



# OUR DESPERATE NEED FOR DEEP AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY

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Confessions of an Introvert

**SORRY  
I CAN'T**

**I ALREADY FILLED MY  
PEOPLE QUOTA  
FOR TODAY**

**INTROVERTS  
UNITE**

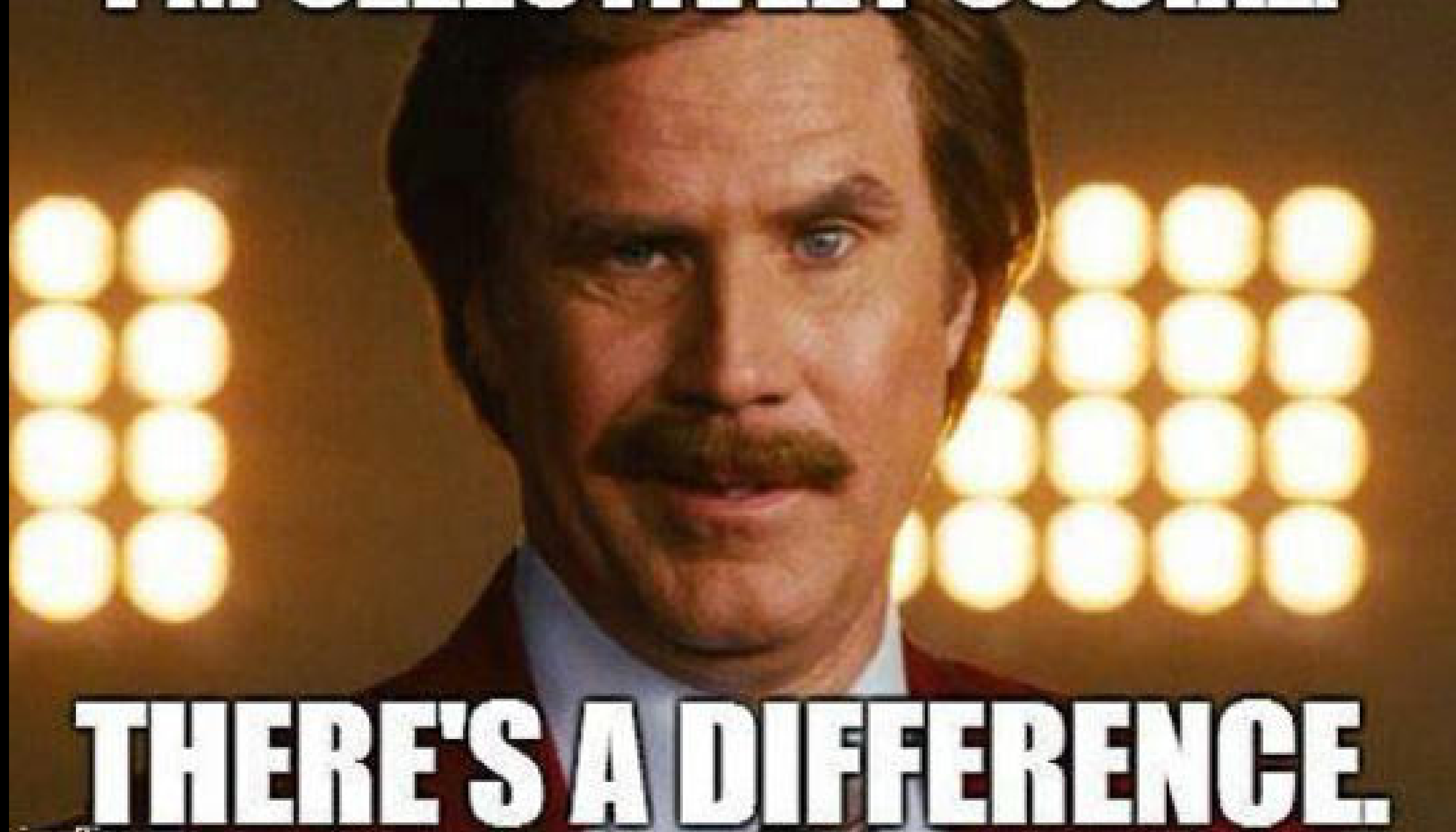
**WE'RE HERE**

**WE'RE UNCOMFORTABLE**

**AND WE WANT TO**

**GO HOME**

**I'M NOT ANTI-SOCIAL,  
I'M SELECTIVELY SOCIAL.**



**THERE'S A DIFFERENCE.**



# extrovert



I'm staying  
in tonight

# introvert



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# Romans 12: 9–16

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

# Romans 12: 9–16

Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited

# Confession 1:

True authentic  
community doesn't  
come easy to me.

CONFESSIONS OF AN INTROVERT





Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness...

Genesis 1:26

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”

Genesis 2:18



## Confession 2:

Rather than  
experiencing deep  
community, I am more  
likely to isolate myself.



## Confession 3:

Instead of embracing vulnerability and letting people get to know the real me, I am more likely present a version of myself I think they will like more.



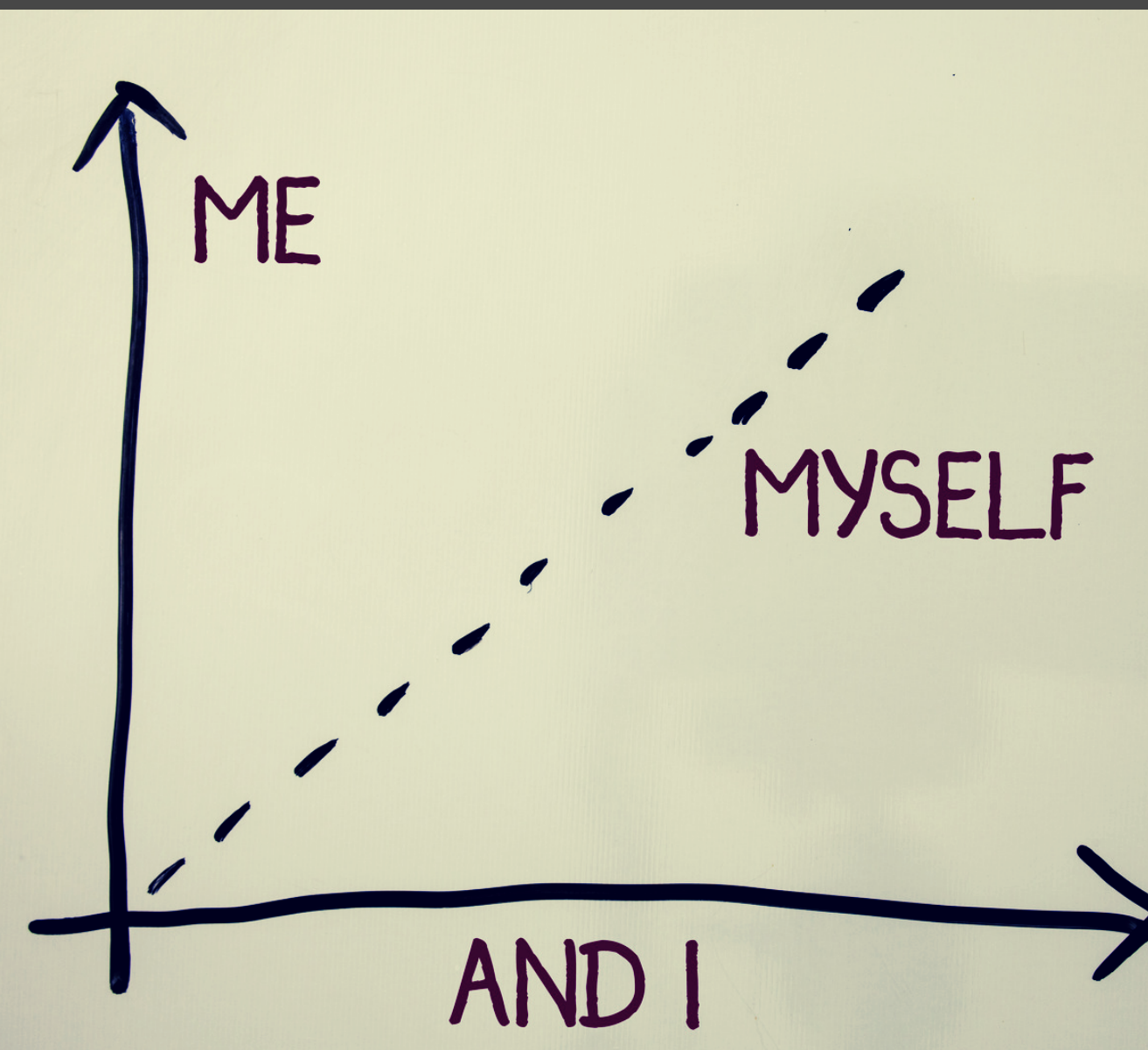
But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:7



therefore confess your sins to each other  
and pray for each other so that you  
may be healed. The prayer of a righteous  
man is powerful and effective.

James 5:6



## Confession 4:

I am more likely to worry about how my life is working for ME, instead of thinking about how my life is working for OTHER people.

Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.

1 Peter 3:8

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.



If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:8–11

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is  
born for adversity

Proverbs 17:17

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:17



Carry each other's burdens, and in this way  
you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

Matthew 18:19–20

so in Christ we who are many form one  
body, and each member belongs to all the  
others.

Romans 12:5

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up... A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:9–10



And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:17–19

# Being Fathers in a World of Fatherlessness

The number of children living without the presence of a Father has more than quadrupled since 1960.

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For the first time in American history, the average child will live for a significant period of time without a Father at home.

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“Fatherlessness is the most harmful demographic trend of this generation. It is the leading cause of declining child well-being in our society. It is also the engine driving our most urgent social problems.”