



#2 “Don’t Go Alone”

Matthew 4:18-22 (NIV)

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

1. God created us for relationships.

Genesis 2:18 (NIV)

The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone.”

John 19:26-27 (NLT)

When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, the disciple took her into his home.

Psalm 68:6 (NLT)

God places the lonely in families...

2. Relationships impact our growth.

Proverbs 13:20 (ESV)

Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

Our relationships can influence us:

- Negatively.

1 Corinthians 15:33 (ESV)

Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.”

- Positively.

Hebrews 10:24 (NIV)

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

James 5:14-16 (Message)

Are you hurting? Pray. Do you feel great? Sing. Are you sick? Call the church leaders together to pray and anoint you with oil in the name of the Master. Believing-prayer will heal you, and Jesus will put you on your feet. And if you've sinned, you'll be forgiven-healed inside and out. Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed. The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with.

Romans 12:15 (TPT)

Celebrate with those who celebrate, and weep with those who grieve.

3. Our best growth comes from being committed to a place.

Psalm 92:13 (NIV)

Planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Ephesians 2:20-22 (NLT)

Together, we are his house ... We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord ... being made part of this dwelling where God lives by His Spirit.

Acts 2:42 (NLT)

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching.