

WE NEED OTHERS FOR SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

How God Meets Our Deepest Needs – Part 2

Genesis 2:18 (NLT) *It is not good for man to be alone.*

Romans 12:5 (NLT) *Since we're all one body in Christ, we belong to each other.*

WHY HAVING A CHURCH FAMILY IS SO IMPORTANT

1. I NEED OTHERS TO WALK WITH ME.

Colossians 2:6-7 (ESV) *Just as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him.*

Proverbs 28:26 (NIV) *Those who trust in themselves are fools, but those who walk in wisdom are kept safe.*

Hebrews 10:25 (TEV) *Let us not give up the habit of meeting together. Instead, let us encourage one another.*

• Community is God's answer to LONELINESS.

1 Corinthians 14:30-31 (MSG) *When you gather, each one of you be prepared with something useful for all. Sing a song. Teach a lesson. Tell a story. Lead a prayer. Provide an insight. Take your turn with no one person taking over. That way you all learn from each other.*

Ephesians 4:16 (NLT) *As each part does its work, it helps the other parts grow so that Christ's whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.*

2. I NEED OTHERS TO WORK WITH ME.

Ephesians 2:10 (NCV) *God made us to do good works.*

Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NCV) *Two people are better than one because they get more done working together.*

• **Community is God's answer to FATIGUE.**

Galatians 6:10 (MSG) *Every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.*

3. I NEED OTHERS TO WATCH OUT FOR ME.

Philippians 2:4 (TEV) *Look out for one another's interests, not just for your own.*

Hebrews 13:1 (CEV) *Keep being concerned about each other, as the Lord's followers should.*

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NLT) *A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. And three are even better, for a triple braided cord is not easily broken.*

• **Community is God's answer to DEFEAT.**

Ecclesiastes 4:10 (NLT) *If one person falls, another can reach out and help, but people who are alone when they fall, they're in real trouble.*

4. I NEED OTHERS TO WAIT AND WEEP WITH ME.

1 Peter 3:8 (TLB) *You should be like one big family, full of sympathy toward each other.*

1 Corinthians 12:26 (ESV) *If one member suffers, all suffer together.*

- **Community is God's answer to DESPAIR.**

Romans 12:15 (TEV) *Be happy with those who are happy and weep with those who weep.*

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (GW) *Encourage each other and strengthen one another.*

5. I NEED OTHERS TO WITNESS TO ME.

John 13:35 (NLT) (Jesus) *"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."*

2 Timothy 1:7 (TLB) *The Holy Spirit doesn't want you to be afraid of people, but he wants you to be wise and strong and to love them and enjoy being with them.*

- **Community is God's answer to FEAR.**

Philippians 1:27 (CEV) *You are working together. And you're struggling side by side to get others to believe the good news.*