

**Created for Community**  
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Part 1 – We Need Each Other

**Romans 12:5 NLT**

...Since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others.

We all need people in our lives – I need people for **5 reasons**:

**1. I Need People Who Will Walk With Me.**

**Genesis 2:18 NLT**

It is not good for the man to be alone...

There's an old African proverb, 'When you run alone, you run fast. But when you run together, you run far.'

**Hebrews 10:25 NLT**

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.

*Community is God's answer to loneliness.*

**1 Corinthians 14:26, 30-31 Message**

When you gather, each one of you be prepared with something useful for all: Sing a hymn, teach a lesson, tell a story, lead a prayer, provide an insight...Take your turn, with no one person taking over. That way...you all learn from each other.

**Ephesians 4:16 NLT**

As each part does its work, it helps the other parts grow, so Christ's whole body is healthy and growing and full of love."

**2. I Need People Who Will Work With Me.**

**Ephesians 2:10 NLT**

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.

**Ecclesiastes 4:9 NKJV**

Two *are* better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor.

*Community is God's answer to fatigue.*

### **Galatians 6:10 Message**

Every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.

### **3. I Need People Who Will *Fight* For Me.**

#### **Philippians 2:4 NKJV**

Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

#### **Ecclesiastes 4:12 NLT**

A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

*Community is God's answer to defeat.*

#### **Ecclesiastes 4:10 NLT**

If one person falls, another can reach out and help. But people who are alone when they fall are in real trouble.

### **4. I Need People Who Will *Weep* With Me.**

#### **1 Peter 3:8 LB**

You should be like one big family, full of sympathy toward each other...

#### **1 Corinthians 12:26 NLT**

If one part suffers, every part suffers with it.

*Community is God's answer to despair.*

#### **Romans 12:15 NKJV**

Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

#### **1 Thessalonians 5:11 Message**

So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind. I know you're already doing this; just keep on doing it.

### **5. I Need People Who Will *Partner* With Me.**

#### **John 15:4-5 Message**

Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can't bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can't bear fruit unless you are joined with me.

5 "I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can't produce a thing.

**Deuteronomy 32:30 NLT**

...one person chase a thousand of them, and two people put ten thousand to flight...

*Community is God's answer to significance.*

We're better together

**Philippians 1:27 CEV**

...You are working together and struggling side by side to get others to believe the Good News...