

Daring to Work Together

Decades - Part 6

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“... But as those who are alive from the dead, *offer yourselves to God*, and all the parts of yourselves to God as weapons for righteousness.” Romans 6:13 (CSB)

“Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to *present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship.*” Romans 12:1 (CSB)

You cannot fulfill God’s purpose for your life *by yourself*.

Five Commitments

1. To *strengthen* my faith I must *unite with others in worship*.

“But those who trust in the Lord will *renew their strength*; they will soar on wings like eagles; *they will run and not become weary, they will walk and not faint.*” Isaiah 40:31 (CSB)

2. To discover my *identity* and *purpose* I must *connect with others for fellowship*.

“We are like the various parts of a human body. Each part *gets its meaning from Christ’s Body as a whole, not the other way around*. Each of us *finds our meaning and function as a part of His body*. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn’t amount to much, would we?” Romans 12:4-5 (MSG)

¹⁸Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. ¹⁹That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed the message of reconciliation to us.” 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 (CSB)

3. To develop my *potential* I must *learn from others to grow*.

“From Him the whole body, fitted and knit *together* by every supporting ligament, *promotes the growth of the body* for building itself up in love by the proper working of each individual part.” Ephesians 4:16 (CSB)

4. To experience *significance* I must *serve with others in ministry*.

“Just as each one has received a gift, *use it to serve others*, as good stewards of the varied grace of God.” 1 Peter 4:10 (CSB)

⁹*Two are better than one* because they have a good reward for their efforts. ¹⁰For if either falls, his companion can lift him up; but pity the one who falls without another to lift him up. ¹¹Also, if two lie down together, they can keep warm; but how can one person alone keep warm? ¹²And if someone overpowers one person, *two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not easily broken.*” Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (CSB)

When we work together ...

- **We maximize our impact (vs 9)**
- **We minimize our failures (vs 10)**
- **We pool our resources (vs 11)**

5. To make an eternal difference I must join with others on mission.

The mission is people meeting Jesus.

“¹⁸Jesus came near and said to them, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20 (CSB)

*“They gave beyond their ability ... far more than they could afford. What explains it was that they had **first given themselves unreservedly to God**. The other giving simply flowed out of the purposes of God working in their lives.” 2 Corinthians 8:3, 5 (MSG)*