

# The Joy of Community

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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

*I have much to write to you, but I do not want to use paper and ink. Instead, I hope to visit you and talk with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete.*

—2 John 12

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*When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."*

—Genesis 3:6-13

## Three Relationship Shift Due to the Fall

- 1.) Vulnerability-Façade (v.7)
- 2.) Safety-Fear (v.8)
- 3.) Community-Separation (v.8&10)

## Changing the Game

- 1.) *Façade - Vulnerability*

*Requires: Trust*

*Road Block: Our Past*

- 2.) *Fear-Safety*

*Requires: Courage*

*Road Block: Our Vision*

- 3.) *Separation-Community*

*Requires: Grace*

*Road Block: Our Entitlement*

*You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.*

*—Genesis 3:4-6*

*In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he*

*humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even  
death on a cross!*

*—Philippians 2:5-8*

**CONNECT exist to create irresistible environments\_\_ where everyone is encouraged to take their next step toward life change.**

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