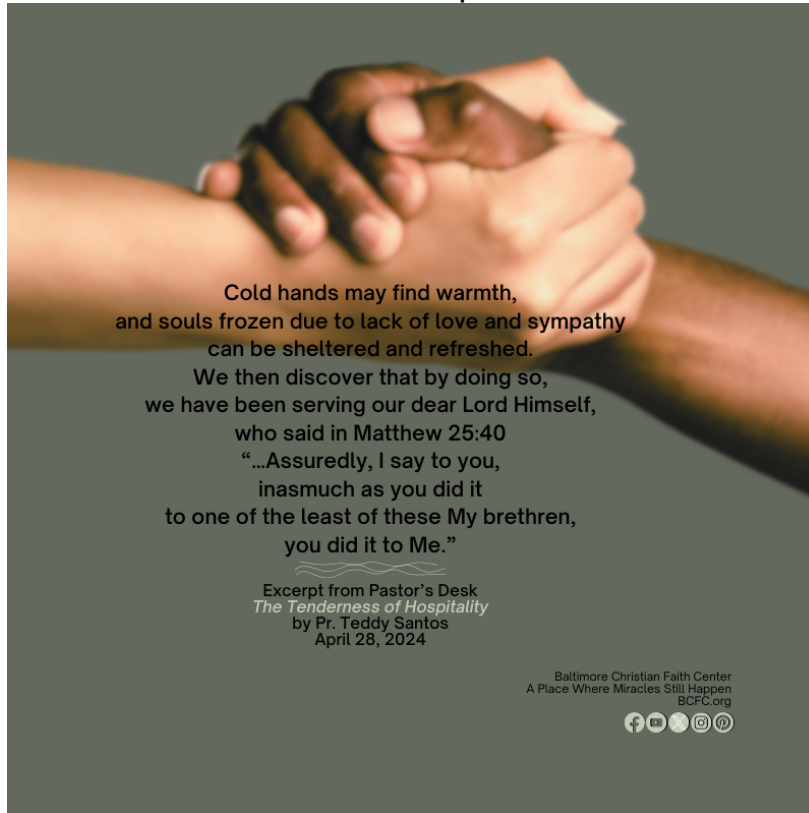


THE TENDERNESS OF HOSPITALITY

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Hebrews 13:1-2 “**1** Let brotherly love continue. **2** Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.”

These verses evoke the image of Abraham, sitting at the door of his tent in the scorching noon when he suddenly notices three men. To miss the opportunity to show hospitality and welcome to these men would have been to miss a divine moment. He sprang to his feet, calling Sarah for assistance, and the two of them swiftly ministered to the three strangers. It was a joyous occasion, as it turned out that two were angels, and the third was the Son of God!

This story reminds us of the immense joy and fulfillment of extending our hearts and homes to others. Amid our busy lives, where space is limited, caring for those we perceive as strangers can be challenging. However, we can all exercise hospitality of the mind by opening our hearts and

showing empathy towards those who may be facing difficulties. And the best opportunity now presents itself: **minister to them!**

Cold hands may find warmth, and souls frozen due to lack of love and sympathy can be sheltered and refreshed. We then discover that by doing so, we have been serving our dear Lord Himself, who said in **Matthew 25:40** "...Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me."

At His service,
Pr. Teddy Santos