

# Side By Side

<sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, *that you love one another*: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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# JOY / FULL

*Together and Unafraid*

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<sup>27</sup> Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup> and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.

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*God has willed that we should seek and find His living Word in the witness of a brother or sister. Therefore, a Christian needs another Christian who speaks God's Word to him. He needs that other Christian again and again when he becomes uncertain and discouraged...he needs them as a bearer and proclaimer of the divine word of salvation...*

*The Christ in his own heart is weaker than the Christ in the word of his brother; his own heart is uncertain, his brother's heart is sure. And that also clarifies the goal of all Christian community: they meet one another as bringers of the message of salvation.*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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