Looking to the Future

1 Peter 3:8-17
1. This is the time for the members of FBC Rockport to relate to one another as family.
Harmony: pertaining to being of the same mind or having the same thoughts as someone else; like-minded, with similar thoughts.
Sympathetic: caring deeply about the needs, joys, and sorrows of others. Feeling with them.
Love as brothers: Their common relationship with Christ inducts them into the same family. Brotherly love distinguishes them as followers of Christ.
Compassionate: tenderhearted, kindhearted to those who are experiencing pain. In Ephesians 4:32 such compassion is rooted in the mercy experienced in the forgiveness of sins.
Humble: others are considered more important than oneself (Phil 2:3–4) and that pride does not fill one’s life.
Churches naturally divide the way societies do. Now is our chance to develop better patterns.
Will you commit and relate to the members of FBC Rockport like your family?
2. This is the time for the members of FBC Rockport to bear witness to an unbelieving community that Jesus is Lord.
No matter what happens in this life, I want this community to know that I believe Jesus Christ is Lord both now and forever.
Regardless of what unbelievers say to or about me, I will show Jesus Christ is Lord by blessing unbelievers and asking God to show His favor to them.
I will show Jesus Christ is Lord by avoiding evil and actively pursuing what is good.
I don’t want my post-Harvey life to look like the post-Harvey life of those who do not know Jesus Christ as Lord.