**Strength for Every Season:**

**Bearing Spiritual Fruit that Lasts**

***You Belong Here – Part 1***

 ***Romans 12:4-8 (New Century Version)***

***August 24, 2025***

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