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- **There should be a commitment to contributing to one another’s growth, and by so doing, contributing to our growth together.**

There are four things that need to be in place in order for us to be a church that is growing together, that is stirring one another up, to love and good deeds.

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SECOND) Truth

THIRD) A Willingness to Speak

FOURTH) A Willingness to Listen

### **EPHESIANS 4:29**

*Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.*

**Ask yourselves, what grade would you give yourself when it comes to relationships? to the truth being present in your life? to having a willingness to speak? to having a willingness to listen?**

- Are you positioning yourself in meaningful relationships for meaningful involvement in those relationships?
- Do you have a personal life in the Word?
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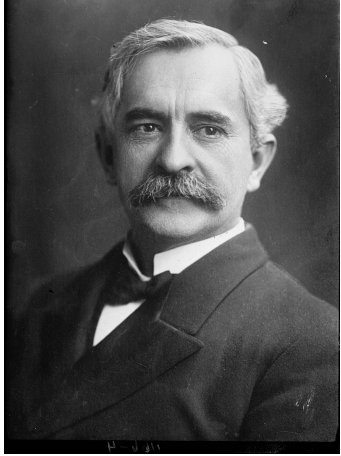
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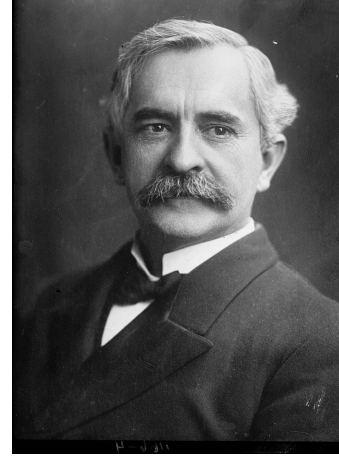
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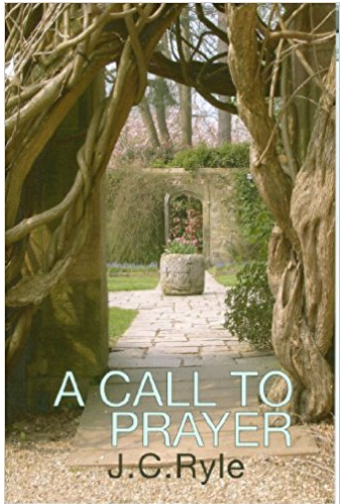


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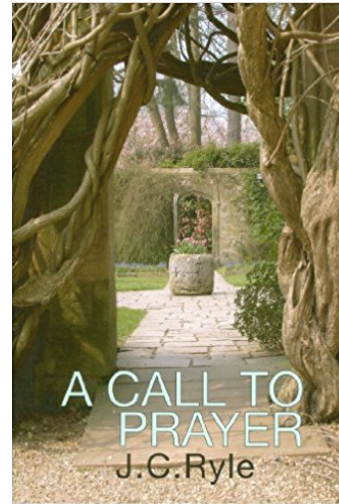
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