

Day 4: You Need the Body

Devotional

There is a quiet lie that many people believe: that faith is a private matter between them and God, and that belonging to a church is optional. It sounds reasonable on the surface. But it misses something essential about how God designed His people to live.

Jesus is the head of the church, and we are His body. That is not just a metaphor. It is a description of how we function. A hand disconnected from the body cannot do what it was made to do. Neither can a believer who is disconnected from a local community of faith.

Growth happens in relationship. Accountability happens in relationship. Love is demonstrated in relationship. Jesus Himself said that the world would know His disciples by the way they love one another. That kind of love cannot happen in isolation.

Belonging to a church is not about attending a service once a week. It is about being known, being prayed for, and being part of something bigger than yourself. It is about letting other people speak into your life and doing the same for them.

If you have been keeping your faith at arm's length from community, today is a good day to lean in. You were not designed to do this alone. The people around you in your church family are not an accessory to your faith. They are part of how God grows you.

Bible Verse

"And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.'" - Mark 16:15

Reflection Question

In what ways might you be holding back from fully investing in your church community, and what is one step you could take to change that?

Quote

"It's impossible to really know God without the people of God."

Prayer

Lord, help me to see my church family as a gift and not an obligation. Teach me to love them well and to let them love me in return. Amen.