



We Belong to Each Other

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TODAY'S READING: 1 Corinthians 12

"How do we belong to one another?" you may ask. Not all of us are kin to each other, and we have different last names. In verses 26 and 27 we read this, "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." As fellow members of the body of Christ we belong to one another. What does that really mean practically? We get some hints from this passage. When one of us suffers all suffer, when one is honored all rejoice because we belong to one another. This is a concept that Acts 2 always takes my mind to. The early church was so excited about what Christ had done for them and so excited that they had things in common that they spent a lot of their time together and lived life together.

I hope you have in mind the friends that meet this criteria for you. The friends that pray for you when you are struggling. The friends that celebrate with you in the good times. The friends that are very involved in your life -- either in the amount of time you spend together or the friends at a distance that you know are praying for you. I have had sets of friends like this in the church over my life and currently do. These are friends that get a text when I am struggling and when I am celebrating. Are you that friend to others? Who in your life can you count on to be there for you? Are you truly appreciative of those friends and do they know?

PRAYER: God, thank you for brothers and sisters in Christ that I can be me with and who are there for me. God, help me to be the kind of friend others can count on.

TOMORROW'S READING: 1 Corinthians 13

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