

UNITED
PART 3
THANKFUL FOR YOU

Philippians 1:3–5 Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now.

WHY WE CAN BE THANKFUL FOR EACH OTHER

1. COMMUNITY IS GOD'S ANSWER TO LONELINESS.

Acts 2:46 They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—

2. COMMUNITY IS GOD'S ANSWER TO EXHAUSTION.

Galatians 6:9–10 So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, 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. COMMUNITY IS GOD'S ANSWER TO DEFEAT.

Philippians 4:10, 14 How I praise the Lord that you are concerned about me again. I know you have always been concerned for me, but you didn't have the chance to help me... Even so, you have done well to share with me in my present difficulty.

4. COMMUNITY IS GOD'S ANSWER TO DESPAIR.

1 Peter 3:8 Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude.

Romans 12:15 Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep.

5. COMMUNITY IS GOD'S ANSWER TO FEAR.

Philippians 1:28 Stand united, singular in vision, contending for people's trust in the Message, the good news, not flinching or dodging in the slightest before the opposition. Your courage and unity will show them what they're up against: defeat for them, victory for you—and both because of God.