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## **Defending Truth: Do I Have To Go?**

**Matthew 16:18** - *"...upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it."*

### **Jesus' Vision For His Church Has Always Been A Community That Wouldn't Be Shaken**

**Acts 2:42** - *All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.*

### **A Healthy Community Creates An Environment For Spiritual Growth**

**Acts 2:46** - *They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—*

### **The Scriptures Validate The Link Between Community And Our Spiritual Life**

- 1) Encourage And Challenge Each Other As Followers Of Christ.**
- 2) To Experience And Make Known The Power And Presence Of God.**

**Hebrews 10:25** - *And let US not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.*

### **THE FAMILY OF GOD**

**1 Corinthians 12:14-20** - *Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. <sup>15</sup> If the foot says, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," that does not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear says, "I am not part of the body because I am not an eye," would that make it any less a part of the body? <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything? <sup>18</sup> But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. <sup>19</sup> How strange a body would be if it had only one part! <sup>20</sup> Yes, there are many parts, but only one body.*

### **We'll Never Reach Spiritual Maturity Without Using The Spiritual Gifts God's Given Us**

**1 Corinthians 12:24-27** - ...So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. <sup>25</sup> This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. <sup>26</sup> If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. <sup>27</sup> All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.

**1 Peter 2:5** - And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.

**Ephesians 2:8-9** - God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

### **Jesus Was Frequently At The Temple**

**James 5:14-16** - Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.