
Together

Victory Life Church, Spring LG Launch

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Introduction

What kind of **vision** do you have for your life? (blessed, flourishing, fulfilled, happy, meaningful — reaching your full potential?)

God has a **vision** for your life as well.

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The enemy is working very hard and very carefully to make you drift toward isolation. He will use many tactics, mainly **shame** and **fear**, but also more subtle approaches of **pride**, **ego**, and **selfishness**, and even more subtle tactics of **busyness** and **distractions**.

The world works in connection with the enemy by offering a **fabricated** sense of community, or **unhealthy** forms of community.

God has put it into the fabric of our humanity to live in community, and for life to be at its best (reaching our full potential), it means for us to be in life TOGETHER in community.

This is why the enemy **attacks** community in an outright assault to push you into isolation, or tries to **distract** us with a fabricated sense of community, or **perverts** our desire and need for community by getting us into unhealthy forms of community.

This explains why the enemy uses every **tactic** and **temptation** he has against us to push us away from God and disconnect you from healthy community.

Our lives will not reach their full potential without Christ-centered relationships that form a Christ-centered community.

You can do many things alone, following Jesus and reaching our full potential are not among them.

The Christian life is a “life TOGETHER.” Life is better TOGETHER. It’s not easier, but in the long run, working through the challenges, it is better. Our lives will only reach their full potential in Christ when we each belong to a community of Jesus followers, and our lives being shared TOGETHER.

There is no real alternative to a life built on Jesus in community TOGETHER.

Acts 2:40-42, 43-47 (MSG)

God has a good and grand vision for your life, but He also has a much bigger and more grand vision for His world and for all humanity.

Ephesians 1:15-23 (NLT)

Ephesians 2:11-22 (NLT)

Church (in its New Testament context) is a *family to belong to*, not an *event to go to*. Church is a family of people where others can encounter God, not a place to go to to hide from God. Church is a family where there are no outsiders, but all become insiders because of the love of Jesus.

God wants people to love Jesus *because* of the Church (community of people), not *tolerate* the Church to get to Jesus. Culturally, we tend to love Jesus, but reject His body. God wants people to encounter Jesus *because* of the Church, not *in spite* of it.

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Conclusion

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1 Corinthians 12:25-26 (ESV)

Do you have a community where your suffering is shared together with others?

Do you have a community where your victories are shared together with others?

We want for this Church what God wants for His Church, for there to be no outsiders, but all to encounter Jesus. We want to be a people where we suffer together and rejoice together; where every single person can belong, not just fit in. We want everyone to be accepted right where you are the way you are, God does all the changing. Our responsibility is not to change you, it's to love you.