I Believe and I Belong

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2 Peter 2:9-10
"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. [10] Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God."

1 Timothy 3:15
"God's family is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth."

Philippians 1:21-25
"For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better. [22] But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ. So I really don't know which is better. [23] I'm torn between two desires: I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me. [24] But for your sakes, it is better that I continue to live. [25] Knowing this, I am convinced that I will remain alive so I can continue to help all of you grow and experience the joy of your faith."

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Acts 2:42-47
"The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer…All the believers were together and had everything in common… [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."

The secret sauce to spiritual growth and vitality is community.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10
"Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. [10] If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble."

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Proverbs 27:17
"As iron sharpens iron, one man sharpens another."

Hebrews 10:24-25
"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. [25] And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."