

On Community
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Romans 8:15, Romans 12:4-5, and 1 Corinthians 12:25-27
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Romans 12:4-5
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1 Corinthians 12:25-27
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honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

“God's love for us is the foundation of all relational healing. It is through the deep, transformative experience of His love that we begin to heal from our brokenness and find the capacity to love others in return. Meaning, we are loved into loving.”

- Todd Hall, *Relational Spirituality*

We cannot securely attach to God without healthy attachment to others in Christian community.



Only God can give me what I did not get.

How do we heal?
How does community help us restore secure, loving attachment?
How can we as the body of Christ play our part?

How do we heal?

Matthew 22:37-39
Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Healing *from* Brokenness

“Relational trauma often distorts our view of God and others, making it hard to trust.”

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Healing *for* Wholeness

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A New Way of Being

2 Corinthians 5:17
The old has gone, the new is here!

A New Identity
A New Framework for Trust
A New Life, Shaped by His Love

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Community is the Conduit for Healing

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Community Embodies Forgiveness & Grace

Ephesians 4:32
Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

A Community of Witness

John 13:34-35
“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

We cannot securely attach to God without also attaching to others in Christian community.

How can we as the body of Christ play our part?

John 15:4
“Abide in me, and I in you…Apart from me, you can do nothing.”

Psalm 34:18
The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.

How can we as the body of Christ play our part?
We Attach to God
Be the Body of Christ
Practice Loving Presence

“Healing comes through safe, loving relationships that mirror God’s love.”
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