

# COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY



## 5 Day Devotional- Committed To Community

### Day 1: Rejecting Isolation

#### Devotional

Isolation remains one of the enemy's most effective tools, leaving many feeling disconnected even in crowded spaces. We often seek meaningful connections in places that ultimately increase our isolation, like algorithm-driven social media platforms. However, God designed humans to flourish in community, not isolation. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 reminds us, 'Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their efforts. For if either falls, his companion can lift him up, but pity the one who falls without another to lift him up.' This scripture emphasizes the importance of community and mutual support. When we isolate ourselves, we miss out on the blessings of companionship and the strength that comes from being part of a community. We are not meant to walk this journey alone. Instead, we are called to step out in faith, be vulnerable, and commit to knowing others and being known. Reflect on your current state of connection. Are you feeling isolated? Are you seeking meaningful connections in places that truly nourish your soul? **\*\*Prayer:\*\*** Lord, help me to reject isolation and seek out genuine community. Give me the courage to be vulnerable and to connect with others in meaningful ways. Amen.

#### Bible Verse

'Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their efforts. For if either falls, his companion can lift him up, but pity the one who falls without another to lift him up.' - Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

#### Reflection Question

Are you feeling isolated? Are you seeking meaningful connections in places that truly nourish your soul?

#### Prayer

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## Day 2: The Power of Community

### Devotional

We thrive when we are committed to community. The scriptures talk about this in Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, which says, 'Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their efforts. For if either falls, his companion can lift him up, but pity the one who falls without another to lift him up.' Community is not just about being around people; it's about being deeply connected and committed to one another. The early church in Acts 2:42 provides our blueprint for authentic community through four key commitments: devotion to apostolic teaching, genuine fellowship, breaking bread together, and consistent prayer. When we commit to these practices, we create a community that is naturally attractive and draws others who hunger for genuine connection. This kind of community is not perfect, but it is a place where we can grow together in our faith and support one another. Consider how you can deepen your commitment to your community. Are you actively participating in these four key practices? **Prayer:** Lord, help me to deepen my commitment to my community. Show me how I can actively participate in teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer. Amen.

### Bible Verse

'They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.' - Acts 2:42

### Reflection Question

Are you actively participating in the four key practices of teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer?

### Prayer

Lord, help me to deepen my commitment to my community. Show me how I can actively participate in teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer. Amen.

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## Day 3: Devotion to Teaching

### Devotional

For the follower of Jesus Christ, our strong foundation is the truth of Jesus, who he is. That is what we are going to base our church and ministry upon. When we are devoted to Jesus, it naturally flows into our commitment to him. Scripture and the message of Jesus shape our hearts so that we can truly care and

connect with those around us. Acts 1:8 says, 'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' This verse reminds us of the power we receive through the Holy Spirit to be witnesses of Jesus' truth. Devotion to apostolic teaching means immersing ourselves in the Word of God and allowing it to transform us. It means being intentional about learning and growing in our faith so that we can be effective witnesses to those around us. Reflect on your devotion to the teaching of Jesus. Are you immersing yourself in the Word of God and allowing it to transform you? **\*\*Prayer:\*\*** Lord, help me to be devoted to your teaching. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and transform me through your Word so that I can be an effective witness to those around me. Amen.

## **Bible Verse**

'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' - Acts 1:8

## **Reflection Question**

Are you immersing yourself in the Word of God and allowing it to transform you?

## **Prayer**

Lord, help me to be devoted to your teaching. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and transform me through your Word so that I can be an effective witness to those around me. Amen.

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# **Day 4: The Importance of Fellowship**

## **Devotional**

To be a part of the community of faith means when I am going through a struggle, I do not go through this struggle on my own. That I will see how my resources can be used to bless somebody else so that they might know that God sees them, God cares for them, God wants to meet their needs. Proverbs 27:17 says, 'Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens another.' This verse highlights the importance of fellowship and mutual support within the community of faith. Genuine fellowship (koinonia) involves sharing resources, bearing each other's burdens, and supporting one another in times of need. It means being there for each other and helping each other grow in faith. Reflect on your involvement in fellowship. Are you actively supporting and being supported by your community of faith? **\*\*Prayer:\*\*** Lord, help me to be an active participant in fellowship. Show me how I can support others and be supported by my community of faith. Amen.

## **Bible Verse**

'Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens another.' - Proverbs 27:17

## **Reflection Question**

Are you actively supporting and being supported by your community of faith?

## Prayer

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## Day 5: The Sustaining Power of Prayer

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Prayer sustains a committed community. It expresses our dependence on God, strengthens our relationships, and keeps unity and love at the center of our life. Prayer is like the oxygen line for the people of faith. Psalm 16:11 says, 'You reveal the path of life to me; in your presence is abundant joy; at your right hand are eternal pleasures.' This verse reminds us of the joy and guidance we receive when we are in God's presence through prayer. When we are committed to community, we do not commit to perfection, but we commit to following one who does. Prayer is essential in this journey as it keeps us connected to God and to each other. Reflect on your prayer life. Are you consistently seeking God's presence and guidance through prayer? **\*\*Prayer:\*\*** Lord, help me to be committed to prayer. Keep me connected to you and to my community through the sustaining power of prayer. Amen.

### Bible Verse

'You reveal the path of life to me; in your presence is abundant joy; at your right hand are eternal pleasures.' - Psalm 16:11

### Reflection Question

Are you consistently seeking God's presence and guidance through prayer?

## Prayer

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