



Series:

WELCOME TO "CHURCH" – Part 8

Title:

Family Matters...We are in this together

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Notes

Scriptures to reflect on:

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42-47)

Some of the "All Ya'lls" of the NT... (Greek =allelon ἀλλήλων)

- **John 13:34-35 and Romans 13:8**

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- **Romans 12:10b**

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- **Romans 12:16**

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- **Romans 15:7**

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- **Galatians 6:2**

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- **Ephesians 4:2-3**

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- **Ephesians 4:32**

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- **I Thessalonians 5:11**

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- **James 5:16**

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- **2 Corinthians 13:11**

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- **Hebrews 3:13**

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- **Colossians 3:16**

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Sermon review:

- The miracle of Pentecost wasn't that a common language brought strangers together but that those strangers became family and shared a common life
- The Family of God demonstrated the transforming power of the God because they were not simply content to "go the Father's house" when they died but they shared each other's homes while they lived.
- The Kingdom Comes when a mixed and dysfunctional family does life together in love and love is lived out through the "one anothers" and "all ya'lls"
- The one another's are only lived out with others. "One anothering" is hard because we almost all have trust issues and church hurt.
- What you fear the most in doing life together is real. But we lose far greater when we choose to do life alone. It's ok to fear being hurt or rejected but don't let that fear keep you from loving and being loved... not simply for your sake, but for the sake of the Gospel.

Time of Reflection

Go back and read the "one another" passages.

Which of these commands stand out to you? Why do you think those words stand out?

Reflection Questions:

These questions are meant to help move us in this progression: **experience → barriers → action**

1. Who really knows you?

Where in your life do you experience genuine "doing life together" with other people—and where do you find yourself remaining on the outside looking in?

What makes it difficult for you to let people really know you?

2. What keeps you from the "all ya'll"?

(The early church didn't just believe the same things; they shared their lives with one another.)

What fear, wound, past experience, or need for control might make it difficult for you to trust people enough to really do life with them?

3. What would "all ya'll" look like this week?

If being the family of God means that we don't have to do life alone, what is one concrete step you could take this week to move from attending church with people to actually sharing life with them?

Who is one person you could invite in—or allow yourself to be invited in