

YOU'VE GOT TO GET CONNECTED

A New Look At Purpose – Part 2

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

FELLOWSHIP

is God’s word for *“connecting with others.”*

Acts 2:42 (NLT) *“All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer.”*

Matthew 28:19 (NIV) *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”*

What Is It Like To Be Spiritually Connected?

1. It’s like being a BRICK in a building.

Ephesians 2:20 & 22 (GNT) *“You, too, are built upon the foundation laid by the apostles and prophets, the cornerstone being Christ Jesus Himself. ²²In union with Him you too are being built together with all the others into a place where God lives through His Spirit.”*

Ephesians 2:21 (NLT) *“We are carefully joined together in Him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.”*

All the bricks in a building

SUPPORT each other.

2. It’s like being a PART of a body.

Romans 12:4-5 GNT *“We have many parts in the one body, and all these parts have different functions. ⁵In the same way though we are many, we are one body in union with Christ, and we are all joined to each other as different parts of one body.”*

- We all are UNIQUE.
- We all have DIFFERENT roles to play.

- We all are NEEDED to make the body complete.
- We all BELONG to each other.
- We all need to be CONNECTED to each other.

All the parts in a body GROW together.

Colossians 2:19 (TLB) *“...All of us who are His (Christ’s) body are joined; for we are joined together by His strong sinews, and we grow only as we get our nourishment and strength from God.”*

3. It’s like being a SHEEP in a flock.

Psalms 100:3 (NLT) *“Acknowledge that the LORD is God! He made us, and we are His. We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.”*

John 10:11 (NIV) *“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.”*

All the sheep in a flock are CARED for.

1 Peter 5:2 (NLT) *“Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God.”*

4. It’s like being a MEMBER of a family.

1 Timothy 3:15 (GWT) *“I want you to know how people who are members of God’s family must live. God’s family is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.”*

Romans 12:10a (NCV) *“Love each other like brothers and sisters.”*

All the members in a family LOVE each other.

2 Corinthians 8:5b (GNT) *“First they gave themselves to the Lord; and then, by God’s will they gave themselves to us as well.”*