

You Were Created For Community (Genesis 2:18 NLT)

1. Isolation keeps us from the very relationships God intends to use to strengthen us.
2. The Bible gives a clear picture of how Christians are to live together in community (**Acts 2:42-47 NLT**)

Four Essential Practices

1. Devoted To Learning The Word of God.
2. Fellowship (Doing Life Together)
 - a. Love Each Other (**John 15:12 NLT**)
 - b. Carry Each Other's Burdens (**Galatians 6:2 NLT**)
 - c. Encourage Each Other (**1 Thessalonians 5:11 NLT**)
3. Worship Together
4. Serve Together

Identifying The Right People

1. A man's friends brought him closer to Jesus (**Mark 2:1-12 NLT**)
2. When you fall, they are there to lift you back up. (**Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 NLT**)
3. Healthy relationships make us stronger (**Proverbs 27:17 NLT**)

Choose Your Relationships Wisely

1. Place your trust in God, no one is perfect. (**Psalms 28:7 NLT**)
2. Negative influences will lead us astray (**1 Corinthians 15:33 NIV**)

We Become More Like Jesus

1. The right people in our lives help us to grow and get closer to God. (**Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT**)

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Genesis 2:18 (NLT)

18 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."

Acts 2:42-47 (NLT)

42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

43 A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. 44 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. 45 They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. 46 They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— 47 all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

John 15:12 (NLT)

This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.

Galatians 6:2 (NLT)

Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT)

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

Mark 2:1:12 (NLT)

When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. 2 Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word to them, 3 four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. 4 They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. 5 Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."

6 But some of the teachers of religious law who were sitting there thought to themselves, 7 "What is he saying? This is blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!"

8 Jesus knew immediately what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you question this in your hearts? 9 Is it easier to say to the paralyzed man 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk'? 10 So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, 11 "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!"

12 And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers. They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, "We've never seen anything like this before!"

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NLT)

"Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble."

Proverbs 27:17 (NLT)

"As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend."

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Psalm 28:7 (NLT)

The LORD is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving.

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV)

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NLT)

"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. 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."