

We Need Each Other

The One Another Way - Part 1

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American culture promotes individuality.

God promotes *community*.

Since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others.

Romans 12:5 (NLT)

Why do I need others?

1. I need others to walk with me.

So, then, just as you received King Jesus the Lord, you must continue your journey in him. Colossians 2:6 (NTE)

God, said, "It isn't good that the person should be alone. I will make for him a companion suitable for helping him." Genesis 2:18 (CJB)

Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other...

Hebrews 10:25b (CEB)

2. I need others to work with me.

As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Ephesians 4:16 (NLT)

Two people are better than one, because they get more done by working together. Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NCV)

So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, 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.

Galatians 6:10 (MSG)

3. I need others to watch out for me.

... Look out for one another's interests, not just for your own.

Philippians 2:4 (GNB)

A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triplebraided cord is not easily broken. **Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NLT)**

• Community gives me an edge.

Keep being concerned about each other as the Lord's followers should.

Hebrews 13:1 (CEV)

4. I need others to Wait and Weep with me.

... You should be like one big happy family, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds.

1 Peter 3:8 (TLB)

If one member suffers, all suffer together...

1 Corinthians 12:26 (ESV)

Community is God's answer to <u>despair</u>.

Be happy with those who are happy, weep with those who weep.

Romans 12:15 (TEV)

5. I need others to witness with me.

Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.

John 13:35 (NLT)

Above all else, you must live in a way that brings honor to the good news about Christ. Then, whether I visit you or not, I will hear that all of you think alike. I will know that you are working together and that you are struggling side by side to get others to believe the good news.

Philippians 1:27 (CEV)