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Topic: The Weak in the Faith

Scripture text: Romans 14:1-9

1. The local church is a mixed multitude, comprising true believers, false believers and unbelievers. Among believers, there are also varying levels of spiritual maturity. Some may be strong while others may be weak in the faith. It is important and necessary to learn how to love one another (Rom 13:9-10). It is not easy but we are saved to serve and to love.

2. The word "faith" in verse 1 comes with the definite article, referring to the Christian faith or objective faith, which is the Word of God. There may be those who are weak in their knowledge and understanding of God's Word. Saints must be students of God's Word but some may be ignorant in it. We must "receive" them, which means to pull the person toward us instead of pushing the person away from us. It is to encourage and build the person up. We should not be quick to judge and despise the person. Instead, we should be gentle and patient in helping the person to grow.

3. Some may want to follow certain dietary rules while others may not. Some may commemorate special occasions such as Good Friday, Easter Sunday or Christmas, while others may not. We should not be judgmental and discriminatory. The key is doing all things unto the Lord (Phil 1:21). Ultimately, we all belong to the Lord. Therefore, let us treat one other with love and be gracious and gentle with one another.