

# Members of One Another



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# Connected like family..

- Family are individuals but members of another
  - **Eph 2:19** Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God
  - **Eph 4:25** Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.
  - **1 Cor 12:24-25** But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, **25** that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.



# We are not independent..

- We are not meant to function in isolation
  - **Acts 2:44-47** Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, **45** and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. **46** So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, **47** praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

# We are interdependent..

- We are often told to be together..
  - **1 Cor 1:2** called to be saints together
  - **Rom 15:6** live in harmony to glorify God together
  - **Eph 2:5** made alive together with Christ
  - **Eph 2:21-22** built together into a holy temple
  - **Eph 4:16** working together so to build up body
  - **Col 2:2,19** knit together in love

# One body/many members..

- **Rom 12:4** For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually **members of one another**.
  - A disconnected body part is a serious problem
  - God wants us to let go of our fierce independence

together



# A New Thinking..

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  - A humble, sober view of ourselves

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- **Phil 2:3-7** Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. **4** Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. **5** Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, **6** who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, **7** but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.
  - In God's kingdom we do not think only of ourself



## The bottom line..

- You are not here for you..
- You are here for everybody else..
  - Your encouragement , display of faith
  - Your work of love.. Just your presence
  - We need you
- We cannot be the church God wants us to be unless we use opportunities to be together
- We cannot grow in love just coming once a week
- Who will you turn to if you need help?

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