

LIKE IT OR NOT WE NEED EACH OTHER!

Supporting relationships just don't happen.

We have to be intentional in forming close relationships!

The Bible reinforces the idea that creating supporting relationships is a spiritual discipline.

Hebrews 10:23-25 (niv) Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

vs 23: Let us hold unswervingly

Life's circumstances have a tendency to swerve us off course.

Experienced Christians can stray off course.

Life has no favourites!

vs 23 (tpt) ...we must cling tightly to the hope that lives within us, knowing that God always keeps His promises!

A key to not swerving off course is to trust that God will help guide and keep us on track.

The people that care for us could very well be the support God's uses to help us from swerving off course and drifting away.

vs 24: Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

Spurs are used as to motivate and to guide a horse.

We are to encourage and to motivate one another to make steady progress in our relationship with God.

To motivate them toward acts of compassion, doing beautiful works as expressions of love. vs 24 (tpt)

We spur one another on to do good for the benefit of others.

God never designed us to live life in isolation but in community.

Being committed into a church family is where we can experience authentic community.

Small Groups are an ideal setting to experience the power of supporting relationships.

This is why as a Christ follower we need to put down our spiritual roots deep into a church family.

Living in isolation is a recipe for swerving off course

Mutual encouragement is one way how God designed us to grow.

Like it or not, we need each other!

*Hebrews 10:25 (tpt) This is not the time to **pull away and neglect meeting together**, as some have formed the habit of doing, because we need each other! In fact, we should come together even more frequently, eager to encourage and urge each other onward as we anticipate that day dawning.*

Intentional community is deciding to put down roots.

We need to be connected into an authentic community for support to withstand the complexities and the pressures that life presents us.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (niv) A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

Genuine loving relationships provide the care and support we all need!

***Ephesians 4:15-16** (tlb) Instead, we will lovingly follow the truth at all times - speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly - and so become more and more in every way like Christ who is the Head of his body, the Church.*

*¹⁶Under his direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly, and each part in its own special way helps the other parts, so that **the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.***

ACC Value: Authentic Community

Community best happens through supporting and accountable relationships.

Will you commit to putting down your spiritual roots into our church family?

By,

1. Committing to ACC as your church family.
2. Begin to serve in one of our various ministry expressions.
3. Get involved in a Connect Group?