

**HOW WE HELP EACH OTHER GROW – PT III**  
**Roman 8:29-30 (NIV)**  
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**40 Days of Community**

Maturity is not an option for believers. We are commanded to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord. We are also commanded to grow in our relationship with God and others. In order to mature we need others to help. No one grows alone, we grow in community. Today we will continue to explore ways we can help each other mature.

*“From the very beginning God decided that those who came to Him – and all along He knew who would – should become like His Son...” Rom. 8:29 (LB)*

*“Encourage each other and build each other up.” 1 Th. 5:11 (NIV)*

**1. BY AFFIRMING EACH OTHER’S WORTH**

**With Acceptance** *“Accept one another, just as Christ accepted you...” Rom. 15:7 (NIV)*

**With Attention** *“Give special attention to those who are in the family of believers.” Gal. 6:10 (NCV)*

**With Affection** *“Love one another with brotherly affection as members of one family...” Rom. 12:10 (Amp)*

**With Appreciation** *“Brothers and sisters... appreciate those who work hard among you, who lead you in the Lord and teach you.” 1 Th. 5:12 (NCV)*

**2. BY Praying FOR EACH OTHER’S GROWTH**

*“Epaphras...always prays for you that you will grow to be spiritually mature.” Col. 4:12 (NCV)*

*“I pray...you’ll be able to feel and understand, how long, wide, deep, and high Christ’s love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves...” Eph. 3:18-19 (LB)*

- *“I pray... you will always be eager to do right.” Heb. 13:21 (CEV)*
- *“I pray God who gives hope will fill you with much joy and peace while you trust in Him.” Rom. 15:13 (NCV)*
- *“I pray God ...would give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation...” Eph. 1:17 (GW)*
- *“I pray the Lord will guide you to be as loving as God and as patient as Christ.” 2 Th. 3:5 (CEV)*
- *“I pray God...may strengthen you with power through his Spirit.” Eph. 3:16 (NIV)*
- *“May...God develop maturity in you, so that you get along with each other as well as Jesus gets along with us all.” Rom. 15:5 (Mes)*

**3. BY \_\_\_\_\_ OUR OWN MISTAKES**

*“Tell each other the truth, because we all belong to each other.” Eph. 4:25 (NCV)*

**BENEFITS OF HONESTY**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ *“Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed.” James 5:16 (LB)*
2. \_\_\_\_\_ *“Anyone who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance.” Pr. 28:13 (LB)*
3. \_\_\_\_\_ *“When you bow down before the Lord and admit your dependence on him, God will lift you up and give you honor.” James 4:10 (NLT)*
4. \_\_\_\_\_ *“If we live in the light...then we have fellowship with one another...” 1 John 1:7 (TEV)*

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**4. BY \_\_\_\_\_ EACH OTHER'S COMMITMENT** *"Keep yourself in training for a godly life."* 1 Tim. 4:7 (TEV)

*"I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you."*  
Rom. 1:12 (NCV)

1. Commit to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ. **(Worship)**
2. Commit to \_\_\_\_\_ other believers. **(Fellowship)**
3. Commit to \_\_\_\_\_ in God's Word. **(Discipleship)**
4. Commit to \_\_\_\_\_ in ministry. **(Ministry)**
5. Commit to \_\_\_\_\_ the Good News. **(Evangelism)**