



Sharing Life Together

March 14 & 15, 2026

Four Ways I Thrive in Community:



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Four Facts that Prove I was Created for Community:

- God looked at an innocent man in a perfect garden and says, "something's _____."
- _____ was God's plan before sin brought brokenness.
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- Community isn't a bonus for spiritual people; it's part of God's original _____ for everyone.

Hebrews 2:10a (NCV)

God is the One who made all things, and all things are for his glory. He wanted to have many children share his glory...

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NLT)

Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.

"We were never meant to stand _____.

We are meant to be woven _____."



I thrive when I do life and live my faith with _____.

Acts 2:44-47 (NLT)

And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. 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—all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

2 John 1:6 (NCV)

And love means living the way God commanded us to live. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is this: Live a life of love.

Two Realities:

- **The original church wasn't about attending services – it was about _____.**
- _____ **creates an environment where people thrive together.**

James 3:18 (MSG)

You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives with God and enjoys its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor.



I thrive when I celebrate _____ to God's family.

“We are not just saved from something – we are saved into God's _____.”

Ephesians 2:19b (LB)

Now you are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but you are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and you belong in God's household with every other Christian.

“Living the Christian life isn't just about believing the right things – it's about belonging to the right _____.”

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See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!

Five Reasons You Need a Church Family:

- It _____ me as a genuine believer.

John 13:35 (NLT)

“Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

- It _____ me from self-centered isolation.

1 Corinthians 12:26 (NLT)

If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad.

- It _____ my spiritual muscle.

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Under 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.

- It shows me how _____ I am to the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:27 (SBT)

As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy, growing and full of love.

- It _____ me from falling back into my old ways.

Hebrews 3:13 (NIV)

But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.



I thrive by _____ and receiving love from other Christians.

1 John 4:12 (NLT)

No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.

Three Realities about Giving and Receiving Love:

- I don’t learn _____ alone.
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“God uses people who are _____.”

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (TPT)

Because of this, encourage the hearts of your fellow believers and support one another, just as you have already been doing.

Next Steps for Me:

- _____ connection over isolation.
- _____ to being known and getting to know others at Grace.
- _____ love, patience, and grace in community.
- _____ church as my family, not as an event.

Practical Ideas for this Week:

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