

**August 17<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Dear Church pt1: Roll the Credits**

**Intro:** The word Church in the Greek is the word Ecclesia and is defined as an assembly or gathering of God's family by faith for a purpose. Many of the books in the New Testament were written to the Church. In many of these books written by the apostles Paul and John, they mention several names of the believers that helped them in the work of the ministry. They essentially gave shout outs to the people who were behind the scenes. A great number of Christians in the American Church have elevated certain pastors and leaders idolizing them wrongfully. In reality, there is only one superstar in the Church, and only one celebrity, and that is Jesus the Christ. It takes all of us together to build the Kingdom.

**I. Your Presence Matters**

- A. Phil 4:3 – just showing up can change someone's life. Spending time with fellow believers pouring into their life can make a big difference. Speak to the potential to those around you and show that you care about them. Reach out to those around you and encourage them. You are influencing them with the Kingdom of God by showing up.

**II. Your Faith Matters**

- A. Heb 10:24-25- And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some. Your faith mixed with the faith of your fellow believers is a powerful force. As you come into agreement in faith with others, their faith will stir up your faith and vice versa. Each person can boost the other's faith.

**III. Your Love Matters**

- A. You are preaching a message everyday by the way you live your life. Don't underestimate the power of; encouraging others, loving others, and forgiving others. All of the saints are significant and valuable. Love one another with brotherly affection (Rom 12:10). Outdo one another in showing honor. Show kindness and prefer one another.

**Discussion Questions**

1. Have you idolized a specific Christian pastor or leader?
2. Who are you encouraging or pouring into on a regular basis?
3. Are you in community, and are you accountable to others?