

An Open Book

Read Ephesians 4:1 - 6:

When it involves books, some people like to break the spines to break-in the book and others don't. Yes, I find it comfortable to borrow these books whose spines have been, ummm, custom adjusted to their owners, and it is more comfortable to read them. You can put them on the table, and the book stays open, on its own, to the page you were reading before. The thing with me, personally, is that many books with broken spines end up with rubber bands around them. The rubber bands are there for a reason - the pages are beginning to fall out. Nothing would be more frustrating than to read a book to reach the end of a novel, only to find the conclusion on the last page missing. Such is the same with the Lord's church, the body of believers. Unity is important for certainty of belief, wisdom when confused, comfort when in pain, and more. In this same way, if we break from the church, fall away from attending, we are breaking the spine of the book, and we all suffer from your page falling out, blown about by the winds of a sinful world instead of following Christ, and you may end up in a bad place you never intended. Worse, it's likely the pages closest to you will fall out as well, like family. If you wander, the church will not stay open to the same page until you return and neither will your life while you're away. Don't stray, don't break from the church. You are needed, and you need the church.