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## Thanks Be For Our Friends

This an urgent time in American history. A time when many of us are left only with the care and love of our family, friends and neighbors. A time for gratitude for our community.

Our new president has called all of us to gather and work together as we face the difficulties and hardship of life with less financial resources: Jobs are lost. Homes are at risk. Retirements have shrunk. The well of prosperity of the last fifty years has dried up.

Not since the great depression of 1930 have we collectively been faced with such a difficulty. And many of those who went through that experience eighty years ago are still with us and remember well the lessons they learned: Buy only what you can afford with the cash on hand. Use your resources wisely. Use second hand and cast before laying out hard cash for something new. Mostly, turn to your friends and neighbors for support.

That last lesson is the one President Elect Obama has emphasized. We can transit this difficult time and triumph only if we support each other. We will succeed if we all bring our unique talents and skills to bear on the common task—at a national level, at the local level and in our personal villages.

If you want a blue print of how our grandfathers and grandmothers survived and thrived before the days of hedge funds, DOW Jones and 401ks, read Personal Village. It contains the wisdom of the ancients—a wisdom that has always worked for all peoples in all times as they laughed, loved and overcame the difficulties of a hard life.

This book was written in anticipation of today's crisis. Even though I wrote it, I still think it is the best resource for making community work. It is still available at [personalvillage.com](http://personalvillage.com), in bookstores and on [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com). Read it and give copies to your friends. It is the prescription for the challenges we are facing.

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