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HOW WE HELP EACH OTHER GROW

40 Days of Community

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Part 4 of 7

“From the very beginning God decided that those who came to him-- and all along he knew who would--should become like his Son...” Rom. 8:29 (LB)

“Encourage each other and build each other up.” 1 Th. 5:11 (NIV)

1. BY AFFIRMING EACH OTHER’S WORTH.

- **WITH Acceptance**

“Accept one another, just as Christ accepted you...” Rom. 15:7 (NIV)

- **WITH Attention**

“Give special attention to those who are in the family of believers.” Gal. 6:10 (NCV)

- **WITH Affection**

“Love one another with brotherly affection as members of one family...” Rom. 12:10 (Amp)

- **WITH Appreciation**

“Brothers and sisters... appreciate those who work hard among you, who lead you in the Lord and teach you.” 1 Th. 5:12 (NCV)

2. BY PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER’S GROWTH.

“Epaphras...always prays for you that you will grow to be spiritually mature.” Col. 4:12 (NCV)

“I pray...you’ll be able to feel and understand, how long, wide, deep, and high Christ’s love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves...” Eph. 3:18-19 (LB)

“I pray... you will always be eager to do right.” Heb. 13:21 (CEV)

“I pray God who gives hope will fill you with much joy and peace while you trust in him.” Rom. 15:13 (NCV)

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"I pray God ...would give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation..." Eph. 1:17 (GW)

*"I pray the Lord will guide you to be as loving as God and as patient as Christ."
2 Th. 3:5 (CEV)*

"I pray God...may strengthen you with power through his Spirit." Eph. 3:16 (NIV)

"May...God develop maturity in you, so that you get along with each other as well as Jesus gets along with us all." Rom. 15:5 (Mes)

3. BY ADMITTING OUR OWN MISTAKES.

"Tell each other the truth, because we all belong to each other." Eph. 4:25 (NCV)

BENEFITS OF HONESTY

- **Emotional healing**

"Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed." James 5:16 (LB)

- **A fresh start**

"Anyone who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance." Pr. 28:13 (LB)

- **God's power to change**

"When you bow down before the Lord and admit your dependence on him, God will lift you up and give you honor." James 4:10 (NLT)

- **Deeper fellowship**

"If we live in the light...then we have fellowship with one another..." 1 John 1:7 (TEV)

4. BY ENCOURAGING EACH OTHER'S COMMITMENT.

"Keep yourself in training for a godly life." 1 Tim. 4:7 (TEV)

"I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you." Rom. 1:12 (NCV)

1. Commit to love Jesus Christ.

2. Commit to love other believers.

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3. Commit to grow in God's Word.
4. Commit to servng in ministry.
5. Commit to sharing the Good News.