

Living In God's Family



Part Two - Pastor Raymond Woodward

Ephesians 2:19 (LB) Now you are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but you are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and you belong in God's household with every other Christian.

Romans 12:4-5 (NLT) Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of his one body, and each of us has different work to do. And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others.

1 Corinthians 12:25a (MSG) The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church.

Hebrews 10:25 (LB) Let us not neglect our church meetings, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near.



**God has called you to love
REAL people, not IDEAL people**

*To live above with saints we love
Oh that will be glory.
To live below with saints we know
Well that's another story!*



Acts 2:42 (CEV) They spent their time learning from the apostles, and they were like family to each other. They also broke bread and prayed together.

- Real fellowship is experiencing _____.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1 John 4:20-21 (MSG) If anyone boasts, "I love God," and goes right on hating his brother or sister, thinking nothing of it, he is a liar. If he won't love the person he can see, how can he love the God he can't see? The command we have from Christ is blunt: Loving God includes loving people. You've got to love both.

1. In real fellowship people experience _____.

- It only happens when people get _____.

James 5:16a (MSG) Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed.

- Its biggest enemy is _____.

2. In real fellowship people experience _____.

- We are more _____ when others walk with us.

Romans 1:12 (LB) I need your help, for I want not only to share my faith with you but to be encouraged by yours: Each of us will be a blessing to the other.

- Its biggest enemy is _____.

3. In real fellowship people experience _____.

- It is simply sharing in the _____ of others.

Galatians 6:2 (NLT) Share each other's troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

- Its biggest enemy is _____.

4. In real fellowship people experience _____.

- It happens only when _____ wins over justice.

Colossians 3:13 (NLT) You must make allowance for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

Forgiveness is letting go of the _____.

Trust has to do with behavior in the _____.

Forgiveness must be _____.

Trust must be rebuilt over _____.

- **MY CHOICE:** Will I use my energy and emotions for _____ or _____?

- Its biggest enemy is _____.