





# THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH TWENTY CENTURIES LATER

***God's Powerful Church***

17 And God saw that the earth,  
18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the  
darkness: and God saw that it was good.  
19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.  
20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creatures that  
hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of  
heaven.  
21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which  
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after his kind: and God saw that it was good.  
22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in  
the earth, and let fowl multiply in the earth.  
And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.



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# Fellowship





# THOSE EARLY CHRISTIANS FOUND SOMETHING SPECIAL AMONG EACH OTHER

- They loved each other
  - They served each other
  - They cared for each other
- They prayed for each other
- They watched out for each other



**They were truly connected**



Philippians 1:3-9



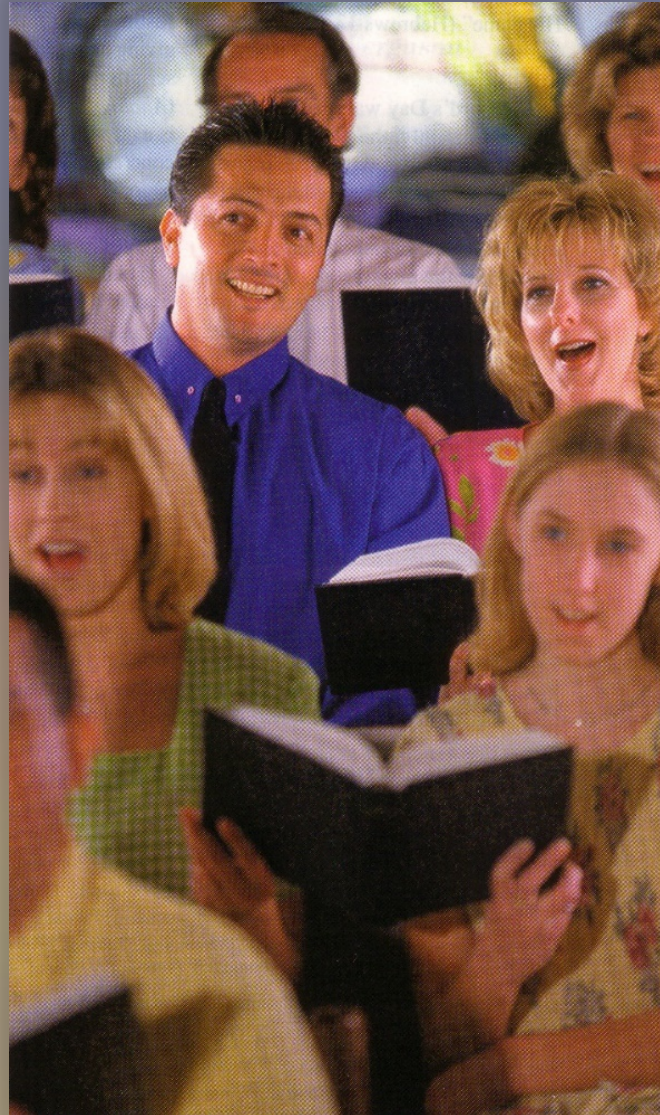
Acts 20:36-38

Acts 4:32-34

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1. Our relationships with each other are important





**1 Peter 2:9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;**





1. Our relationships with each other are important

**We need each other**

to worship  
to encourage  
to show the world





## 2. Our relationship with each other is difficult to maintain

*Fellowship wasn't natural for them, easy for them or without a few bumps for them*

**we are different  
we expect  
everyone to be  
like me**





**MEN ARE LIKE WAFFLES**



**WOMEN ARE LIKE  
SPAGHETTI**





Matthew 11:28-30 “Come to Me,  
all who are weary and heavy-laden,  
and I will give you rest. Take My yoke  
upon you and learn from Me, for I am  
gentle and humble in heart, and YOU  
WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. For My  
yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

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| (1) He put others first | (3) He served            |
| (2) He always cared     | (4) He extended<br>grace |






# ***The Ten Commandments of Fellowship***

1. Love one another
2. Honor one another
3. Be gracious
4. Make a difference
5. Empathize and connect with others





# The Ten Commandments of Fellowship

6. Get along with one another
  7. Be humble
  8. Be honest
  9. Be good
  10. Be "one another" conscience
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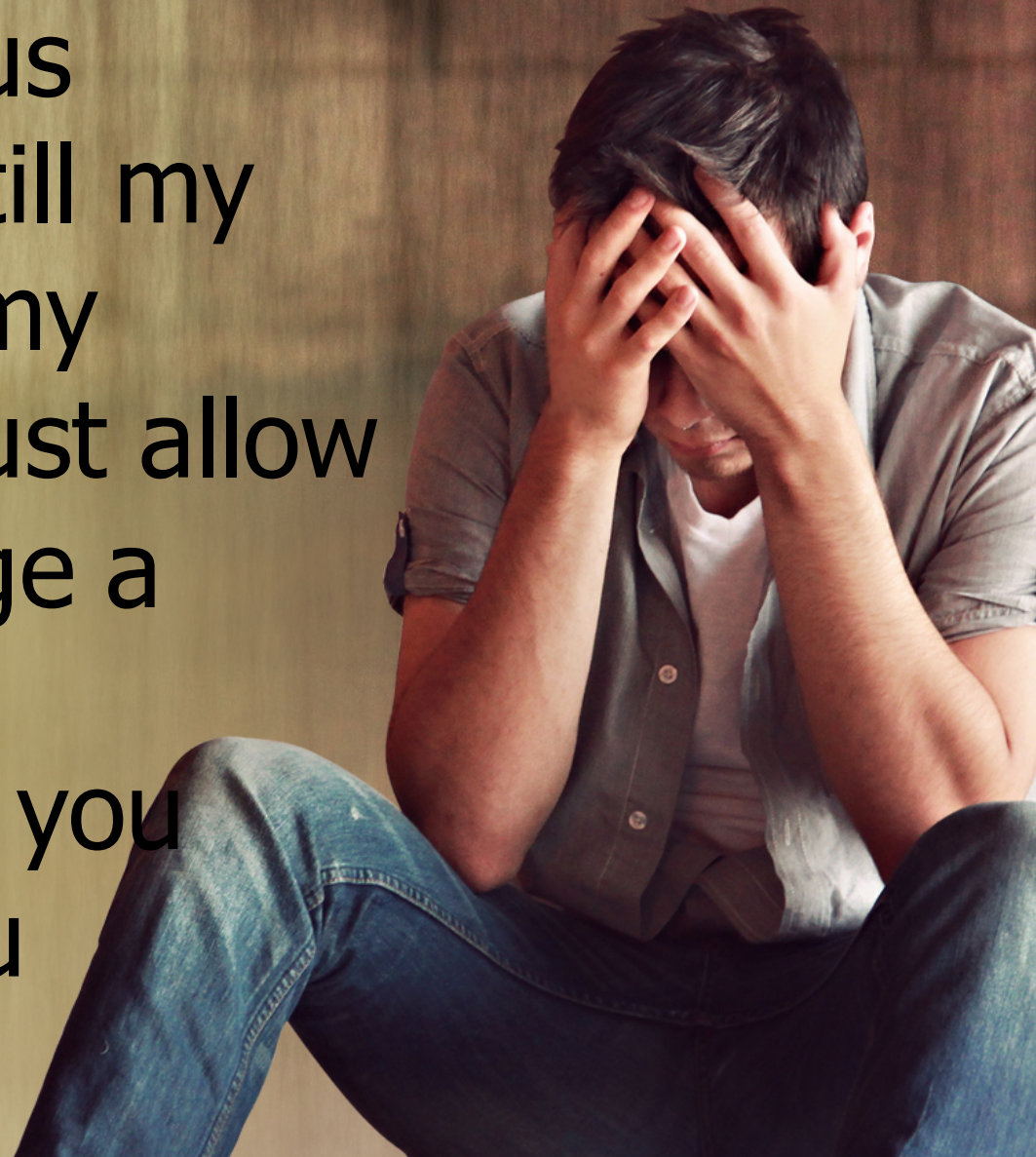


# Fellowship begins to work when:

I understand that God loves not just me, but all of us

I stop trying to instill my thoughts and my opinions and just allow Christ to change a person

I grasp that I need you as much as you need me





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Fellowship begins to work when:

I quit trying to trump you and allow each to shine the best that they can

I see the goodness in others more than the faults

I understand that I am a work in progress

I care about your salvation more than anything else





Fellowship begins to work when:

***I realize without you, what  
a lonely and hard journey  
this would be***





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