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Social media has its place, but it can't substitute for person to person community that offers love, support and gracious challenge.

Everyone wants a place to belong, be accepted and loved despite our faults (which eventually come out in all of us).

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens

and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

GENESIS 1:26

We're created for community, where we experience the love and acceptance of the Father.

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you,

Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me." JOHN 17:20-21

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world,

following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience.

EPHESIANS 2:1-2

Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise,

having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility. EPHESIANS 2:12-14

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,

but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. ROMANS 8:14-16

We're saved for community, where we experience and celebrate the joy of being a child of God.

In the church of Jesus Christ, there's absolutely no room for pride, prejudice, bigotry or racism.

1 - Jesus holds us responsible not to put any obstacles to community in front of people.

2 - We're to celebrate the family of God by choosing to be in community with others.

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. 10 Love one another with brotherly affection.

Outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,

be constant in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

ROMANS 12:9-13

We thrive in community, where we give and receive love, support and gracious challenge.

Because people are imperfect, community will always be challenging.

One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. 37 And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment,

38 and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair

of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. LUKE 7:36-38..

Like Jesus, we let people "IN." We offer community to others, the least, lonely, the hurting, those around us.

