

## Community: Where U and I Belong Helping Each Other Grow

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**1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)** <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build each other up

**Genesis 2:18 (NKJV)** It is not good that man should be alone

**We can't grow spiritually on our own**

### 3 Different Ways That We Can Help Each Other Grow:

#### #1: By affirming each other's worth

- **Acceptance**
  - **Romans 15:7 (NIV)** <sup>7</sup> Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you
  - **Romans 14:10 (NIV)** <sup>10</sup> You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.
- **Attention**
  - **Galatians 6:10 (NCV)** Give special attention to those who are in the family of believers.
  - **Whatever you pay attention to is going to grow**
- **Affection**
  - **8-10 meaningful touches a day**
  - **Romans 12:10 (AMP)** Love one another with brotherly affection as members of one family.

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- **Appreciation**
  - **Means to raise in value**
  - **1 Thessalonians 5:12 (NCV)** Brothers and sisters, appreciate those who work hard among you, who lead you in the Lord and teach you.

#### #2: By praying for each other's growth

- **Colossians 4:12 (NCV)** <sup>12</sup> Epaphras, a servant of Jesus Christ, from your group, also greets you. He always prays for you that you will grow to be spiritually mature and have everything God wants for you
- **Ephesians 3:18-19 (TLB)** I pray that may you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves
- **Hebrews 13:21 (CEV)** I pray God will make you ready to obey him and that you will always be eager to do right
- **Romans 15:13 (NCV)** I pray that the God who gives hope will fill you with much joy and peace while you trust in him. Then your hope will overflow by the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### #3: By encouraging each other's commitment

- **1 Timothy 4:7 (GW)** <sup>7</sup> ... train yourself to live a godly life.
- **Romans 1:12 (NCV)** <sup>12</sup> I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you.