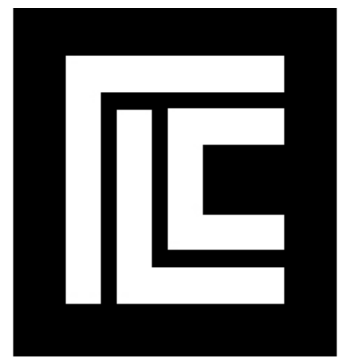


## Never Let Go: An Answer for the Hope

July 24, 2022

1 Peter 3:8-16



*This morning we continued our series in 1 Peter, Never Let Go. The church is meant to stand out. Peter urges the churches in Asia Minor that they should be ready to give an answer for the hope that we have. This requires the church to step in to some specific ways of living and being, that for many of us, will be unnatural and challenging.*

### Getting Started

It takes work to do things differently. What's something that you worked to do differently that proved difficult?

### Read

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### Digging Deeper

- In the text above, what stands out to you? What did you sense God saying to you as you read this passage and listened to the message on Sunday?
- Of the five characteristics of the powerfully united church (listed below), which is most challenging for you? Which comes easiest? How have your past experiences effected this? Share with the group.
- To the world around us, we have an option to respond to evil and hurt with more evil and hurt, or with compassion and empathy. Is there an evil/hurt that you are experiencing that you have an opportunity to respond with love, compassion and empathy? Discuss as a group.

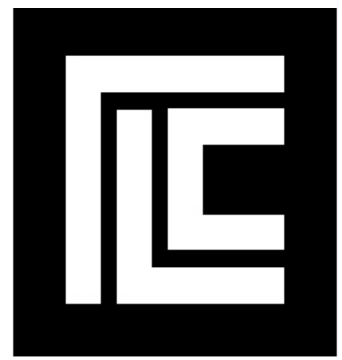


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### The Five Characteristics of the Powerfully United Church

1. Like-minded “homophones” (harmonious in heart and mind)
2. Sympathetic (understanding and supportive)
3. Love one another (love one another)
4. Compassionate (empathetic, considerate)
5. Humble (meek)



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