

Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Sermon Series: "From Ashes to Light."  
"Created for Community" (Biblical Community)  
(Lent)

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## Biblical Community

*John 15.12-17 "This is my commandment, that you **love** one another as I have loved you.*

ἀγαπάω (*agapaō*): "Love" (Other-oriented, Volitional)

**Love:** "The will to extend one's self for the purpose of nurturing one's own or another's spiritual growth."  
(M. Scott Peck)

"The non-possessive delight in the particularity of the other one." (Soren Kierkegaard)

"A rugged commitment of presence, advocacy, and direction toward Christ-likeness." (Scott McNight)

**We were \_\_\_\_\_ for Community.**

*Genesis 1.26-27 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

**A Community that \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Ecclesiastes 4.9-12 ... Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. 10 For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! 11 Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? 12 And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.*

**A Community that \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Romans 12.3-5 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another*

*John 15.12-13 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.*

*(Answers: Created. Gives. Receives)*