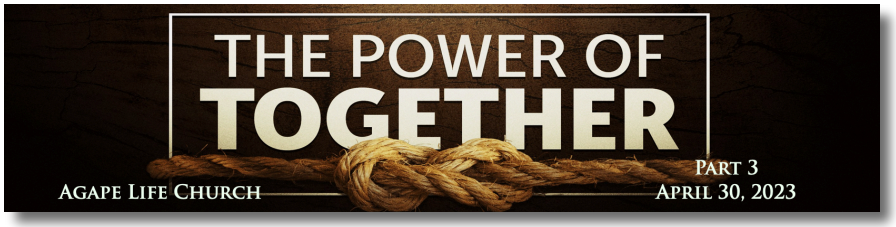

*The community continually committed themselves to learning what the apostles taught them, **gathering for fellowship**, breaking bread, and praying. Everyone felt a sense of awe because the apostles were doing many signs and wonders among them. **There was an intense sense of togetherness among all who believed;** they shared all their material possessions in trust.* Acts 2:42-44 Voice

We Are Better Together

Our focus on the power of our spiritual connections is essential for our faith to grow and relationships to thrive. We can still deepen our relationships and have the spiritual impact today that the first century Christians had on the world, by **rethinking and rediscovering the power togetherness** truly gives.

The Church Is God's Family 1 John 1:3-4

The great benefits of the church are realized as we become Christ-like in our behavior **because we choose to be faithfully committed to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.**

The Church is the Citadel of Truth in a Dark World

*...so if I am delayed, you will know how **everyone who belongs to God's family ought to behave. After all, the church of the living God is the bastion, the strong foundation of truth.*** 1 Tim 3:15 CEV

Living A Connected Life

There is an undeniable link we have with **one another**. The measure of our maturity and usefulness to God in His kingdom, is determined by **how well we live a connected life with each other**.

In the New Testament the phrase; **"One Another"** occurs eighty times; The emphasis is on how we should **live together** in Christ.

Love One Another 1 Peter 4:8

*A new commandment I give to you, that **you love one another**; as I have loved you, **that you also love one another**.* John 13:34

This is the "_____" of His vision for the church.

Core Point: There is a strength to being part of the Christian community. There is a deeper fellowship to be realized that many Christians are not seeking or finding. We find in scripture the examples of early believers we should follow, for meaningful and powerful Christian fellowship.

Honor One Another

*Be kindly affectionate to **one another** with brotherly love, **in honor** giving preference **to one another**.* Romans 12:10

Encourage One Another

*Therefore comfort each other and **edify one another**, just as you also are doing.* 1 Thessalonians 5:11

_____ One Another

*For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, **but through love serve one another**.* Gal. 5:13

*If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, **you also ought to wash one another's feet.*** John 13:14

Admonish One Another Galatians 6:1

*Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, **able also to admonish one another.*** Romans 15:14

Be Kind and Forgiving of One Another

*And **be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another**, just as God in Christ forgave you.* Ephesians 4:32

Be watchful in Prayer for One Another

*Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, **being watchful to this end** with all perseverance and supplication **for all the saints.*** Ephesians 6:18

Be _____ to One Another

***We are coming to the end of all things**, so be serious and keep your wits about you in order to pray more forcefully. **Most of all, love each other** steadily and unselfishly, because love makes up for many faults. Show **hospitality to each other** without complaint. Use whatever gift you've received for the good of **one another** so that you can show yourselves to be good stewards of God's grace in all its varieties. If you're called upon to talk, speak as though God put the words in your mouth; if you're called upon to serve others, serve as though you had the strength of God behind you. In these ways, God may be glorified in all you do through Jesus the Anointed, to whom belongs glory and power, now and forever. Amen.* 1 Pet. 4:7-11 VT

*Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any **fellowship** of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, **having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.*** Philippians 2:1-2

Core Statement: I believe in the power of togetherness! I will pursue the value found in the fellowship of the spiritual family God has made for me. I know I can't do it alone. God wants to use me to be a blessing to His church and His higher purposes for my life!