

## **Find Your People, Love Your Neighbor – Part 3**

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**When we don't seek connection with others, we're intentionally pursuing a life that destroys our mental health and robs us of real joy and lasting fulfillment.**

**God designed us for connections.**

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

**What is the law of Christ?**  
**To love your neighbor as yourself.**

**Do you know anyone who is  
experiencing something difficult in life?**

### **IN REAL CHRISTLIKE COMMUNITY**

#### **1. We share our food.**

**What are you guarding?**

**Acts 4:32 (NLT)** *"All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had."*

**Matthew 25:35-36 (NIV)** *"For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited Me in.  
<sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed Me, I was sick and you looked after Me, I was in prison and you came to visit Me."*

**Matthew 25:40 (NIV)** *"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me.'"*

#### **2. We show our flaws.**

**Romans 15:7 (NIV)** *"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."*

**We might impress people with our strengths,  
but we connect with people through our weaknesses.**

**Proverbs 28:13 (NIV)** *“Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”*

**Life and freedom are waiting for you  
on the other side of vulnerability.**

### **3. We fight together.**

**John 10:10 (NIV)** *“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”*

**1 Peter 5:8-9 (NIV)** *“Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.”*

**Resist, in the Greek, means to fight against.**

**We don't fight for victory.  
We fight from victory.**

**We have a Savior who sees us, who fights for us,  
and who loves us.**

**We carry one another's burdens, but we also  
allow someone else to help carry our burden as well.**

**God did not create you to do life alone.**

**It's time to take a step of faith into real community.**

**The first-century believers desperately  
needed each other, and they knew it.  
Believers today desperately need each other,  
and they have tended to forget that.**