

## [The Path of LIFE!](#)

**Psalms 16:11a** (NIV) <sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence...

### Session #5: Choose To Be Connected To Gods' Family

#### **Acts 2:42–47** (NLT) *The Believers Form a Community*

<sup>42</sup> 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. <sup>43</sup> A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. <sup>44</sup> And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. <sup>45</sup> They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. <sup>46</sup> 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—<sup>47</sup> 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.

**Hebrews 10:23–25** (NLT) <sup>23</sup> Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. <sup>24</sup> Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. <sup>25</sup> 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.

#### **1 Corinthians 14:26** (NLT) *A Call to Orderly Worship*

<sup>26</sup> Well, my brothers and sisters, let's summarize. When you meet together, one will sing, another will teach, another will tell some special revelation God has given, one will speak in tongues, and another will interpret what is said. But everything that is done must strengthen all of you.

#### **Ephesians 2:19–22** (NLT) *A Temple for the Lord*

<sup>19</sup> So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. <sup>20</sup> Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. <sup>21</sup> We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. <sup>22</sup> Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.

**Romans 12:4–5** (NLT) <sup>4</sup> Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, <sup>5</sup> so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

**1 Corinthians 12:26–28a** <sup>26</sup> If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. <sup>27</sup> All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it. <sup>28</sup> Here are some of the parts God has appointed for the church:

## **1 Timothy 3:14–15 (NLT) *The Truths of Our Faith***

<sup>14</sup>I am writing these things to you now, even though I hope to be with you soon, <sup>15</sup>so that if I am delayed, you will know how people must conduct themselves in the household of God. This is the church of the living God, which is the pillar and foundation of the truth.

## **Matthew 12:48–50 (NLT)**

<sup>48</sup>Jesus asked, “Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?” <sup>49</sup>Then he pointed to his disciples and said, “Look, these are my mother and brothers. <sup>50</sup>Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother!”

**Remember, Satan is a Liar, and he is a divider and destroyer of the church.**

- John 8:44 (NLT) <sup>44</sup>For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.
- 2 Corinthians 11:14 (NLT) <sup>14</sup>But I am not surprised! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.
- John 10:10 (NLT) <sup>10</sup>The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

## **What Allows God’s Family To Stay Strong Together?**

1. We Are Surrendered To God’s Will
2. We Know The Spiritual Battle is Real
3. We Love God & People

**John 13:34–35 (NLT)** <sup>34</sup>So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. <sup>35</sup>Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

4. We Always Forgive
5. We Walk In Humility

**Galatians 3:28 (NLT)** <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

6. We Know God’s Word is The Standard
7. We Are Controlled by The Holy Spirit

## **Questions for Your Prayer Time This Week:**

- ⇒ Why would Jesus want you to be connected to HIs family?
- ⇒ Why would Satan want you separated from your church family?
- ⇒ Am I connected at the level God wants for me with my church family?

- ⇒ In Gods family, there is value given from each person, and there is value received from individuals in the family. Do you think you fully see the value you give? Do you think you see the value you receive?
- ⇒ What is the Holy Spirit showing you in regard to God's plan of His family being really really connected?