

BUILT TOGETHER: 5 DAY DEVOTIONAL ON COMMUNITY

Day 1 – Created for Community

Scripture: *“The Lord God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone.’” – Genesis 2:18 (NIV)*

From the very beginning of creation, God made it clear that isolation was never part of His perfect plan. When He looked upon Adam in the Garden of Eden, surrounded by beauty, abundance, and peace, God still said something was missing: *“It is not good for man to be alone.”*

That single statement reveals a deep truth about who we are — we were created for connection. God Himself exists in perfect community — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. So when He made humanity in His image, He planted within us that same need for relationship.

Community isn't a luxury; it's a lifeline. It's in the presence of others that our faith grows roots. It's in shared laughter and honest conversation that joy is multiplied and burdens are halved. We see this throughout Scripture: Moses had Aaron, Ruth had Naomi, David had Jonathan, and Jesus surrounded Himself with the disciples. Even the Son of God didn't walk His earthly journey alone.

But in today's world, it's easier than ever to pull away — to isolate ourselves behind screens, schedules, and self-sufficiency. We say, “I'm fine,” when deep down, our hearts long for connection. Yet God

gently reminds us that healing and growth happen when we open up to others.

Being part of a community doesn't mean we'll never be hurt or disappointed. People are imperfect — but so are we. The beauty of Christian community is not in perfection, but in grace. It's in the forgiveness we extend, the understanding we offer, and the love that binds us together despite our differences.

When we lean into community, we begin to experience God's design — a place where we belong, where we are known, and where our faith finds strength in the company of others.

Reflection Questions:

1. Who has God placed in your life to walk beside you?
2. Have you been isolating yourself from others out of fear, pride, or past hurt?
3. What step can you take this week to build or rebuild a meaningful connection?

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for creating us to need one another. Help me not to isolate myself when life feels heavy, but to seek the strength found in community. Teach me to be present, open, and willing to both give and receive love. May I reflect Your image by building connections that draw others closer to You. **In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**