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"Rise...To a New Family"

"And all the believers <u>met together</u> in one place and shared everything they had."

-Acts 2:44 (NLT)

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone."

— Genesis 2:18 (ESV)

You need a <u>Family</u> to stand against the <u>Enemy</u>.

Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.

— 1 Peter 5:8-9 (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.

— Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NLT)

Families <u>Carry</u> each other's Burdens.

The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So, it is with the body of Christ. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.

— 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 (NLT)

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

- Galatians 6:1-3 (ESV)

Make space in your <u>Journey</u> for a Christ <u>Family</u>.

Let us consider how to inspire each other to greater love and to righteous deeds, not forgetting to gather as a community, as some have forgotten, but encouraging each other, especially as the day *of His return* approaches.

— Hebrews 10:24-25 (Voice)