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15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden,
17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." Genesis 2:15-17

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." Genesis 2:18

We are not created to be alone/isolated - we are better together

We can't fulfill Jesus' commission to go into the world by avoiding community

Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:16

Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. 1 Peter 4:9

Therefore encourage one another with these words. 1 Thessalonians 4:18

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, Ephesians 4:2

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. Galatians 5:13

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

Invest and invite

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. **13** For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

1) Transformed life

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, John 1:12

2) Join in community with other believers

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, Revelation 7:9

3) Pray that God will fan the flame of revival and community for our churches