

Life Is Better Together

Who We Are - Part 2

Bayou Church Values

- Everyone has a story.
 - Everyone has a story, but nobody was meant to walk through theirs alone.
- Life is better together.

“¹²For just as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body, though many, are one body—so also is Christ. ¹³For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and we were all given one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴Indeed, the body is not one part but many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, ‘Because I’m not a hand, I don’t belong to the body,’ it is not for that reason any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, ‘Because I’m not an eye, I don’t belong to the body,’ it is not for that reason any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God has arranged each one of the parts in the body just as He wanted. ¹⁹And if they were all the same part, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, but one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I don’t need you!’ Or again, the head can’t say to the feet, ‘I don’t need you!’ ²²On the contrary, those parts of the body that are weaker are indispensable. ²³And those parts of the body that we consider less honorable, we clothe these with greater honor, and our unrespectable parts are treated with greater respect, ²⁴which our respectable parts do not need.” 1 Corinthians 12:12-24 (CSB)

Independence says, “I don’t need you.”

Interdependence says, “I have a part to play, and so do you.”

“¹When He entered Capernaum again after some days, it was reported that He was at home. ²So many people gathered together that there was no more room, not even in the doorway, and He was speaking the word to them. ³They came to Him bringing a paralytic, carried by four of them. ⁴Since they were not able to bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him, and after digging through it, they lowered the mat on which the paralytic was lying. ⁵Seeing their faith, Jesus told the paralytic, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven.’ ⁶But some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts: ⁷‘Why does He speak like this? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?’ ⁸Right away Jesus perceived in His spirit that they were thinking like this within themselves and said to them, ‘Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, “Your sins are forgiven,” or to say, “Get up, take your mat, and walk?” ¹⁰But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins’—He told the paralytic—¹¹“I tell you: get up, take your mat, and go home.” ¹²Immediately he got up, took the mat, and went out in front of everyone. As a result, they were all astounded and gave glory to God, saying, ‘We have never seen anything like this!’” Mark 2:1-12 (CSB)

Four Corners of Life Together:

Corner #1: Support (Vs. 3)

Corner #2 - Courage (Vs. 4)

Corner #3 - Faith (Vs. 5)

- Prayer: Bring one another's needs before Jesus.
- Repentance: Help one another turn from sin toward Jesus.
- Obedience: Encourage one another to follow Jesus.
- Trust: Remind one another to depend on Jesus.

Corner #4 - Commitment (Vs 3-4)

Who carries your corner? Whose corner are you carrying?

Sometimes you carry a corner. Sometimes you're the one on the mat. We all need people who will help us get to Jesus.

You cannot **become** who God called you to be apart from community.

You cannot **experience** all that God has for you apart from community.

You cannot **accomplish** all that God has for you apart from community.

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