



Faith Challenges

*Caring Strategies For Our
Spiritual Life*

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Feeding Faith

- 1) Prayer
- 2) Bible Reading
- 3) Fellowship

Community

You are not simply called
to **BELIEVE**

You are called
to **BELONG**

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Romans 12:4-5 NIV

- 4) Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,
- 5) so in Christ we who are many form one body, and

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Romans 12:4-5 NIV

- 4) Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,
- 5) so in Christ we who are many form one body, and **each member belongs to all the others.**

Romans 12:4-5 Message

- 4) In this way we are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way around.
- 5) The body we're talking about is Christ's body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn't amount to much, would we?

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Fellowship

REAL Fellowship is more than a Statement of Faith

REAL Fellowship is more than Coffee and Cookies

Experiencing Life TOGETHER

HONEST Sharing

PRACTICAL Serving

SACRIFICIAL Giving

SYMPATHETIC Comforting

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1st John 1:7-8 NIV

REAL Fellowship

I) AUTHENTICITY

- 7) 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, purifies us from all sin.
- 8) If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

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James 5:16 NIV

I) AUTHENTICITY

- 16) 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.

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REAL Fellowship

- 1) Authenticity
- 2) **MUTUALITY**

1st Corinthians 12:25-26 NIV

- 25) So that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.
- 26) If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

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- 1) Authenticity
- 2) **MUTUALITY**

Romans 1:11-12 NIV

- 11) I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong -
- 12) that is, that **you and I may be mutually encouraged** by each other's faith.

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REAL Fellowship

- 1) Authenticity
- 2) **MUTUALITY**

Romans 12:10 NIV

- 10) Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. **Honor one another above yourselves.**

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REAL Fellowship

- 1) Authenticity
- 2) Mutuality
- 3) **SYMPATHY**

Galatians 6:2 NIV

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

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REAL Fellowship

- 1) Authenticity
- 2) Mutuality
- 3) Sympathy
- 4) **MERCY**

2nd Corinthians 12:7-8 NIV

- 7) Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.
- 8) I urge you, therefore, to **reaffirm your love for him.**

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REAL Fellowship

- 1) Authenticity
- 2) Mutuality
- 3) Sympathy
- 4) **MERCY**

Colossians 3:12-13 NIV

- 12) Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

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REAL Fellowship

- 1) Authenticity
- 2) Mutuality
- 3) Sympathy
- 4) **MERCY**

Colossians 3:12-13 NIV

- 13) **Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another.** Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

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COMMITMENT**

James 3:17-18 NIV

- 17) But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

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James 3:17-18 NIV

- 18) **Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.**

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Galatians 6:1 NIV

I) HONESTY

- 18) Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.

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Ephesians 4:25 NIV

I) **HONESTY**

- 25) Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, **for we are all members of one body.**

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1) Honesty

2) **HUMILITY**

Romans 12:16 NIV

16) Live in harmony with one another. **Do not be proud**, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

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Cultivating **REAL** Fellowship

- 1) Honesty
- 2) **HUMILITY**

1st Peter 5:5 NIV

- 5) Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, **“God opposes the proud”**

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Philippians 2:3-4 NIV

Cultivating **REAL** Fellowship

1) Honesty

2) **HUMILITY**

- 3) Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but **in humility consider others better than yourselves.**
- 4) Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

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Cultivating **REAL** Fellowship

- 1) Honesty
- 2) Humility
- 3) **COURTESY**

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Cultivating **REAL** Fellowship

- 1) Honesty
- 2) Humility
- 3) Courtesy
- 4) **CONFIDENTIALITY**

Proverbs 16:28 NIV

- 28) A perverse man stirs up
dissension, and **a
gossip separates
close friends.**

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- 1) Honesty
- 2) Humility
- 3) Courtesy
- 4) Confidentiality
- 5) **FREQUENCY**

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Cultivating **REAL** Fellowship

- 1) Honesty
- 2) Humility
- 3) Courtesy
- 4) Confidentiality
- 5) Frequency
- 6) Authenticity
- 7) Mutuality
- 8) Sympathy
- 9) Mercy