today's message

# IRON SHARPENS IRON

Proverbs 27:17

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Proverbs Message Series: Living Well In God's World

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so one person sharpens another.

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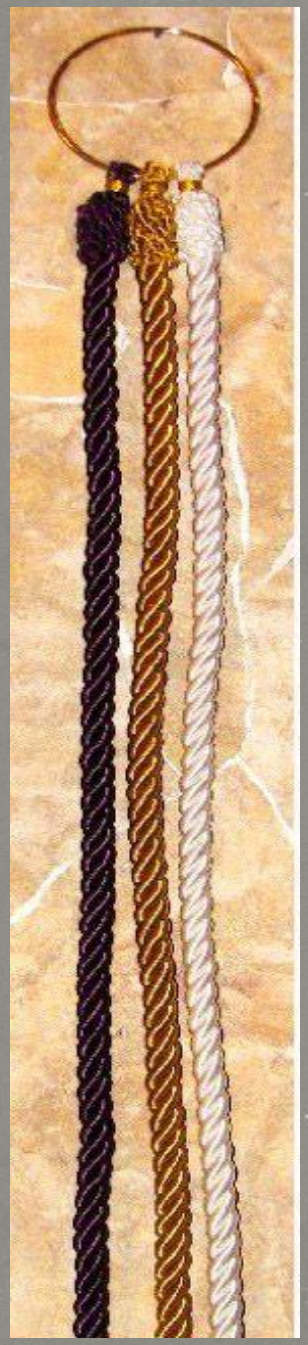
# What is the largest crowd you have been a part of?

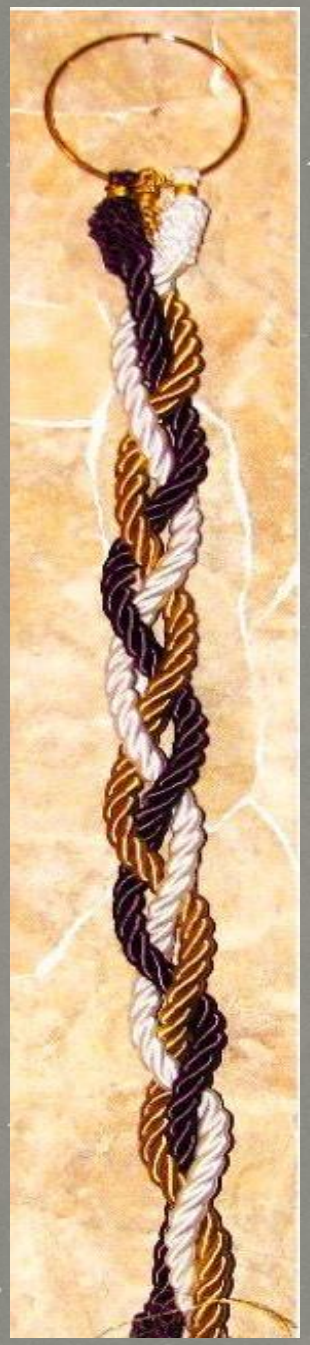


Crowds are drawn together
by activities

Community is drawn together
by relationship







# Ecclesiastes 4

*"There was a man all alone… and there was no end to his toil…*

*Two are better than one, if one falls down, the other one can help them up…*

*A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."*

*“The experience of authentic community is one of the purposes God intends to be fulfilled by the church.”*

**Randy Frazee**



*I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.*
*My command is this:*
*Love each other as I have loved you.”*

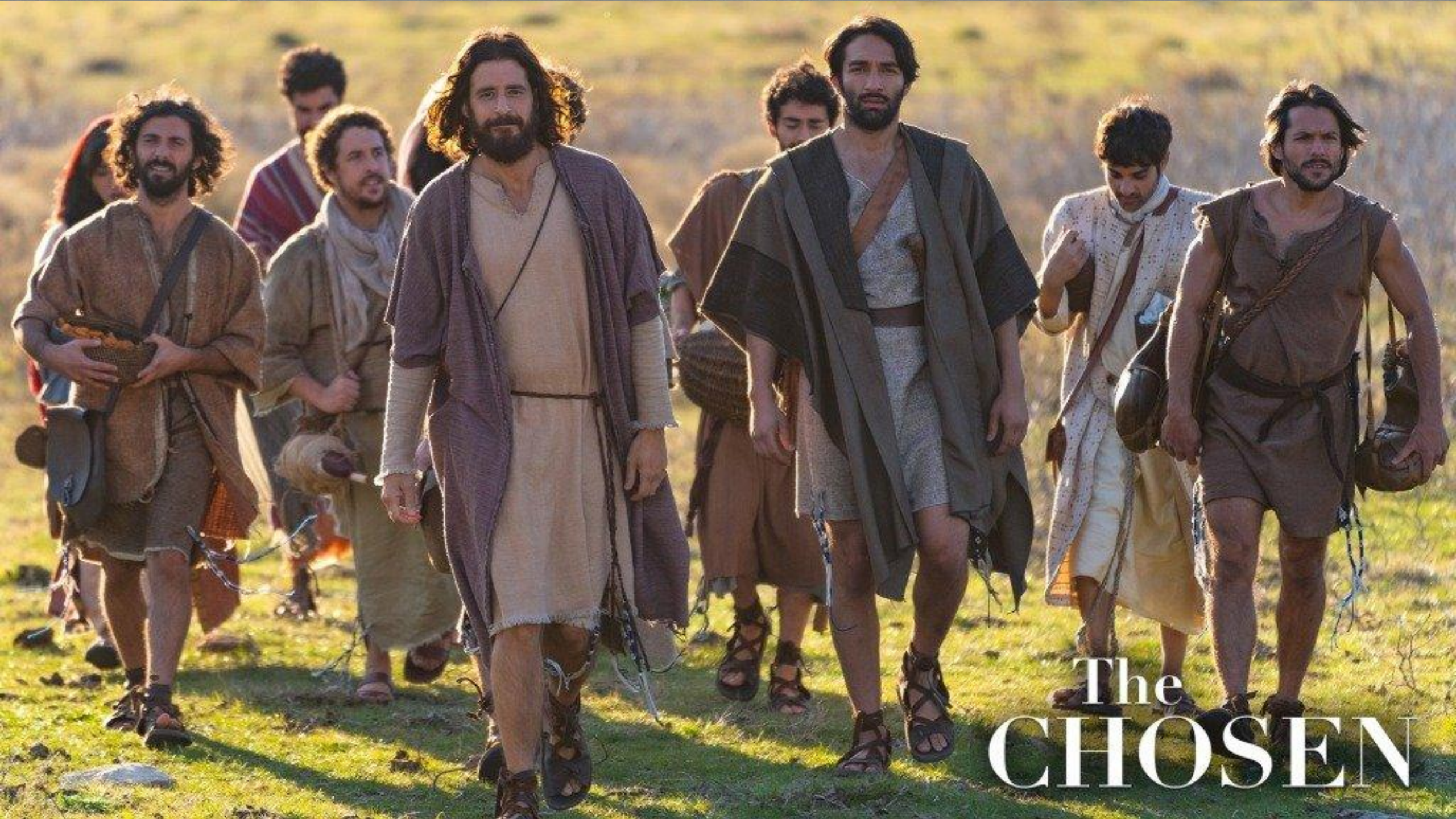
**John 15:11-12**



*“A central task of community is to create a place that is safe enough for the walls to be torn down, safe enough for each of us to reveal our brokenness.”*

**Larry Crabb**




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*“Nobody goes to church or gets involved with people in a church because they’re perfect.  If you’ve got it all together, you don’t need to go.  But every time you gather with other believers you're confessing to yourself, to your family, and to others, that you don’t have it all together.  And that you need their support.  You need their direction.  You need some accountability; you need some help.”*

**Rich Mullins**



*“The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.”* **Proverbs 27:12**

*“Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.”* **Proverbs 13:20**

*“Don’t make friends with a hot-tempered person, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn their ways and get yourself ensnared.”* **Proverbs 22:24-25**



*“A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.”*

**Proverbs 17:17**



# In the last 20 years…

Entertaining in your home – down 21%

Attending church or worship – down 20%

Going on a picnic – down 19%

Playing games or cards – down 19%

Internet & Social Media use – up 90%

Binge watching T.V. – up 60%

Playing video games – up 22%




WE ARE
BETTER
TOGETHER

# Living Well In The Community Of Faith

1) Show Up!
2) Speak Up!
3) Open Up!

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# Goodbye

Have A Great Week Ahead!