SERMON SERIES: Hills We Die On **SPEAKER:** Scott Beckenhauer

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Sermon Title:

"Relationships over Isolation"

Introduction

We are in week three of our series "Hills We Die On". This week we take a moment to reflect on the reasons we choose Relationships over Isolation. When we are burdened and alone, we are at our most vulnerable. It is crucial in our Christian walk that we make sure to make time for community with one another.

• Share a time when you had a strong sense of community or deep connection with others. What made that experience meaningful to you?

Seek the Word

- Read Numbers 11:4-15. Verse 10 describes Moses hearing the people wailing. How did the constant complaining affect Moses? Have you ever been in a situation where negativity or complaining impacted you?
- Read Numbers 11:16-35. Moses, feeling isolated and burdened, turns to God in prayer. How does his approach to God in this difficult situation teach us about handling our own struggles? How does God respond?

Go Deeper

Read 1 Kings 19:1-9. Think about Elijah's moment of desperation in verses 4 and 5. How does his response to adversity compare to Moses'? What similarities or differences do you notice in their reactions to challenging circumstances?

Talk About It

- Reflect on a time when you faced a challenging situation alone. How did that experience impact you, and what could have been different if you had sought support from others?
- Consider the principle: "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." How does this apply to your spiritual journey and personal growth? In what areas of your life do you need to prioritize community over individual effort?
- How do you currently engage in consistent, Christ-centered relationships? If you're not
 involved in such relationships, what steps can you take to cultivate them in your life?

Wrap Up

Reminder: Spiritual transformation happens best in consistent, Christ-centered relationships. Challenge: This week, Spend some time evaluating your involvement in a community or small group. How can you contribute to carrying the burdens of others within that group? How can you open up about your own struggles and allow others to support you? What is the next step for you to take?