

Some Lessons from 2018
Embracing your “Community field”

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 (2Co 12:7) So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.

(2Co 12:8) Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.
 (2Co 12:9) But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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(Col 4:3 ESV) At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—
(Col 4:4 ESV) that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.
(Col 4:5 ESV) Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.
(Col 4:6 ESV) Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

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(Psa 12:2) Everyone utters lies to his neighbor; with flattering lips and a double heart they speak.

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that ignites the hand of God to move in your
community

(Isa 53:5 ESV) But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

(Isa 53:6 ESV) All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

(Isa 53:7) He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.
