

life is better together.

A MESSAGE SERIES AT JOURNEY

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“WHY WE NEED EACH OTHER”

⁴ Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, ⁵ so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. **Romans 12:4-5 NLT**

- We were created for community.
- We were created for relationships.

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him.” **Genesis 2:18 NLT**

I NEED OTHERS TO WALK WITH ME.

⁶ And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. ⁷ Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. **Colossians 2:6-7 NLT**

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. **Hebrews 10:25 NLT**

He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. **Ephesians 4:16 NLT**

- Community is God's answer to loneliness.
- To be fully healthy and fully alive, we must be connected with God and with one another.

⁸ Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. ¹⁰ God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. **1 Peter 4:8-10 NLT**

I NEED OTHERS TO WORK WITH ME.

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. **Ephesians 2:10 NLT**

Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. **Ecclesiastes 4:9 NLT**

Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith. **Galatians 6:10 NLT**

- Community is God's answer to fatigue.
- Teamwork makes the dream work.

I NEED OTHERS TO WATCH OUT FOR ME.

Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. **Philippians 2:4 NLT**

¹⁰ If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. ¹¹ Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? ¹² A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken. **Ecclesiastes 4:10-12 NLT**

- Community is God's answer to the enemy's attack.
- “I've got your six”
- I've got your back.

I NEED OTHERS TO WEEP WITH ME.

Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted and keep a humble attitude. **1 Peter 3:8 NLT**

²⁶ If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. ²⁷ All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it. **1 Corinthians 12:26-27 NLT**

Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. **Romans 12:15 NLT**

- Community is God's answer to despair.
- Paul Watzlawick was a revolutionary psychotherapist who believed that the key to overcoming emotional issues in life was not self-analysis but effective communication with others.

Jesus said... ³⁴ “So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” **John 13:34-35 NLT**

I NEED OTHERS TO CELEBRATE WITH ME.

³ So Jesus told them this story: ⁴ "If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. ⁶ When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!" **Luke**

15:4-7 NLT

- We clearly need each other by God's perfect design.
- We need community.
- We need Jesus!

Next steps for me today....

- **Begin a relationship with God through faith in Jesus.**
- **Join a Life Group and discover community.**