

God's Power Flows When We Connect

God's Vision for Us - Part 3

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Pray Daily for your Five Friends Focus

Introduction

Ecclesiastes 4:9–10 (ESV) Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!

Matthew 18:20 (ESV) For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.

Psalms 133:1 (ESV) Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

1. We Recognize Every Member Matters

1 Corinthians 12:14 (ESV) For the body does not consist of one member but of many.

Romans 12:4–5 (ESV) For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Ephesians 4:16 (ESV) From whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

2. We Commit to Encouraging One Another

1 Corinthians 12:25–26 (ESV) That there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Hebrews 10:24–25 (ESV) And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Acts 2:42 (ESV) And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

3. We Serve One Another with Our Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:7 (ESV) To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1 Peter 4:10 (ESV) As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

Ephesians 2:10 (ESV) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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1. In your own words, what does it look like when a community chooses connection over isolation?
2. Where do you most need someone to walk alongside you right now, and how could you invite that support? (Ecclesiastes 4:9–10)
3. What changes when you intentionally gather with others for spiritual purposes rather than going it alone? (Matthew 18:20)
4. What habits could you cultivate this week to pursue unity with people you do not naturally gravitate toward? (Psalm 133:1)

1. We Recognize Every Member Matters

1. What helps you remember that your contributions are needed, even when you feel insignificant? (1 Corinthians 12:14)
2. In what ways does your spiritual growth strengthen others in your church family, and how can you lean into that more? (Romans 12:4–5)
3. What conditions help a community grow in a healthy way, and how can you do your part to support that environment? (Ephesians 4:16)
4. What is one area where you could step in to serve so others can experience the benefit of your presence and involvement?

2. We Commit to Encouraging One Another

1. When someone is hurting or celebrating, what is a practical first move you can make to show genuine care? (1 Corinthians 12:25–26)
2. What rhythms can you build into your week to consistently motivate others toward love and purposeful action? (Hebrews 10:24–25)
3. Which simple practices such as learning together, sharing life, and praying will you prioritize to deepen community? (Acts 2:42)
4. Who in your life right now most needs encouragement, and what will you do to lift them up this week?

3. We Serve One Another with Our Gifts

1. Where have you noticed God working through you to benefit others, and how could you use that more intentionally? (1 Corinthians 12:7)
2. What gift do you sense you have been entrusted with, and where could you begin using it to serve people around you? (1 Peter 4:10)
3. How does viewing your life as a purposeful assignment change the way you approach opportunities to serve? (Ephesians 2:10)
4. What specific opportunity do you see around you where your gifts could make a difference, and how will you respond?

Conclusion

1. What next step will you take to strengthen your connection to your church family, whether gathering, encouraging, or serving, and when will you take it?
2. Who is one person you can partner with this week so that both of you experience God's power through shared life?