

All of us have a need to *be* (individual)
and a need to *belong* (communal).

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⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

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⁸For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

—2 Peter 1:5-8 ESV

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INWARD

- Virtue
- Knowledge
- Self-Control
- Steadfastness

OUTWARD

- Godliness
- Brotherly Affection
- Love

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Brotherly Affection

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Define It

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“philadelphia”

brotherly love, kindness, affection

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Three words for **love** in the Greek:

Eros

Sensual, sexual desire, erotic, gratification

Phileo

Expression of relationship or common identity with a community expressed through care for one another

Agape

Endless, boundless, unconditional love of God for us

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“What Peter is saying is that there is something wrong with the religion which at any time finds the claims and the demands of personal relationships a nuisance and an interruption.”

—William Barclay

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For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him
should not perish but have
eternal life.

—John 3:16 ESV

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Brotherly Affection

“Otherly” kindness or affection

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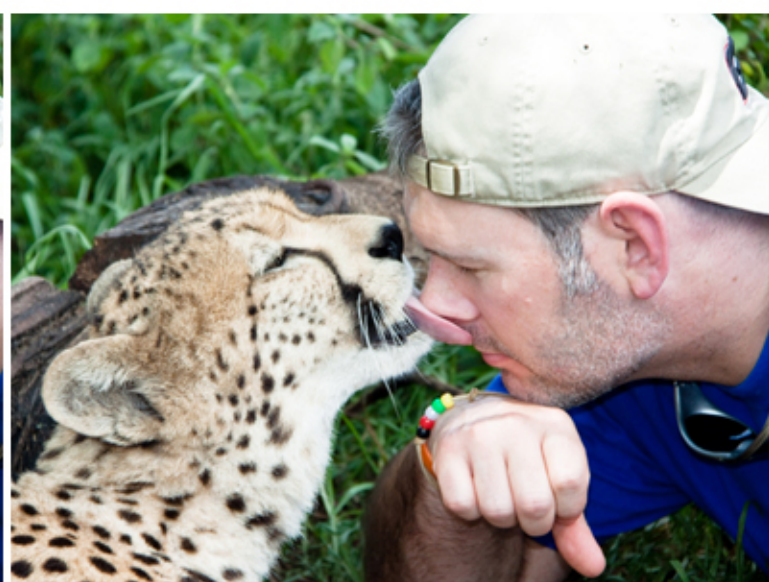
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Demonstrate It

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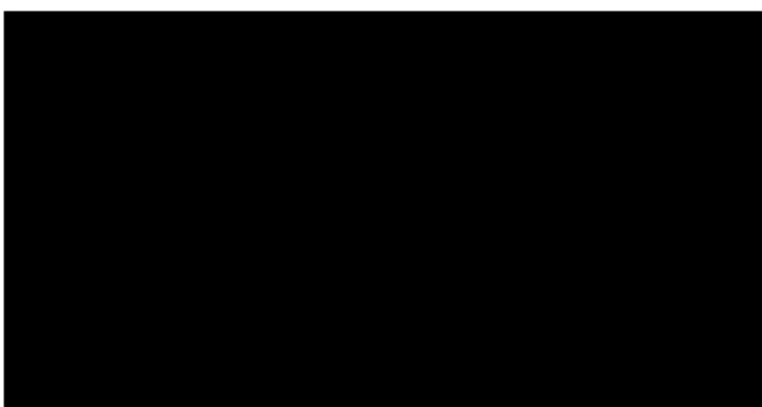
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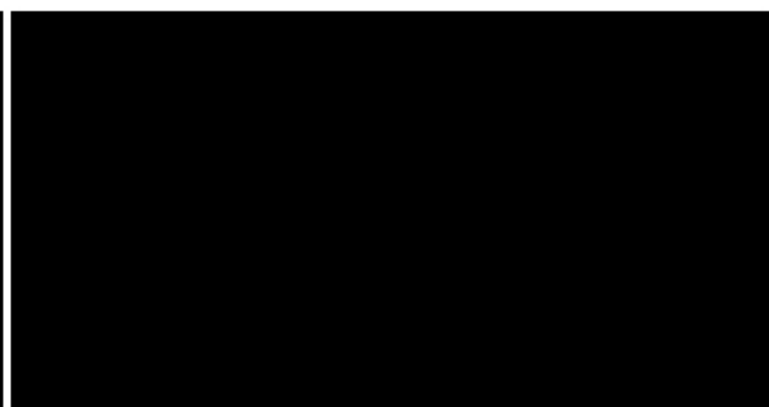


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Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. —Romans 12:10 ESV

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Luke 10:25-37

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⁴⁴⁻⁴⁵And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common. They sold whatever they owned and pooled their resources so that each person's need was met. ⁴⁶⁻⁴⁷They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God.

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People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved.

—Acts 2:44-47 MSG

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Develop It

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Start With DNA

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²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God...

—1 Peter 1:22-23 ESV

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Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. —1 John 5:1 ESV

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"I have community with others and I shall continue to have community only through Jesus Christ. The more genuine and the deeper our community becomes, the more will everything else between us recede, the more clearly and purely will Jesus Christ and His work become the one and only thing that is vital between us..."

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"Christian community is not an ideal which we must realize; it is rather a reality created by God in Christ in which we may participate."

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

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3b Extend Your Hand

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3c Apply Encouragement

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Let all things be done for building up. —1 Corinthians 14:26 ESV

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3d Pursue Truthfulness

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...speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ... —Ephesians 4:15 ESV

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Truthfulness builds friendships;
dishonesty tears them down.

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Offer Forgiveness

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Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. —Ephesians 4:32 ESV

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Choose Kindness

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... add to your faith...
brotherly affection...
—2 Peter 1:5, 7

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