



LifeTogether

Part 4: **The Life Together**

Why Am I Here?

My Divine Why:
I was created for God's glory.

The first step to entering God's purpose is by connecting in God's family.

There are blessings I bring to God's family by connecting in it that only I can bring. If I don't contribute them, nobody else will.

Christ's body isn't made up of one but many parts... And God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them. If they were all one part, where would the body be? Yet there are many parts, but still one body... If one part suffers, every part suffers; if one part is honored, every part rejoices. Now you are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:14,18-20,26-27

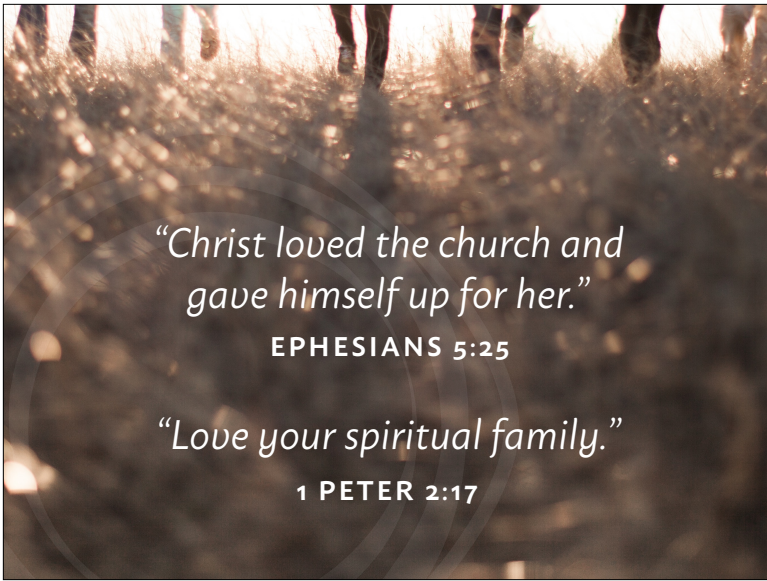
**In the Body of Christ
everybody
is urgently needed:**

1 Corinthians 12:22

“Even the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable.”

“You were called to be free. But don't use your freedom to indulge yourself; rather, serve one another in love.”

GALATIANS 5:13



“Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.”

EPHESIANS 5:25

“Love your spiritual family.”

1 PETER 2:17



In the Father’s family,
I am expected to
connect and **contribute!**



Contributing *By* Connecting

1

I contribute uniquely by accepting others.

“Accept one another just as Christ accepted you, in order to glorify God.”

ROMANS 15:7

Acceptance gains transformational power only in personally knowing, *then* choosing to love, in intentional community.



Contributing *By* Connecting

2

I contribute uniquely by admonishing others.

“As Christ’s word fills your life, use it to admonish and instruct one another.”

COLOSSIANS 3:16



“Don’t regard him as an enemy, warn him as a brother.” 2 THESSALONIANS 3:15

Admonishment isn’t for criticizing or controlling, it is for holding one another accountable for growth into Christ-likeness out of loving concern.



“As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.” PROVERBS 27:17 (NLB)

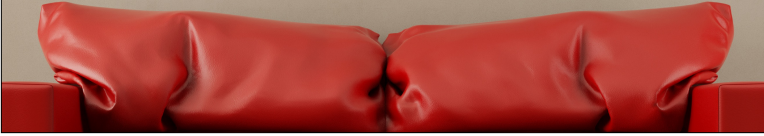
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3

I contribute uniquely by assisting others.

“Offer hospitality to one another.”

1 PETER 4:9



Hospitality

philozenos: generously opening even the most personal part of me—my home—to others as I would family.



“They shared everything they had...and God’s grace was so powerfully at work that there were no needy among them.”

ACTS 4:32-34



Contributing *By* Connecting

4

I contribute uniquely by advocating for others.

“But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called ‘Today,’ so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.”

HEBREWS 3:13



Biblical encouragement

is often equated to protecting another person.

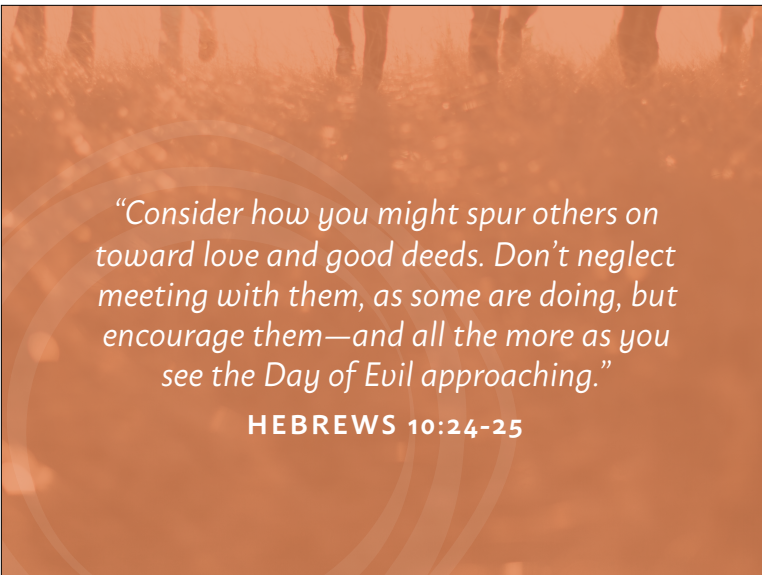


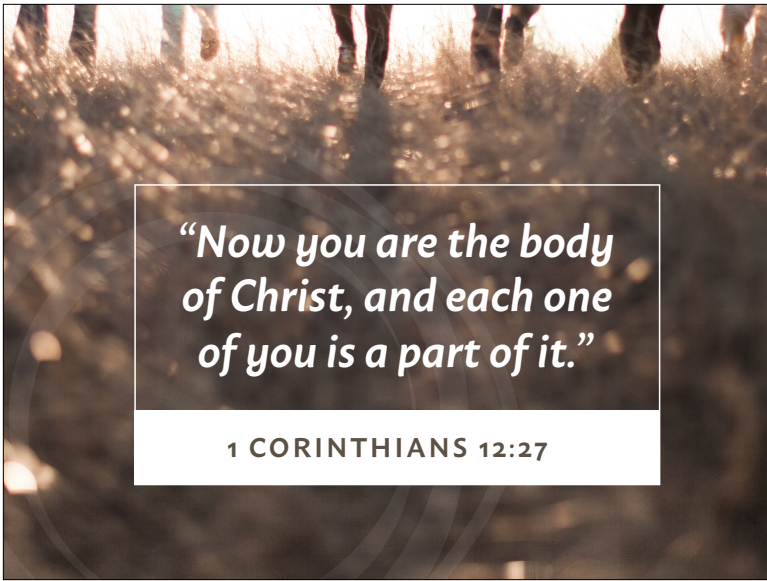
When a person is helpless and defenseless, they need the life-saving advocacy of people who know them—warts and all—to pull them out of their pit.



“Consider how you might spur others on toward love and good deeds. Don’t neglect meeting with them, as some are doing, but encourage them—and all the more as you see the Day of Evil approaching.”

HEBREWS 10:24-25





*“Now you are the body
of Christ, and each one
of you is a part of it.”*

1 CORINTHIANS 12:27



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