



A NEW YEAR. A REFRESHED FOCUS

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Warm Up

Have you ever been around to hear a kid say, “No, I don’t need help. I can do it by myself”? Usually it’s after they have recently learned how to do something and now they believe they don’t need anyone’s help. We can often fall into that line of thinking when it comes to life as a Christ follower. “I’ve been walking with Jesus for years so why would I need anyone’s help, I can do it by myself, right?” Wrong. We are meant to do life together as the church...together. After all, we are better together.

Into The Bible

Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you? God will destroy anyone who destroys this temple. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. (1 Corinthians 3:16-17 NLT)

- These two verses in 1 Corinthians help us to see how God views us:
 - When we are obedient; as the temple of God, attached to the body
 - When we are disobedient; someone who is destroying His temple, detached from the body
- Part of being obedient to God is realizing that we are called to do life together. It's also part of successfully building on our foundation—Jesus Christ. What is something practical we can do on a day-to-day basis to ensure that we are successfully building on our foundation?
- Isolation is the best place for the enemy to find us. It is also where we tend to believe lies about ourselves and about God. How do we prevent ourselves from being isolated? How do we discern what might be a lie from the enemy?

Application

Ask God to help you see the people He has put in your life that you can walk with and talk with. Do your part to cultivate those relationships and remember, the best way to make a friend is to be a friend.

Prayer Requests