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PART 3: CASUAL COMMUNITY

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COMMUNITY STRETCHES US RELATIONALLY

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EXODUS 4:1

THEN MOSES ANSWERED, “BUT BEHOLD, THEY WILL NOT BELIEVE ME OR LISTEN TO MY VOICE, FOR THEY WILL SAY, ‘THE LORD DID NOT APPEAR TO YOU.’ ”

ACTS 7:35

“THIS MOSES, WHOM THEY REJECTED, SAYING, ‘WHO MADE YOU A RULER AND A JUDGE?’—THIS MAN GOD SENT AS BOTH RULER AND REDEEMER BY THE HAND OF THE ANGEL WHO APPEARED TO HIM IN THE BUSH.

MATTHEW 12

⁴⁶ WHILE HE WAS STILL SPEAKING TO THE PEOPLE, BEHOLD, HIS MOTHER AND HIS BROTHERS STOOD OUTSIDE, ASKING TO SPEAK TO HIM. ⁴⁸ BUT HE REPLIED TO THE MAN WHO TOLD HIM, “WHO IS MY MOTHER, AND WHO ARE MY BROTHERS?” ⁴⁹ AND STRETCHING OUT HIS HAND TOWARD HIS DISCIPLES, HE SAID, “HERE ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS! ⁵⁰ FOR WHOEVER DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER IN HEAVEN IS MY BROTHER AND SISTER AND MOTHER.”

COMMUNITY SHAPES US TO SERVE

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EXODUS 4

¹⁰ BUT MOSES SAID TO THE LORD, "OH, MY LORD, I AM NOT ELOQUENT, EITHER IN THE PAST OR SINCE YOU HAVE SPOKEN TO YOUR SERVANT, BUT I AM SLOW OF SPEECH AND OF TONGUE." ¹¹ THEN THE LORD SAID TO HIM, "WHO HAS MADE MAN'S MOUTH? WHO MAKES HIM MUTE, OR DEAF, OR SEEING, OR BLIND? IS IT NOT I, THE LORD? ¹² NOW THEREFORE GO, AND I WILL BE WITH YOUR MOUTH AND TEACH YOU WHAT YOU SHALL SPEAK."

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²⁴ AND WHEN THE TEN HEARD IT, THEY WERE INDIGNANT AT THE TWO BROTHERS. ²⁵
BUT JESUS CALLED THEM TO HIM AND SAID, "YOU KNOW THAT THE RULERS OF THE
GENTILES LORD IT OVER THEM, AND THEIR GREAT ONES EXERCISE AUTHORITY OVER
THEM. ²⁶ IT SHALL NOT BE SO AMONG YOU. BUT WHOEVER WOULD BE GREAT AMONG
YOU MUST BE YOUR SERVANT, ²⁷ AND WHOEVER WOULD BE FIRST AMONG YOU
MUST BE YOUR SLAVE, ²⁸ EVEN AS THE SON OF MAN CAME NOT TO BE SERVED BUT
TO SERVE, AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY."

COMMUNITY SHARPENS US INTERNALLY

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¹³ BUT HE SAID, "OH, MY LORD, PLEASE SEND SOMEONE ELSE." ¹⁴ THEN THE ANGER OF THE LORD WAS KINDLED AGAINST MOSES AND HE SAID, "IS THERE NOT AARON, YOUR BROTHER, THE LEVITE? I KNOW THAT HE CAN SPEAK WELL. BEHOLD, HE IS COMING OUT TO MEET YOU, AND WHEN HE SEES YOU, HE WILL BE GLAD IN HIS HEART. ¹⁵ YOU SHALL SPEAK TO HIM AND PUT THE WORDS IN HIS MOUTH, AND I WILL BE WITH YOUR MOUTH AND WITH HIS MOUTH AND WILL TEACH YOU BOTH WHAT TO DO

EXODUS 4

¹⁶ HE SHALL SPEAK FOR YOU TO THE PEOPLE, AND HE SHALL BE YOUR MOUTH, AND YOU SHALL BE AS GOD TO HIM. ¹⁷ AND TAKE IN YOUR HAND THIS STAFF, WITH WHICH YOU SHALL DO THE SIGNS.”

PROVERBS 27:17

IRON SHARPENS IRON, AND ONE MAN SHARPENS ANOTHER.

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²⁴ AND LET US CONSIDER HOW TO STIR UP ONE ANOTHER TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS, ²⁵ NOT NEGLECTING TO MEET TOGETHER, AS IS THE HABIT OF SOME, BUT ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER, AND ALL THE MORE AS YOU SEE THE DAY DRAWING NEAR.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD'S COMMUNITY?
- 2) HOW MANY FRIENDS KNOW THE EMBARRASSING STUFF ABOUT YOU & LOVE YOU STILL?
- 3) HOW OFTEN DO YOU TALK ABOUT SPIRITUAL THINGS WITH OTHER FRIENDS?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 4) WHO HAVE YOU ALLOWED TO SPEAK TRUTH AND ENCOURAGEMENT INTO YOUR LIFE?
- 5) HOW ARE YOU CURRENTLY BEING SHAPED TO BE A SERVANT IN GOD'S KINGDOM?

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