

SERVING TOGETHER – PT II
Rom 4:4-8 (NIV)
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40 Days of Community

God commands us to walk in harmony with each other. We are learning that to serve God, we must serve others. We can't do this alone. God puts us in a community, family, team and/or group to help us grow. Jesus sent His disciples out in twos. The scriptures tell us that we are better when we serve together.

“agree with each other, loving one another, and working together with one heart and purpose.” Phil. 2:2 (NLT)

1. **WE'RE FAMILY** - *“We work together as partners who belong to God.” 1 Cor. 3:9a (NLT)*
2. **WE NEED EACH OTHER** - *“... Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of Christ's Body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn't amount to much, would we?” Rom. 12:5 (Mes)*
3. **WE GET MORE DONE.** - *“Two are better off than one, because together they can work more effectively.” Eccl. 4:9 (GN)*
 - *“The one who plants and the one who waters work as a team with the same purpose.” 1 Cor. 3:8 (NLT)*

WHAT IT TAKES TO SERVE AS A T.E.A.M.

- A. TRUST** - *“Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care.” 1 Tim. 6:20 (NIV)*
- *“Many people claim to be loyal, but it is hard to find a trustworthy person.” Pr. 20:6 (NCV)*
1. **BEING CONSISTENT** - *“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much.” Luke 16:10 (NIV)*
 2. **BEING CONFIDENTIAL** - *“A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret.” Pr. 11:13 (NIV)*
 3. **BEING CLOSE** - *“Friends love through all kinds of weather, and families stick together in all kinds of trouble.” Pr. 17:17 (Mes)*
- B. EMPATHY** *“Live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic.” 1 Peter 3:8 (NIV)*
1. **SLOW DOWN** *“Be quick to listen and slow to speak...” James 1:19 (NIV)*
 2. **ASK** _____ *“A person's thoughts are like water in a deep well, but someone with insight can draw them out.” Pr. 20:5 (GN)*
 3. **SHOW** _____ - *“Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.” Rom. 12:15 (NAS)*
- C. A** _____ *“Be faithful, loving, and easy to get along with.” 2 Tim. 2:22b (CEV)*
1. **EACH OTHER'S** _____ *“Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, ‘How can I help?’” Rom. 15:2 (Mes)*
 2. **EACH OTHER'S** _____ *“The intelligent man is always open to new ideas. In fact, he looks for them.” Pr. 18:15 (LB)*
 3. **EACH OTHER'S** _____ *“God in his kindness gave each of us different gifts.” Rom. 12:6 (GW)*
 4. **EACH OTHER'S** _____ *“Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.” Eph. 4:2 (LB)*
- D. M** _____ *“...be of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.” Ph. 2:2 (NAS)*
- *“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...but let us encourage one another.” Heb. 10:25 (NIV)*
 - *“Live in a way that brings honor to the Good News of Christ...standing strong with one purpose, working together as one for the faith of the Good News.” Phil. 1:27 (NCV)*