

Transformational Discipleship

Discovering how we grow closer to Christ

The Posture of Transformation Part 2: Interdependence Philippians 1:3-6

Introduction:

There are things in life that we cannot do alone. One of those things is be a family—every individual is born into a community. Scripture tells us we are spiritually reborn into the family of God—adopted and made a part of a bigger community composed of people who have also been born again. Paul reveals the benefits of being a part of a community of faith to believers in Philippi.

I. Community P_____ (vv. 3-4)

“So Peter was kept in prison, but prayer was being made earnestly to God for him by the church... Motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he explained to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. ‘Report these things to James and the brothers,’ he said. Then he departed and went to a different place.”

Acts 12:5, 17

II. Community P_____ (v. 5)

“When Jesus had washed their feet and put on His robe, He reclined again and said to them, 'Do you know what I have done for you? ¹³You call Me Teacher and Lord. This is well said, for I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example that you also should do just as I have done for you.' ... By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13:12-15, 35

III. Community P_____ (v. 6)

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to the prayers.” Acts 2:42

“Not that I have already reached the goal or am already fully mature, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus... ¹⁷Join in imitating me, brothers, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us.” Philippians 3:12, 17

IV. Community P_____ (v. 7ff)

“Watch out, brothers, so that there won't be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart that departs from the living God. ¹³But encourage each other daily, while it is still called today, so that none of you is hardened by sin's deception.” Hebrews 3:12-13

“If your brother sins against you, go and rebuke him in private. If he listens to you, you have won your brother.” Matthew 18:15