

WHY WE NEED EACH OTHER – PT III

Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

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During “40 Days of Community” we are learning how much we need each other. God called us to serve one another and He gave us a family, church and community to do that. We learn in community to love one another, to forgive one another, to work with one another and so much more. It is time we come to know we need each other to be better and obtain true happiness.

1. I NEED OTHERS TO WALK WITH ME.

- “Just as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him...” Col. 2:6-7 (ESV)
- “It is not good for man to be alone.” Gen. 2:18 (NLT)
- “Let us not give up the habit of meeting together..., let us encourage one another.” Heb. 10:25a (TEV)

A. Community is God’s answer to loneliness:

- “When you gather, each one of you be prepared with something useful for all: Sing a hymn, 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.” 1 Cor. 14:26, 30-31(MSG)
- “As each part does its work, it helps the other parts grow, so Christ’s whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.” Eph. 4:16 (NLT)
- “Open your homes to each other without complaining.” Peter 4:9 (TEV)

2. I NEED OTHERS TO WORK WITH ME.

- “God made us to do good works, which He planned in advance for us to live our lives doing.” Eph. 2:10 (NCV)
- “Two people are better than one, because they get more done by working together.” Eccl. 4:9 (NCV)

B. Community is God’s answer to fatigue. “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.” Gal. 6:10 (Mes)

3. I NEED OTHERS TO _____ FOR ME.

- “Look out for one another’s interests, not just for your own.” Ph. 2:4 (TEV)
- “Keep being concerned about each other as the Lord’s followers should.” Heb. 13:1 (CEV)
- “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.” Eccl. 4:12 (NLT)

C. Community is God’s answer to _____ “If one person falls, another can reach out and help. But people who are alone when they fall are in real trouble.” Eccl. 4:10 (NLT)

4. I NEED OTHERS TO _____ WITH ME.

- “You should be like one big family, full of sympathy toward each other...” 1 Peter 3:8a (LB)
- “If one member suffers, all suffer together.” 1 Cor. 12:26 (ESV)

D. Community is God’s answer to _____ “Be happy with those who are happy, weep with those who weep.” Rom. 12:15 (TEV)

- “Encourage each other and strengthen one another.” 1 Th. 5:11 (GW)

5. I NEED OTHERS TO _____ WITH ME.

- “Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples.” John 13:35 (NLT)
- “The Holy Spirit doesn’t want you to be afraid of people, but to be wise and strong, and to love them and enjoy being with them.” 2 Tim. 1:7 (LB)

E. God’s answer to fear is _____. “...You are working together and struggling side by side to get others to believe the Good News.” Ph. 1:27b (CEV)