

# WHY BE TOGETHER?

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## Four reasons to be together . . .

### I. God Loves Relationship

**Genesis 1:26a** — Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness ...

**Exodus 34:14** (NLT) — You must worship no other gods, for the LORD, whose very name is Jealous, is a God who is jealous about his relationship with you.

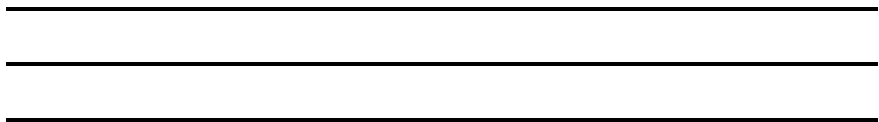
**Luke 12:21** (NLT) — “Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.”

**Romans 4:13** (NLT) — Clearly, God’s promise to give the whole earth to Abraham and his descendants was based not on his obedience to God’s law, but on a right relationship with God that comes by faith.

**Romans 5:11** (NLT) — So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

**Romans 5:18** (NLT) — Yes, Adam’s one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ’s one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone.

**2 John 1:9** (NLT) — Anyone who wanders away from this teaching has no relationship with God. But anyone who remains in the teaching of Christ has a relationship with both the Father and the Son.



### II. We are His Dwelling Place

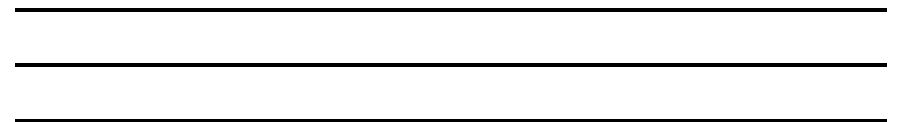
**1 Corinthians 3:16** — Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?

**Ephesians 1:13,14** — In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

**Ephesians 2:19-22** — So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.



**Revelation 21:3** — And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.”



### III. We are His Body

**Romans 12:5** — so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

**1 Corinthians 12:27** — Now you are the body of Christ and each one of you is a part of it

**Ephesians 4:15,16** — Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.



### IV. Together is Better

**Psalms 34:3** — Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

**Ecclesiastes 4:9,10** — Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!

**Proverbs 27:17** — As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

**Proverbs 18:1** — He who separates himself seeks his own desire, He quarrels against all sound wisdom.

