

COMMUNITY AROUND GOD'S WORD  
Romans 15:4-7 (ESV)

*For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.*  
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1. We need to share the DYNAMIC TRUTH of Scripture with each other.

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*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup> the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— <sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.*

1 John 1:1-3 (ESV)

*In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will."*  
Luke 10:21 (ESV)

2. Through His Word, God provides ENDURANCE and ENCOURAGEMENT for our community.

*May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus.*  
Romans 15:5 (ESV)

*Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.*  
Romans 12:16 (ESV)

3. Together, around God's Word, we can GLORIFY God.

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Romans 15:6-7 (ESV)