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- II. Read [Romans 15:5-13](#). What three things does God give us in verse 5 and what do we give back to him in verse 6? How does accepting one another (verse 7) bring praise to God? What do you think, is God honored by our relationships at Bethel Gilead? What could we do better? Reread verse 13. Explain how hope, peace and joy are by-products of our faith (trust) in God. Can someone find these apart from God? How can we promote and develop our hope, our peace and our joy as individuals and as a congregation?
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