**Finding Home When We Feel Alone**

The Table Part Four

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**Make Jesus your home.**

**Make your Church your spiritual home.**

Church is more than a PLACE we go to; it’s a FAMILY we belong to.

**Acts 2:42 NIV**,

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching , fellowship, the breaking of bread , and prayer.

**Acts 2:46 NIV**,

“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,”

Your PERCEPTION of the Church can impact your CONNECTION with God and others.

 If Church is more of a place you go to, attending is usually optional, investment is minimal, involvement is superficial, and its impact is barely noticeable.

When we view the Church as a place, then we are treating the Church like a HOTEL instead of a HOME.

Have a CONSUMER mindset.

A "consumer mindset" in church refers to approaching church attendance and participation as if it were a product or service to be purchased, prioritizing personal needs and satisfaction above actively contributing to the community.

Make a MINIMAL Investment.

Lack DEEP relationships.

Each of us is responsible for making our spiritual community a priority in our lives.

Jesus is not building spiritual hotels for people to visit occasionally; He is building spiritual homes where people can come, get fed, love, and grow as a spiritual family around the table.

Adopt an OWNERSHIP mindset.

**Acts 2:44-45 NIV**,

 **44**All the believers were together and had everything in common. **45**They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

Stay PLANTED even when things are imperfect.

**Psalm 92:12**,

“12 The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; 13 PLANTED in the house of the Lord, they will FLOURISH in the courts of our God.”

**Mark 4:17 NIV,**

 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.

Take RESPONSIBILITY for forming DEEPER relationships.

**Love** one another (John 13:34 – *16 times*)

**Be devoted to** one another (Romans 12:10)

**Build up** one another (Romans 14:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:11)

**Care for** one another (1 Corinthians 12:25)

**Serve** one another (Galatians 5:13)

**Bear** one another's burdens(Galatians 6:2)

**Teach** one another (Colossians 3:16)

**Comfort** one another (1 Thessalonians 4:18)

**Encourage** one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

**Pray** for one another (James 5:16)

**Confess your faults** to one another (James 5:16)

**Go to the diner** with one another (1 Joseph 3:16)

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* Stay PLANTED when things are imperfect.
* Take RESPONSIBILITY for forming deeper relationships.

NEXT STEPS

1. FOLLOW JESUS and get BAPTIZED
2. Sign up for GROWTH TRACK to become a MEMBER and SERVE
3. Join a TRANSFORM GROUP
4. INVEST financially.

The only way you will find home and not feel alone is when you prioritize your spiritual family. What you prioritize, you normalize.