

The background features a dark, atmospheric landscape. On the right, a large, multi-story stone castle with a prominent spire sits atop a rocky cliff. In the center, a small figure of a person stands on a bridge that spans across a deep, misty chasm. The sky is filled with a flock of birds in flight, and the overall scene is shrouded in a soft, ethereal light that creates a sense of mystery and grandeur.

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WEEK 5

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-5

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-5

3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus

**SELF-SUFFICIENCY
IS AN ILLUSION**

GENESIS 3:1

“now the serpent was more
crafty than any other beast of
the field that the Lord God
had made.

GENESIS 3:1

He said to the woman, “Did
God **actually** say, ‘You shall
not eat of any tree in the
garden’?”

EVE IS ISOLATED

FROM ADAM

ADAM & EVE ARE

ISOLATED FROM

GOD

GENESIS 3:8

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife **hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God** among the trees of the garden.

ADAM & EVE ARE
ISOLATED FROM ONE
ANOTHER

GENESIS 3:11-12

He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” 12

The man said, “**The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree,**

and I ate.”

1 PETER 5:8-9

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

NO ONE NOTICES SUBTLE

COMPROMISES

NO ONE CHALLENGES

DISTORTED THINKING

NO ONE INTERCEDES UP

CLOSE

SHAME GROWS IN
SILENCE

COMMUNITY IS GOD'S

COUNTERATTACK

ACTS 2:42-47

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common.

ACTS 2:42-47

45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

COMMUNITY HEALS SHAME.

COMMUNITY SAYS YOU ARE STILL LOVED.

COMMUNITY HEALS FEAR.

COMMUNITY HEALS PRIDE.

COMMUNITY HEALS LONELINESS.

**INTENTIONAL
COMMUNITY IS
SPIRITUAL
RESISTANCE**

PHILIPPIANS 2:4-5

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DEVOTION OVER CONVENIENCE

VULNERABILITY OVER IMAGE MANAGEMENT

SHARED MISSION OVER PERSONAL
PREFERENCE

INDIVIDUALISM

IS A

BATTLEGROUND

COMMUNITY HEALS BECAUSE IT IS WHERE
TRUTH CONFRONTS LIES

COMMUNITY PROTECTS BECAUSE IT IS
WHERE BURDENS ARE SHARED

COMMUNITY STRENGTHENS BECAUSE IT
IS WHERE HUMILITY GROWS.