

## FINDING YOUR TRIBE

### Day Three: Built to Belong

**Scripture:** “*Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*” — 1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)

#### **Devotional:**

One of the greatest truths about our walk with God is that we were never meant to do it alone. From the very beginning, in the quiet garden of creation, God looked at Adam and said, “*It is not good for man to be alone.*” (Genesis 2:18). God understood that even in a perfect world, with everything provided, Adam still needed connection.

You and I were created with that same longing — to be seen, known, and loved. But if we’re honest, finding where we fit isn’t always easy. Many of us have been part of circles that left us feeling invisible or undervalued. Some of us have been hurt by people we trusted, and it made us want to build walls instead of bridges.

But God never intended for us to live guarded and disconnected. He designed us as part of something bigger — the *body of Christ*. And just like every part of the body has a purpose, every person has a place. You don’t have to fight for belonging when God has already called you “part of the body.”

The truth is, not every group is your tribe. Sometimes you’ll have to walk away from circles that only tolerate you to find the ones that truly

*celebrate* you. The people meant for your life won't compete with your calling — they'll complement it. They'll speak life into your purpose, not drain the energy out of it.

Your tribe will be the ones who see the God in you even when you don't see it in yourself. They'll remind you who you are when life tries to make you forget. They'll pray with you through the storm, not gossip about your struggle. And most of all, they'll point you back to Jesus when your focus starts to wander.

If you've been feeling out of place, don't lose heart. Sometimes God has to move you out of certain circles so He can position you in the right ones. There's a tribe waiting for you — one that fits your purpose, your pace, and your heart.

Belonging doesn't mean being perfect; it means being real. And when you find your people — the ones who see your scars but still choose to stand beside you — that's when you'll realize just how beautiful God's design for community really is.

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. Who are the people in your life that bring peace, encouragement, and accountability?
2. Are there relationships that keep you stuck instead of helping you grow?
3. How can you intentionally be a life-giving friend within your circle?

4. Have you been isolating out of hurt? Ask God to begin softening your heart toward healthy connection.

**Prayer:**

Lord, thank You for reminding me that I was built to belong. Help me recognize the relationships that come from You — the ones that push me closer to my purpose and deepen my walk with You. Heal the parts of me that have been hurt by false friendships or misplaced trust. Teach me to be discerning but not distant, open but not naïve.

Help me be the kind of friend who listens, loves, and lifts others up. Let my life reflect the unity and grace You desire for Your people. Thank You for placing me in a tribe where I can grow, serve, and thrive — all for Your glory.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.