

John 14:1 “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.”

“You are only truly balanced when you are moving forward!”

Philippians 3:12-17 “Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Isaiah 14 12-14 “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’

Genesis 1:26 “Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness...”

Luke 5:6-7 “And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. ⁷ So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.”

✓ **Faith is fulfilled in community.**

Lessons from the Boat

✓ **Isolation is never the answer.**

Proverbs 18:1 ESV “Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment.”

1 Kings 19 1- 4 “And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.” ³ And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. ⁴ But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, “It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!”

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✓ **What I can’t do, we can do.**

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Making the Most of Community:

1. God has given you a family. Enjoy it!

Acts 2:46-47 “They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, ⁴⁷as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved.”

2. God has given you a spiritual gift. Employ it!

1 Peter 4:10 “God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.”

3. God has given you a purpose. Embrace it!

Matthew 5:14 & 16 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden . . .¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Ephesians 2:10 “For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

Luke 6:38 “Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your lap.”