



INTERDEPENDENCE DAY

GROWING TALLER TOGETHER

God designed His people to grow taller together, not stronger alone.

INTRODUCTION

“I DO IT!”

**Independence can build a nation.
Interdependence builds disciples.**



THE TALLEST TREES GROW TOGETHER

Coast redwoods can grow over 350 feet tall, yet their roots are relatively shallow and spread outward.

One tree helps another stand strong.

This isn't just a good idea — this is God's design.



**THE TALLEST DISCIPLES
ARE NEVER THE MOST INDEPENDENT
THEY ARE THE MOST INTERCONNECTED**

1 **ROOTS
TOGETHER**

2 **GROWING
TOGETHER**

3 **REACHING
TOGETHER**

1. ROOTS TOGETHER

WE BELONG TO ONE ANOTHER

The Christian life is profoundly personal, but never intended to be private.

ROOTS TOGETHER

Acts 2:42-47

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

WE BELONG TO ONE ANOTHER.

ROOTS TOGETHER

Acts 2:42-47

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, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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ROOTS TOGETHER

Romans 12:4-5

For 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, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

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ROOTS TOGETHER

1 Corinthians 12:20-21

20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"

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ROOTS TOGETHER

ACTS 2

**God's design
wasn't just
meetings.
It was shared
lives.**

ROMANS 12

**God's design
wasn't
spectators.
It was
belonging.**

1 CORINTHIANS 12

**God's design
wasn't
independence.
It was
interdependenc
e.**

CALL TO ACTION

If all you do is attend on Sunday, you are missing God's design.

2. GROWING TOGETHER

WE BECOME LIKE JESUS
TOGETHER

God's growth strategy is one another.

GROWING TOGETHER

God's growth strategy is not independence — it is one another.



WE ENCOURAGE

Hebrews 3:12–13



WE CONFESS

James 5:16



WE RESTORE

Galatians 6:1–2



WE TEACH

Colossians 3:16



WE LOVE

John 13:34–35

GROWING TOGETHER

Hebrews 3:12–13 | James 5:16 | Galatians 6:1–2

Hebrews 3:12-13

12 See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. 13 But encourage *one another* daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

WE BECOME LIKE JESUS TOGETHER.

GROWING TOGETHER

Hebrews 3:12–13 | James 5:16 | Galatians 6:1–2

James 5:16

16 Therefore confess your sins to *each other* and pray for *each other* so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

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GROWING TOGETHER

Hebrews 3:12–13 | James 5:16 | Galatians 6:1–2

Galatians 6:1-2

1 Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. 2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

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GROWING TOGETHER

John 13:34-35

34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

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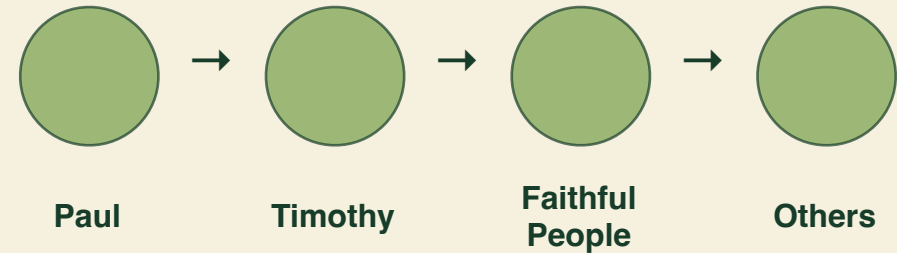
DISCIPLES ARE MADE THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS

MARK 3:14

“He appointed twelve that they might be with him...”

Jesus didn't simply preach to disciples.
He shared His life with disciples.

2 TIMOTHY 2:2



Discipleship multiplies through relationships.

TWO QUESTIONS



**1 Who is helping me
follow Jesus?**

**2 Who am I helping
follow Jesus?**

3. REACHING TOGETHER

CHURCHES GROW TALLER TOGETHER

**We aren't just building Westside —
we're building the Kingdom.**

**Middle East Churches • Baltic &
Nordic Churches - World**



ACTS: CHURCHES HELPING CHURCHES

- 1 **JERUSALEM** encouraged Antioch
- 2 **ANTIOCH** sent Paul & Barnabas
- 3 **PHILIPPI** supported Paul
- 4 **MACEDONIA** gave sacrificially
- 5 **JUDEA** received help from churches

The Kingdom advanced because churches loved beyond themselves.

REACHING TOGETHER

2 Corinthians 8:1–5 | 2 Corinthians 9:6–15

2 Corinthians 8:1-4

1 And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. 2 In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.

MISSION GIVING IS FAMILY STRENGTHENING FAMILY.

REACHING TOGETHER

2 Corinthians 8:1–5 | 2 Corinthians 9:6–15

2 Corinthians 8:1-4

3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, 4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.

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2 Corinthians 8:1–5 | 2 Corinthians 9:6–15

2 Corinthians 9:6,12

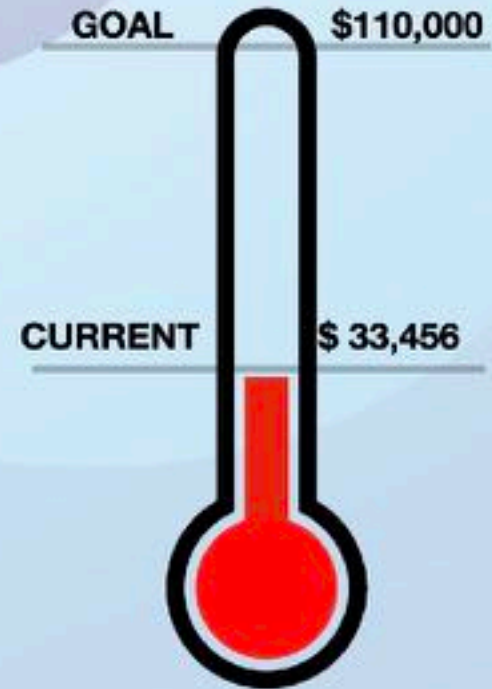
Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously... 12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

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3. REACHING TOGETHER

MISSIONS June - August 2026

- Middle East
- Baltic/Nordic Region
- Westside



THREE CHALLENGES

FOR THIS WEEK



1. RECONNECT

Restart a discipling relationship.
Invite someone to coffee.



2. INVEST

Ask both:
“Who can help me?”
and “Who can I help?”



3. SACRIFICE

Pray, give, and support
God’s work beyond
Westside.

LET’S GROW TALLER TOGETHER.



**ONE FOREST.
MANY CONNECTED ROOTS.
GREAT KINGDOM IMPACT.**

**The tallest trees grow together.
The strongest churches serve together.
The greatest movements sacrifice together.**

Let's grow taller together.