

No. 36 Learn Courage From Creation (Symposium)
 -Elephants

[PLEASE NOTE: This talk includes a video. After the video is shown, refer to it occasionally to illustrate various points]

WE NEED TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER (2 min.)

Jehovah wants us to comfort and strengthen our brothers and sisters

[Read Proverbs 17:17] (Col 4:11, ftn.)

Providing support to fellow believers may require courage

We may feel unsure about what to do or say when a fellow believer is sad or depressed

We might feel nervous about helping a brother who is in spiritual danger from temptation or opposition (w04 5/1 19-20 ¶5-7)

Some might hesitate to spend the time, energy, or resources needed to provide support

Consider how the example of elephants can inspire us to support one another

VIDEO (2 min.)

HOW WE CAN COURAGEOUSLY SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER (5 min.)

If a fellow believer is depressed, show compassion and fellow feeling (1Pe 3:8)

Listen patiently and empathetically (Ro 12:15; w13 8/15 19 ¶7)

Speak tender words that comfort (w15 2/15 9 ¶16)

If a fellow believer is in spiritual danger, come to his aid

Elders have the primary responsibility to do so (Ga 6:1)

Others may also provide encouragement and exhortation (1Th 5:14)

Young ones, help your Witness classmates to be faithful

Identify yourselves as Witnesses and stick together (Da 1:11-19)

If someone challenges a Witness classmate, boldly help him defend the truth

If a friend gets involved in wrong conduct, take steps to help him (Jas 5:19, 20; w16.02 30 ¶14)

When we courageously support one another, we demonstrate our brotherly love (1Jo 3:18)

This entire symposium has highlighted the courage of Jehovah's creation

Let us learn from creation and courageously do Jehovah's will

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