

Don't forget to stay connected during the week!

Would you like to serve and see what God can do IN you and THROUGH you? We would like to talk to you. Let us know through your connection card or in person with one of our leaders..

A big part of our church's DNA is going out to serve to those in need, so we want to invite you to link arms with us as we serve our community. Stay tune for our next community service events.

Do you have kids between 12 and 18? Our Youth Group is a safe, fun, and purposeful place where they can grow in their faith, make friends, and discover what God has planned for their lives. We'll see them this Tuesday at 7PM.

Every Wednesday we'll have our midweek WOW service—a time to worship, learn, and connect with God. We'll see you at 7PM!









TRADING ISOLATION FOR CONNECTION

"I feel forgotten, Lord, as I walk through the valley of isolation"

Psalm 102:1

But here's the truth God wants us to hear today:

- **ISOLATION** is not meant to be **PERMANENT**.
- All of **HUMANITY** was made for **CONNECTION**.

"It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a companion, a partner perfectly suited for him"

Genesis 2:18 VOICE

"For in him we live and move and have our being"

Acts 17:28, NIV

Three profound truths:

- LIVE God is the source of our life and breath.
- **MOVE** Our strength—physical, mental, and spiritual—comes from Him.
- <u>HAVE OUR BEING</u> God sustains everything, including us; He holds it all together.

The Challenges of Living Connected:

- 1. PRIDE and SELF-Reliance
- 2. Fear of **VULNERABILITY**
- 3. Past HURT or DISAPPOINTMENT
- 4. BUSYNESS and OVERCOMMITMENT

I need connection and community that will:

- 1. Challenge You **MENTALLY**
- 2. Support You **EMOTIONALLY**
- 3. STRENGTHEN You Spiritually

"Wise friends make you wise, but you hurt yourself by going around with fools."

Proverbs 13:20 (CEV)

"By helping each other with your troubles, you truly obey the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2 (NCV)

"Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives."

Colossians 3:16

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

Proverbs 27:17

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Have you ever experienced a season of deep isolation? How did it affect you spiritually, emotionally, and mentally?
- 2. In what ways have you seen God provide meaningful connections in your life?
- 3. Which barrier to connection—busyness, past hurts, or trust issues—has been the biggest challenge for you, and what's one step you could take to overcome it?
- 4. Who in your life has "sharpened" you spiritually, and how can you intentionally be that kind of friend to someone else?



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