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Stick Like Glue

This is glue stick. If you get nothing more from this sermon, I hope you will remember glue. This is even larger glue stick if I can unglue it! We really need glue stick and you need a lot of glue stick in this day and age. What is interesting and why I chose to use glue stick is because in our world it's been becoming increasingly rare to find individuals who are glued to others and who are glued to their faith and who are glued to their friends and who are glued to their brethren and who are glued to their beliefs. That's why you need glue sticks. What's interesting and the reason I want you to remember that is because the very word that the bible talks about where he says, *You shall cleave one to another*, both in the Greek and Hebrew, comes from the root word *glue*. You shall be glued. *For this reason shall a man leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife*. It means be adhered to, stick with, stick to his wife. In the Old Testament and the New Testament, we're urged to cleave to the Eternal God, to cleave to the Lord your God. In the New Testament it talks about being joined together, same Greek word as cleave. I'll share those with you because in our day and age, commitment is becoming increasingly rare. We've seen individuals leave their commitment they once had to the great God, to the bible, to their commitment at baptism to follow God wherever He would take them and to stick with His way of life. We've seen people abandon that.

In marriage, we've seen two individuals come together and promise, and they still do it in many religions and promise to take each other for life. I will stick with you for life - and they say, I do. And then, months, maybe years later, maybe only a year later, maybe seven years later when the seven year itch comes, they divorce. Sometimes for the shabbiest, most shallow reasons they walk away from each other. In many instances when individuals have walked away because of difficulties, if they had only hung on a little longer, they would have made it. Many are now crying out that one of the greatest problems that individuals have is that in marriage, that of a lack of commitment. Hey, I'm staying with you, you're not dumping me, you're not getting rid of me, I'm with you for the long haul, I am with you. Now we're not talking about gluing or clinging like a parasite, that you can't get this person away from you, we're talking about a commitment to stay with each other through thick and thin. Many find friends who are fair weather friends, they stick with you when they need you, they stick with you when times are good, they don't stick with you. In fact one study that was done by Psychology Today found one of the greatest reasons people abandon their friendships or give up on a friend is because of disloyalty, they don't stick with them through thick and thin, they abandon them.

The divorce rates have actually dropped a little bit in comparison to marriages. But you know why? Because not as many people are getting married, there are a lot of people who just say, Hey, we don't want to be committed, we'll just live together till we find somebody better. That's why they don't want to get married, so many people, instead of getting married, are just living together. Also, in our day and age many people just separate and don't get a divorce because you can just go live with someone else. Whereas in the peak period of time they were divorcing so they could go live with someone else. But the trend continues and divorces continue to rise in the sense, by comparison to the number of marriages.

It's interesting religiously as well when we look at the entire society in the Western world particularly, religious commitment seems increasingly rare. While 95% of Americans claim to believe in God, only 70% claim to belong to some religion. Out of that 70% that claim to belong to some religion, only 40% attend regularly. So it means that though there are 95% believing in God, only 70% belong to a particular religion, which means there are 25% out there who believe in God but go nowhere. So are we doing something with preaching the gospel, trying to reach out to people, trying to help them?

Well what about you? Do you have enough glue in your life? I have something to glue together and I won't take the time, but I can put this on two pieces of paper, stick them together and it stays. It can be pulled apart and it can be ripped asunder, but we all need a whole lot more glue in our lives, in our relationships with both man and God. I'd like to share with you some scriptures regarding this commitment, the devotion one to another that we all need to have. The Greek word for cleaving is *kollao*. It's translated *cleave* and it's translated *joined together*, there's another word, *proskollao* and that has to do with *sticking to*. One is *cleaving*, the other one is *cleaving to*. I'll give you both of those references of scripture. In the Hebrew the word *dabag* also means "to cleave." In Genesis 2:24, we'll cover that scripture in a moment and it's again, the word glue. Let me read to you from Vine's. From the Old Testament, *dabag*, #1692, from the word "cleave or cling." Here's what Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words says: "*To cling, to cleave, to keep close.*" *Used in modern Hebrew in the sense of to stick to, to adhere to, dabag yields the noun form for glue. When God says cleave to your wife, cleave to your husband, He says, stick like glue. Occurring just over 60 times in the Hebrew Old Testament, the term is found very early in the text, Genesis 2:24. The usage reflects the basic meaning of one object or persons being joined to another, being joined together.*

And yet you take divorce. What is divorce? It is separating, divorce is splitting them apart, divorce is sending them away, divorce is putting them away as opposed to sticking them together, gluing them together. I'll share some other scriptures with you.

Kollao in the Greek, this is again from Strong's Concordance. *Kallao* from *kolla*, glue, that is *to glue or to stick*. It says the definition in King James, to cleave, to join yourself and to keep company. To glue, the word comes from *kolla* and it means to glue. Isn't that interesting? I didn't know that before I started preparing the sermon. I just started looking

up these words, I thought that's amazing, it says to glue. Then I thought, Does the Old Testament say that? I looked in the Old Testament - to glue!

Brethren, we need to have glue in our lives, we need to have that commitment and there are two areas in which we need to use commitment. First of all in our relationships, there may be more than this, certainly in our employment. In modern day and age, you can take sports for instance and it doesn't matter - you give me more money and I'll go anywhere you want me to, I'll play for anyone, I'll be what everyone wants me to be, just give me more money. And it wasn't too many years ago when baseball players stayed with teams. When a team lost the baseball player, it was like losing a member of the family, now there's no fidelity to a team, it's wherever I get more money, I may go to a losing team, but I get more money, some of them paid for that didn't they? They went to losing teams to get more money and then they felt badly because they never got to win a ring or a championship. But if they got more money **Malachi 2:16-17**. Let's take a look at relationships, we'll look at marriage, which is a very important relationship, a God-plane relationship because God uses it both in the Old Testament and the New Testament to picture His relationship to physical Israel and spiritual Israel.

Mal. 2:16-17 - *"For the Lord God of Israel says He hates putting away."* Actually let's go back to verse 14: *"Wherefore he says you come and you present your sacrifices you priests and you're crying on the altar there, you're crying there and saying Why? You're covered with tears He says, actually not even priests, just talking about Judah. They're crying, Why won't you receive my offerings? Why aren't you accepting them God?"*

Verse 14 - He says, *Yet you say, "Why?" Because the Lord has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously.* This "dealt treacherously" has to do with going around and separating yourselves and dealing with others and the way you treat them in a twisted way, not sticking to them. *Yet is she your companion and the wife of your covenant.* You made an agreement! She's your companion, to be with.

Verse 15 - *And did He not make one, yet had He the residue of the spirit.* Didn't He intend, why did He make them one? Why did He say, Come together that He might have a godly seed. He wants you to be godly, He wants your children to be blessed.

Verse 16 - *Therefore take heed to your spirit and let none of you deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.*

Remember when you first loved and met the lady that would be your wife? You were so excited, you were so happy, you would do anything to be with them, you wanted to do anything to be with them, you would try to put yourself in a certain place, you knew they were coming, you'd try to be there. If after work you'd meet them, you'd try to be there after work. If it in school you knew what classes they went to, you'd try to kind of position yourself there after they came out so you could be with them, you loved being with each other. He said, Do you remember the wife of your youth? Do you remember

how you used to like to be together? Don't lose that. Now you won't have the same height, but don't lose that desire to be together, to stick together.

Verse 16 - *"For the Lord God of Israel says that He hates putting away."* God hates it when people separate, God hates it when people become unglued you might say, He hates it. *"For one covers violence with his garments," says the Lord of hosts. "Therefore take heed to yourselves that you deal not treacherously."*

You deal treacherously when you become unglued. Look at **Matthew 5:32**. The Greek word here is *apoluo* and it means to *let loose*. Certainly glue that lets loose is ineffective.

Matt. 5:32 - Jesus said, *"But I say to you that whosoever shall put away his wife except for the cause of fornication put away is apoluo except for the cause of fornication causes her to commit adultery. Whosoever shall marry her that is divorced commits adultery."*

Yet individuals are regularly putting their wives away. I read one account where a woman put her husband away because they didn't wring out their washcloth, after ten years of asking you to wring out your washcloth, I'm divorcing you, I've had enough. That happens and for cheaper and sillier reasons than that, people get divorced. Many times if they could have just hung on going through trials and difficulties, if they could have just put a little more glue between the two of them and stuck it out in their relationship, they would have found they could make it through. If they'd ride through, things would get better.

I want to read to you a couple of quotes. Page 284 of Devotion, this comes from 7700, I'm not going to read all of them to you, but it has some wonderful quotes. This is about devotion. This one says: *Waiting 42 years. For 42 years David Thomas slipped a love letter under the door of his neighbor, Rachel Jones. Each letter attempted to mend a lover's quarrel that parted them when both were 32. Rachel Jones burned every letter and refused even to speak to her suitor.* Talk about glue this guy wasn't going to let go, 42 years, every week he put a letter under her door and every week she burned it. *When David finally summoned the courage to knock on her door and proposed, she accepted. Both were 74 years old when marriage finally came.* Again, devotion though, again glue, wouldn't you like somebody who has that tenacity to stick to you?

Here's another one: *He waited 48 years. This time Madge Coomer's 89 year old father gave his permission and so Madge and Len Patching were married, 48 years after Len was first rejected and went off to live in Australia. "Madge was the only girl I ever loved," he said, "I never married, I always knew that one day I would come back and find her." Last summer after retiring as a technical college instructor in New South Wales, he flew back to Britain to search for the woman he last knew as a childhood sweetheart of 17. He located her, now a widow, with the help of a local radio station and within weeks they were engaged. But he waited 48 years! That's devotion!*

The type of devotion, the type of stick-to-itiveness that we all need to have in our relationships, in our marriages, in our families. There's one account that I won't read. One man who was one of the members of Parliament in Britain, wrote his mother every day for 48 years, it was either every day or every week, I'll check it, I have it down. Every day or every week for 48 years until she died. Out of respect and honor to his mother. Now nobody expects you to do that, but wouldn't it be nice if we even came close to having that much honor and respect and glue, one toward another, that stick-to-itiveness, that devotion. **Genesis 2:24** - we see the Hebrew word *dabag*, the glue. Right in the very beginning, after God had made Eve and brought this handmade woman, made by the hand of God, He brought her to Adam and Adam said:

Gen. 2:23 - *And Adam said, "This is now bone of my bones, flesh of my flesh, she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man."* Verse 24 is the key and you'll find repeated in the New Testament several places.

Verse 24 - *Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother and shall cleave he shall stick like glue to his wife and they shall be one flesh.*

God wants us to be joined together, God wants us to be committed in relationships, especially in marriage, but also we see that carries on to friendship as well. **Matthew 19:5**, Jesus Christ was asked about divorce, we saw a sampling of it in Matthew 5:32, let's look at in Matthew 19. The disciples came to Him asking Him, Can you put your wife away for every reason? His quote was:

Matt. 19:5 - *"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and shall cleave New Testament word, koloa shall cleave to his wife be glued together, stick to, adhere to his wife and they shall be one flesh.*

Verse 6 - *Therefore where there are no more two but one flesh and therefore what God has joined together God has placed them together, God has united them what God has joined together, let not man put asunder.* Don't let anybody tear it apart. If God has put the glue there and put them together, don't let anybody take them apart, and that includes the couple themselves.

Verse 8 - *He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to put away your wives there was a period of time when that was allowed, of course it became perverted and they used it for every which reason from the beginning it was not so."* That was not God's intent, God did not intend marriage to unravel, God did not intend couples to come unglued, God wanted them to stick together, to be committed one to another.

Verse 9 - *"And I say to you, whosoever shall put away his wife put away, separate, tear apart, unglue his relationship except it be for fornication, and marry another, commits adultery, he who marries her which is put away does commit adultery.* Notice His disciples, His disciples got the message, they said:

Verse 10 - *His disciples said to Him, "If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is good not to marry."*

Wow, you mean you could get married and somebody could leave you or you could leave them and if you did, you could never get married again? If this is the case, maybe it's better not to go out and risk it, many today don't, they just live together. Well, we'll live together five years and see if we like each other, maybe we like each other and maybe we can get married. They sign this agreement ahead of time that if you do leave me you won't take my goods, this prenuptial agreement that everybody signs, it shows a lot of confidence doesn't it? Before you even get married to somebody, you want to sign, if we break up what are you talking about if for? Where's the glue, what happened to it?

Verse 10-11 - They said, " *it's good not to marry and Jesus said to them, "All men cannot receive this saying except those to whom it is given."*

Some people might not have the commitment, some people might not be able to make that commitment. If you can't make that commitment, then don't get married. But if you say I do, I will stick with you till death do you part, then unless there's some really awful circumstance, such as abuse, some premarital situation or some awful adultery situation, falling under the category of immorality, sexual immorality, then stick with them, stay together, be glued. **Ephesians 5:31**. This is the *proskollao*, which means *to stick to*, *to be glued to*. Again, we said several times, this verse is used because God wants us to be glued together in our relationships, particularly in our marriages, but He also, as friends wants us to be glued together, and as brethren. Notice:

Eph. 5:31 - *For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and shall be joined to the word joined to, that's proskollao, glued to, to glue to that person. So uses a different English translation, but the same Greek word except they've added to glue to, so they added the to glue be joined to his wife and they two shall be one flesh. So in our marriages, God wants us to be able to have commitment, God wants us to be glued to each other for life, not separating, not tearing asunder, not putting asunder.*

Let's talk about friends as part of our human relationships. **Proverbs 27:10**, we'll talk about friends and family, but here's one on friends.

Pro. 27:10 - *Your own friend and your father's friend forsake not*

Don't become unglued to your friends. And yet, one of the greatest reasons, the two major reasons why friendships become strained or friends become alienated, one is they move away, they don't keep contact, the second one is disloyalty, they don't stick with you through thick and thin, they will abandon you when the going gets rough, they'll abandon you for another ship, they're not going to stick with you, after all, I can only stick with you when you can do me good. When you can't do me good anymore, I don't know you. I hate that, because that's when people, what I call them - users. Users are very close to abusers, it's just the ab comes in front of it. You hate being used, "They used me, I

thought they liked me, I thought they did it because they liked me, but they used me." Don't forsake your friends.

Verse 10 - *Neither go into your brother's house in the day of calamity, for better is a neighbor that is near than a brother far off.* But notice, Proverbs 18:24 gives us the antidote for that.

Pro. 19:24 - *A man that has friends must show himself friendly must be willing to seek that other person out and strive to be together and there is a friend that sticks that's the Hebrew word, *dabaq* closer than a brother.*

Friendships where there's glue, commitment, commitment to friendship, it lasts and it stays. When you have a friend that is committed, that is such a wonderful blessing, you just get a warm fuzzy feeling. Right now as I speak about friends, you're probably thinking of some and you get a warm fuzzy feeling when you think of a true friend, because you know what good, how they benefit you.

Let's look at the book of Ruth, talking about relationships because Ruth knew what glue was like. **Ruth 1:14**. You remember the case where both Ruth and her sister-in-law Orpah, both of their husbands died and Naomi thought she was cursed being over in this land, I'm going to go back home. Mahlon and Chilion both died, the husbands of Ruth, Ruth's husband was Mahlon and Chilion was Orpah's husband. They both wanted to stay with her, Naomi said, I'm going to go.

Ruth 1:14 - *They lifted up their voices and wept again she said, No, you just go back and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clave to her.* Remember what Ruth said:

Verse 15 - *"And she said, Behold your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods, return you after your sister-in-law."* Leave me, depart from me.

Verse 16 - *Ruth said, "Don't entreat me to leave you or to return from following after you; for where you go, I will go and where you lodge I will lodge; your people shall be my people and your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. The Lord do so to me and more if anything but death part you and me."*

Wow! What a commitment! And she used the word glue. Ruth was glued to her mother-in-law. She was committed to staying with her. What a tremendous example that you and I can look at and follow. **Colossians 2:2** gives us this instruction as brethren in the Church.

While this is not *dabaq* that was *dabaq* in the Old Testament, while this is not *kollao*, this is not the word that means glue in the New Testament, over here in Col. 2:2 the meaning is *to drive together*. If you want the word, it's *sumbibazo* that says *knit together*. What it means is, to drive together or unite. In order to glue something together, you've got to put it together and unite it. Col. 2:2, talking about the brethren:

Col. 2:2 - *That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together knit together.*

Have you ever seen things that are knitted? It's pretty nice fabric isn't it? You've even seen some loose knits and it keeps you nice and warm. When it's knitted it's just one strand after the other, after the other, that's keeping this together, holding it together. Drive it together, unite it. As brethren we need to be glued together because the day is coming when brethren are going to turn on each other as we've seen in the past. Brethren are going to turn on each other, they're going to hurt each other, they're going to betray one another, they're going to leave one another. *The love of many will wax cold.* We've got to have that glue, that commitment of love for the brethren, we've got to keep that going. I'll read to you from page 857 and this is the one. He wrote his mother every day. I was wrong, I weakened it, I say every week. Richard Bergen, British War Secretary and lord high chancellor wrote a letter to his mother every day for 48 years beginning in 1877 when his father died and continued until 1925 when his mother passed on at the age of 100 and six weeks. His hand was getting tired about that time he was probably saying, When is this happening? But no, he was devoted to her, he wasn't looking forward. Lord Bergen never missed writing to her a single day. And he didn't have e-mail! The statesman and philosopher is the only British Cabinet member who was simultaneously a member of the German Cabinet for one day. The appointment was made by Kaiser Wilhelm II who enabled him to take part in one meeting of the German Cabinet of Ministers. But he wrote to his mother every day, that's commitment, that's all I'm saying, the principle of commitment.

Get the principle of commitment from Ruth, Where you go, I will go, where you lodge, I will lodge, where you lie down, that's where I will lie down and where you die, that's where I'll die and where you're buried, that's where I'll be buried. I'm sticking with you. She said, Go, you don't need to stay with me, you're young, you could find another husband, don't stay with me, I'm just an old lady, I'm not going to attract anybody, go back and find somebody in your land. She said, No, I won't. She stuck with her like glue.

What about religiously? Many people come unglued religiously, we've witnessed that in our former association which has saddened so many of us, but I don't like to dwell on the past so I'll stay and move forward from there. With that being said, **Luke 22:31**. Here was the resolve of Simon, many Christians have good resolve. Maybe you do too. Boy, I'll swim the deepest ocean, I'll climb the highest mountain, I'll cross the driest desert for you and that's what Peter said.

Luke 22:31 - *The Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Behold, Satan has desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you that your faith will not fail, and when you are converted (he wasn't converted yet) strengthen your brethren."* But notice, here's Peter's resolve, like many Christians might say, he wasn't converted yet.

Verse 33 - *But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you, both into prison and to death."*

I'm sticking with you, I've got the right stuff, I've got glue stick. He may have had glue stick I can say I have glue, but if I don't open the top and use it, doesn't work does it? I know I need glue, I know I should use glue, I know I need to have glue, but if I don't use it, if I don't commit myself and commitment has to do with a person binding himself, promising, a pledge, I will stick with you, and it means something, our word means something.

Verse 34 - *Jesus said to him, "I tell you Peter, the cock shall not crow this day before you deny me three times."*

And he did - remember they walked by and said, Hey, don't I recognize you, weren't you and he said, Oh no, not me. Oh, you surely were, I recognize you. No! Another time they argued, and he swore that was not the case and the cock crowed. Many Christians do the same thing. **John 6**. Did Jesus lose any people? Did people walk away from Jesus? Did they become unglued at the preaching of Jesus Christ? Yes, they did.

John 6:65 - *Jesus said, "Therefore I say to you that no man can come to Me except it were given to him of My Father."*

So Jesus Christ was preaching to them, these words I preach, this is spirit, this is truth, this is life, nobody can come to Me unless God calls them. Now I don't know what they were offended by, by reading this myself, I don't know, but notice what He says:

Verse 66 - *From that time many of His disciples went back and walked no more with Him. They became unglued.*

Verse 67 - *Then said Jesus to the twelve, "Will you also go away?" Will you also become unglued? Then Simon Peter answered, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."*

See they were sticking with the teachings, they were sticking with the principles, they were sticking with the values.

Verse 69 - *"We believe and are sure that You are the Christ, that Christ, the Son of the living God."*

So they expressed their commitment, they showed their commitment. **John 15:4-7**. If we're committed, we must stick with Jesus Christ. He said the very same thing, talking about the vine and the branches. He said He was the vine, His Father was the husbandman.

John 15:4 - *"Abide in Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself*

It's absolutely imperative that we remain glued to Jesus Christ, that we stay with the head of the Church and that we stay with His body. It's absolutely urgent. Many people float around, many people wander and you can check Jude :13, talks about people wandering

and wandering about and casting about. One person wanted to go here a little and there a little and I said, You know, I'm not comparing, I'm just telling you what I believe. The Church is the mother and if you come here, this mother is going to say you know, they could teach you the truth, somebody else might teach you truth. This mother is going to say, 8:00 bedtime, that mother is going to say, 10:00 bedtime, which one are you going to do? What's wrong with you, why can't you be devoted to your mother? Talks about the Church being the mother of us all, like that man was. And I understand the broader application of Church, but I'm saying, regarding United, why do you have to float around? Why, if you have not found, if you have something you need to discuss, why not discuss it? But every time you pull away from that congregation, from that fellowship, you become unglued and you have to glue yourself somewhere else and you have to unglue and glue yourself back again.

Verse 4 - *"I am the vine, you are the branches. He that abides in Me and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit, for without Me you can do nothing."*

Verse 6 - *"If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, is withered and men gather them and cast them into the fire and they are burned. But if you abide in Me and My words abide in you, you shall ask what you will and it shall be done to you."*

Sticking with, being attached, being glued to, adhering to, sticking to Jesus Christ. Look in **Deuteronomy 11:22**, here's the word *dabaq*. We are to cleave to the Lord our God.

This isn't the only place it is.

Deut. 11:22 - *"For if you shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to cleave that stick like glue to Him"*

Many people don't stick like glue to Him, many people leave Him, depart from Him, walk away from Him, go do their own thing, separate. God says, stay with it, cleave, *dabaq*, be glued to God. **I Corinthians 6:16-17** We see this same thought put toward Jesus Christ and God.

I Cor. 6:16 - *What? Don't you know that he who is joined to a harlot you can choose to glue yourself to the wrong people, that's the same word there, *kalooa*, you can choose to join yourself, glue yourself to the wrong ones *you are joined as one body? For two shall be one flesh.* To stick to, you're suppose to stick to your wife, not a harlot. But notice in Verse 17:*

Verse 17 - *But he that is joined to the Lord same word, *kalooa*, glued to the Lord is one spirit.*

We must become glued to the Lord, we must remain glued to the Lord if we're going to make it, if we're going to have eternal life. Commitment is so rare in this day and age.

I'm going to close with a couple of dog stories. Do you know why I'm going to read you two dog stories? The bible says, Go to the ant you sluggard and learn, so I'm going to say, Go to the dogs. Sometimes that has a bad connotation, but in this case I think you'll find it's a good one. I want to share with you two dog stories. They both come from The Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations and I'm going to read you 169 and 170. They're both beautiful. Listen carefully and think about the commitment that these two little dogs had to their masters and ask ourselves if we can have that same type of glue in our lives, in our human relationships and in our godly relationships.

Hatchi was a Japanese dog who used to accompany his master to the railroad station each morning and then greet him back in the evening at the same station. One night in 1925 the man did not return, having died in another city. Although the little dog had met its master for only a few months previously, for over ten years the dog went to that station every night, sadly trotting home again after waiting an hour. The faithfulness of Hatchi impressed the nation of Japan so much that the government erected a statute of the dog on the spot where he had perseveringly waited and then sent statuettes to all the schools in the then Japanese empire. A little dog that went every night for ten years. That's glue, that's sticking with your master, that's sticking with your friend, that's sticking with a relationship, isn't it?

Last one I'll read is about Grey Friars Bobby. This is one of my favorite stories. Near Grey Friars churchyard in Edinburgh, Scotland, is a memorial fountain and a statute to a little dog named Grey Friars Bobby. The story, some five years ago: *A man was buried in the churchyard in 1858. His dog, for the next five years until it's own death, virtually lived on top of the tomb day and night. See glue? It was stuck to that tomb day and night. The little sky terrier left the site for only an hour at a time to visit his two friends. One, the restaurateur who fed him and the other, the graveyard attendant who build a little shelter for him right there at the graveyard. Thousands visited the yard to see this faithful little dog. In tribute to his lifelong loyalty and devotion, they buried him beside his master when he died.* That little dog, every day, day in and day out, every hour, except for one hour when it would go and get something to eat or when it would go stay in it's little shelter for awhile, it would lie on top of it's masters grave.

I hope brethren, that if we've learned nothing else, that we'll remember glue stick. In this day and age I hope we'll use the larger variety of glue stick, that we may have commitment, that we may be glued in our relationships one to another. That we may have that glue that makes our marriages stick and most importantly, that we'll be glued to the religious values and the Church of the Living God.