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## KINGDOM LIVING

### COMMUNITY LIFE

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#### SCRIPTURE REFERENCE(S)

*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. –John 13:34*

#### WARRIOR TOOL

Community is our training ground for our eternal relationships.

#### PRACTICE

Pursue healthy community. Pray for your community and be active in learning to love one another.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### LIVING AND THRIVING IN COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY IS VERY IMPORTANT TO GOD. DO YOU KNOW WHY?

*I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. 1 Corinthians 1:10*

Write down what community produces in a believer in Christ.

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Community leads to unity. Unity teaches us about our eternal relationships. We are going to live with people forever and on earth we are learning now about Kingdom life.

### WHAT DOES HEALTHY COMMUNITY LOOK LIKE:

*Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13*

*And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 1 Corinthians 12:16*

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2*

*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16*

Community is forgiveness. Healthy community is being individually you and not trying to be someone else. You function the best in community when you are living from your Kingdom identity and fulfilling your original design and purpose.

We support one another, we confide, trust and we pray for one another.

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1 Corinthians 13:1

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a ringing gong or a clanging cymbal.

#### **We LOVE**

In the video I spoke about sheep that bit. And it's true. But viewing a person through the eyes of Christ offers us a perspective that can release years of anger and bitterness.

The following verse provides the answer to our struggles with humanity: Look up 1 Peter 4:8 and write it below:

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#### **RECOGNIZING THE LIES**

In the video I discussed a few areas of church life that have come from a distorted view of scripture. A woman's role in the church and the doctrine that ministry requires a human covering. I challenge you to research both of these issues in the Word. Look at the original language/text of Paul's letters to the Corinthians. They are responses to questions posed in previous letters. Paul was actually addressing some specific issues for that body.

Also, Jesus Christ was the greatest liberator of women. While on earth, He continually broke and challenged the religious laws that kept women in bondage. Take a read through the Woman At the Well, the Woman with the Issue of blood. Look how He healed Mary Magdalene Jesus continues to break the religious spirit in our world today.

Regarding these topics, I encourage you to partake in an in-depth study of your own. Look at the original Hebrew. Discover the geo-political, social and economic influences of the time and the original language. Pray for wisdom and for the Lord to show you the truth.

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#### TRUTH

I've come to realize that when you pray and ask the Lord the truth, He WILL reveal the truth to you. What is interesting is that once He shows you what is really going on, you can't go back. Ahem, that's good but sometimes very uncomfortable.

Truth is uncomfortable. Truth challenges you and it will not leave you in the same place.

Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

Jesus is the truth. He will show you truth within your relationships, in your communities, in this world.

#### ACTIVATION

##### Walking In Community

Community is where the Lord can do His best work. If you aren't in a mutually edifying community life, pray and ask the Lord to show you where to connect.

Pray and ask for a healthy community. Pray and do the difficult work on yourself to become healed and whole in Jesus name. So you aren't the sheep that bites others.

Pray for your community. Bless them by name. Love and forgive. We are in training for all of eternity.

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But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.— 1 John 1:7

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