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**Prophetic Word to the Church**  
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**Steady as She Goes!!! Every Joint Supplies!**

In 2022 the Lord gave me a word about how we should be comforters to others just as He has been to us. The word also centered around allowing others to actually be comforters to us. If you recall the definition of the word comfort from Merriam-Webster Dictionary is to give strength and hope to; to ease grief or trouble; a person or thing that helps to alleviate a difficult situation. From the Oxford Dictionary, a person or thing that helps you when you are suffering, worried or unhappy. All of this emanated from our 2022 theme Mentoring and Launching.

I didn't know how the scriptures the Lord gave me would fit with the 2023 Theme, Steady as She Goes!!! But as Apostle Robinson began to bring the messages and say words like, your life can save many others because you are in God, when God calms storms in our lives, he wants us to help someone else, and I might need your prayers or your help to lift me, I was so in awe of how God brings things together. The word the Lord gave me for 2023 shares the same principles and concepts as the word He gave me in 2022. **I HEAR YOU LORD**, Steady as She Goes!!! Stay the course.

**The title of my word for 2023 is Every Joint Supplies!**

**Hebrew 10:24-25 AMP**

24 and let us consider [thoughtfully] how we may encourage one another to love and to do good deeds, 25 not forsaking our meeting together [as believers for worship and instruction], as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more [faithfully] as you see the day [of Christ's return] approaching.

**Eph 4:16 NLT & AMP**

16 He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. NLT

16 From Him the whole body [the church, in all its various parts], joined and knitted firmly together by what every joint supplies, when each part is working properly, causes the body to grow and mature, building itself up in [unselfish] love. AMP

In Hebrews 10:24, Apostle Paul said let us consider (thoughtfully) one another and on January 15, 2023, Apostle Robinson told us to listen, which according to Merriam-Webster's Dictionary means to hear something with thoughtful attention, to give consideration. According to the Oxford Dictionary, attention means to take notice of someone or something.

In verse 25 Paul is encouraging us to come to Church. I can't take notice of or thoughtfully consider you, or you me, if I **only** attend church from my home. Matthew Henry's Commentary

said “The communion of saints is a great help and privilege, and a good means of **STEADINESS and perseverance; hereby their hearts and hands are mutually strengthened.**” The Lord has warned us that there will be currents and rough waters this year and that we could get off balance, stop or give up. The Lord told us not to get distracted.

Gospel Recording Artist, Hezekiah Walker, sang a song entitled “I need you to survive!”  
I need you, you need me,  
We’re all a part of God’s body.  
Stand with me, agree with me,  
We’re all a part of God’s body.  
It is his will that every need be supplied.  
You are important to me, I need you to survive.

God has commanded Steady as She Goes !!! and stay the course, so how can we help each other stay the course, not get distracted, and not give up?

Ephesians 4:16 From Him the whole body [the church, in all its various parts], joined and knitted firmly together by what every joint supplies, when each part is working properly, causes the body to grow and mature, building itself up in [unselfish] love. AMP

From that scripture, the Lord showed me a piping system and joints and compared it to the Church. According to Anup Kumar Day, What is Piping.com a blog for piping engineers, Pipe joints are integral to any piping system as the length of the pipe is limited. God said my Church is limited without the joints. So, to have a continuous piping network pipe joints must be used.

**EVERY JOINT SUPPLIES!** Each of us is a supplying joint in the piping system (the Church). We ensure the Church can extend, grow, and mature. Remember the Church is not the building, it’s the people. Without each other working together and performing our individual functions, the body does not operate at its full capability.

Depending upon the technique and the type of joint used, usually, the joints can sustain the pressure that comes through the pipe. God already told us there are going to be storms/pressures this year, they can come in the form of family issues, physical and mental health problems, financial problems, and stress.

A few of the techniques used for a strong joint fitting are piping glue, Teflon taping, soldering, and sanding. Which one of these techniques do you need to stay the course? Come into God’s house where the fitting takes place. It is His will that every need be supplied, I need you, you need me. Steady as She Goes!!!