

Faith in Christ Jesus was never meant to be done in isolation. #Don'tBuyTheLieSeries

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Since its origins, faith has always been best lived out in community. #Don'tBuyTheLieSeries One of the unrecognized aspects of the early church was its unity and dependence upon one another.

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>>> Acts 2:42-47 (NLT)

42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

<sup>43</sup>A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. <sup>44</sup>And **all the believers met together** in one place and shared everything they had. <sup>45</sup>They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.

<sup>46</sup>They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— <sup>47</sup> all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

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Listen friends.

It was in community that the early church found purpose, support and protection.

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During the most difficult times,
the community of faith
was able to endure much persecution,
uncertainty and miraculous happenings
all because they experienced it all
together.
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The early church wasn't just an example for today's church, but it's also an example for today's Christian as well.

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THE
TRUTH
THAT
SCRIPTURE
REVEALS

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The truth is that real faith brings with it unity, community, togetherness and self-denial.

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God Himself has demonstrated to us that together is always better. #Don'tBuyTheLieSeries

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>>> Genesis 1:26 (NIV)

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

>>> Genesis 3:22 (NIV)

And the Lord God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever."

(see also Genesis 11:7 and Isaiah 6:8)

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Hear this beloved. If God Himself demonstrated teamwork, unity and togetherness, so should we as well. #Don'tBuyTheLieSeries

Going it alone is going it wrong when it comes to faith in Christ Jesus. #Don'tBuyTheLieSeries

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The culture preaches and pushes isolation, selfishness, pride and secrecy.
Yet that's not Kingdom behavior.
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>>> Romans 12:2 (The Voice)

Do not allow this world to mold you in its own image. Instead, be transformed from the inside out by renewing your mind. As a result, you will be able to discern what God wills and whatever God finds good, pleasing, and complete.

(now see 1 Peter 1:14)

THE CULTURE LOVES

Isolation
Independence
Secrecy
Pridefulness
Denial

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The ironic thing about all these is the fact that they are the exact things the devil loves.

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Hear this clearly.
To try to do faith alone
is actually giving the devil
more leverage and leeway in your life.

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Don't buy the lie that being alone is ok.

The reality is that it's really not.

Blatant isolation is actually independence
of the work of the Holy Spirit.

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The truth of the matter is that isolation is absurd, but together is always better.
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Doing life and faith on your own will eventually lead to more suffering, greater separation and deeper ingrained sin.

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An isolated Christian is limited and less effective Christian because the body of Christ was never meant to have parts that work without the help and support of the other parts.

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>>> Psalm 133:1 (NKJV)

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!



>>> Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NIV)

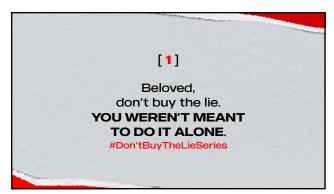
9 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: 10 If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

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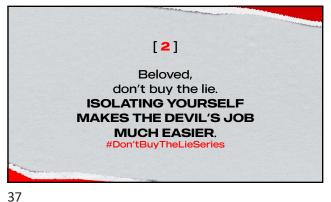
<sup>11</sup>Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? <sup>12</sup>Though one may be overpowered, **two can defend themselves**. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

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[3] Beloved, don't buy the lie. THE BODY OF CHRIST **NEEDS YOUR GIFTS** AND CONTRIBUTIONS. #Don'tBuyTheLieSeries

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Grab this beloved. The right way to do life and faith is together. It's just that true. And it's just that simple. #Don'tBuyTheLieSeries

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