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*The Lord God said, “**It is not good for the man to be alone.** I will make a helper suitable for him.”*

Genesis 2:18



It was never God's intent for us to go at it alone,
He made us **FOR COMMUNITY.**



19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

Hebrews 10:19-25



22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 10:19-25



24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:19-25



How do we **spur one another on** to love and good deeds?



DON'T GIVE UP MEETING TOGETHER.



ENCOURAGE **ONE ANOTHER** DAILY.



*All the believers **were together** and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 **Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.***

Acts 2:44



HOW CAN I ENGAGE IN COMMUNITY?



1. REFUSE ISOLATION.



*"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 **For where two or three gather in my name**, there am I with them."*

Matthew 18:19-20



Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

1 Peter 5:8



2. CONSIDER OTHERS BETTER THAN YOURSELF.



*How good and pleasant it is when God's people **live together in unity**! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.*

Psalm 133:1



1 Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. 2 One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. 3 The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them.

Romans 14:1-6



4 Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand. 5 One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind.

Romans 14:1-6



6 Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.

Romans 14:1-6



3. BE COMMUNITY



42 **They devoted themselves** to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 2:42



42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common.

Acts 2:42-44



45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:45-47