



YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN: PART 7

MAKING COMMUNITY HAPPEN

EPHESIANS 4:1-2

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¹ As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ **There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called...**

YOU ARE ONE OF MANY

1 CORINTHIANS 12:14

¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part **but of many.**

Community is a complex interweaving of our gifts, personalities, needs, weaknesses, and strengths.

YOU MUST VALUE THE PART YOU ARE

1 CORINTHIANS 12:15-20

¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, "Because **I am not a hand**, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being **part of the body.** ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because **I am not an eye**, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being **part of the body.** ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact **God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.** ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

Community happens when we understand what our part is and why it is needed.

YOU MUST VALUE THE PARTS OTHERS ARE

1 CORINTHIANS 12:21-24A

²¹ **The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"** ²² On the contrary, those **parts of the body that seem to be weaker** are indispensable, ²³ and the **parts that we think are less honorable** we treat with special honor. And the **parts that are unpresentable** are treated with special modesty, ²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment.

Community happens when we understand and appreciate the contributions of others.

YOUR CONCERN FOR OTHERS IS GOOD FOR YOU

1 CORINTHIANS 12:24B-26

^{24B} But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵ so that **there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.** ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

Community happens when we see ourselves as essential and valuable to each other.