

Membership May – I Need You to Survive

1 Corinthian 12:12-26

Explanation of Shift –

- We learn more theology from songs that sermons.
- we will still have a scripture AND a theme song for the month
- Embodied worship – art that deepens our spiritual growth
- Future hope for art created by congregation - go ahead and get started

Lyrics – I Need You to Survive by Hezekiah Walker and the Love Fellowship Choir

I need you, you need me
We're all a part of God's body
Stand with me, agree with me
We're all a part of God's body
It is God's will that every need be supplied
You are important to me, I need you to survive
You are important to me, I need you to survive

I pray for you, You pray for me
I love you , I need you to survive
I won't harm you with words from my mouth
I love you, I need you to survive

Exegesis –

- The early church was a movement, not an institution (though that does come and one could argue ruins everything.)
- Many movements had come and gone so they really truly needed each other if they were going to survive
- As a ragtag band of misfits they had folks from many different backgrounds and needs
- Many of them were also getting heat from friends and others for being in the Jesus movement so they needed to form a new type of family

Key Themes from the Song

1. We are one body
2. God's will is that every member of the body have what they need
3. God takes care of us through each other

Reflections Questions

1. Meditate on a moment when you had to rely on others to hold you through a tough experience. Write an essay or poem, draw or hum a tune about that time.
2. Reflect on the idea that we are all one body. How does that idea resonate with you? What makes it easy to connect, where does it feel hard?
3. How are you actively working to care for this community or another? Where do you feel called to go deeper in your caring work?