

“GONE FISHING!”



FOUR PRACTICAL LESSONS WE CAN LEARN FROM
THIS STORY OF THE RESURRECTED CHRIST
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I. We Need to be Together—Fellowship (vv. 1-2)

The disciples gathered frequently

"And being assembled together with them" (Acts 1:4)

"When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were
all with one accord in one place" (Acts 2:1)

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"On this rock I will build My church"

(Matthew 16:18)

Biblical definition of the church: a holy assembly
called out separately to meet regularly and worship
Christ principally

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Noting can replace face to face relationships

"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:24-25)

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Why do some resist church?

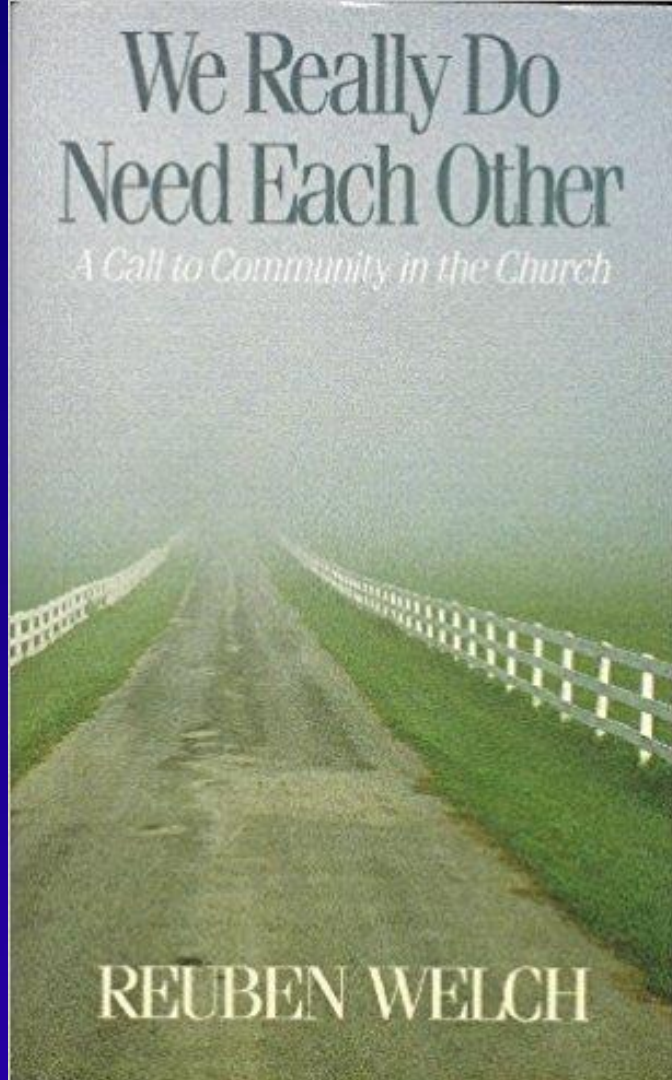
Jewish proverb: a man without friends is like the left
hand bereft of the right hand

An isolated Christian is like the left hand bereft of the
right hand “man who isolates himself seeks his own
desire; He rages against all wise judgment“

(Proverbs 18:1)

We Really Do Need Each Other

A Call to Community in the Church



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2. We Need to be Active—Partnership (vv. 3-6)

They were in Galilee because Jesus told them to wait
for Him there

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3. We Need to be Obedient—Stewardship (vv. 7-11)

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They were obedient; actively waiting

"That you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you" (1 Thessalonians 4:11): Written to Thessalonian believers who'd quit jobs, believing the Lord would come back at any moment

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To Adam, "Where are you?" (Genesis 3:9)

"Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded
you that you should not eat?" (Genesis 3:11)

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"What are you doing here, Elijah?" (1 Kings 19:9)

Abraham Lincoln: failed at politics, failed at business;
17 years paying off debts; engaged to girl; she died;
returned to politics—defeated multiple times; learned
from failures

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John discerned it was the Lord

Same occurrence 2 years prior: "When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, 'Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.' But Simon answered and said to Him,

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'Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing;
nevertheless, at Your word I will let down the net.'
And when they had done this, they caught a great
number of fish, and their net was breaking"

(Luke 5:4-6)

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4. We Need to be Intimate—Worship (vv. 12-14)

Best part of their day

Not being together in the boat

Not the catch of fish

Eating breakfast with Jesus

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Possible to be so busy doing the King's business that
you forget the King Himself

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"I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary. Nevertheless, I have this against you, that you have left your first love"

(Revelation 2:2-

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Christian life cannot be lived in cruise control

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