

AND HIS MOTHER AND HIS BROTHERS CAME,  
AND STANDING OUTSIDE THEY SENT TO HIM AND  
CALLED HIM. AND A CROWD WAS SITTING AROUND  
HIM, AND THEY SAID TO HIM, "YOUR MOTHER AND  
YOUR BROTHERS ARE OUTSIDE, SEEKING YOU."  
AND HE ANSWERED THEM, "WHO ARE MY MOTHER  
AND MY BROTHERS?" AND LOOKING ABOUT AT  
THOSE WHO SAT AROUND HIM, HE SAID, "HERE

**MARK 3:31-35**

ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS! FOR  
WHOEVER DOES THE WILL OF GOD, HE IS MY  
BROTHER AND SISTER AND MOTHER.”

**MARK 3:31-35**



# Church is a Family

LIFE  
TOGETHER  
IN THE  
KINGDOM  
OF GOD

# MARK 3

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FOR HE CHOSE US IN HIM BEFORE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD TO BE HOLY AND BLAMELESS IN HIS SIGHT. IN LOVE HE PREDESTINED US FOR **ADOPTION TO SONSHIP** THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS PLEASURE AND WILL—

**EPHESIANS 1:4-5**



BUT WHEN THE SET TIME HAD FULLY COME, GOD SENT HIS SON, BORN OF A WOMAN, BORN UNDER THE LAW, TO REDEEM THOSE UNDER THE LAW, THAT WE MIGHT RECEIVE **ADOPTION TO SONSHIP.**

**GALATIANS 4:4-5**



FOR THOSE WHO ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD. THE SPIRIT YOU RECEIVED DOES NOT MAKE YOU SLAVES, SO THAT YOU LIVE IN FEAR AGAIN; RATHER, THE SPIRIT YOU RECEIVED BROUGHT ABOUT YOUR **ADOPTION TO SONSHIP**. AND BY HIM WE CRY, “ABBA, FATHER.”

**ROMANS 8:14-15**







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BUILDING BLOCK #1:  
**A COMMITMENT  
TO BEING TOGETHER**



AND LET US CONSIDER HOW WE MAY SPUR ONE ANOTHER ON TOWARD LOVE AND GOOD DEEDS, **NOT GIVING UP MEETING TOGETHER**, AS SOME ARE IN THE HABIT OF DOING, BUT ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER—AND ALL THE MORE AS YOU SEE THE DAY APPROACHING.

**HEBREWS 10:24-25**





ALL THE BELIEVERS **WERE TOGETHER** AND HAD EVERYTHING IN COMMON. THEY SOLD PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS TO GIVE TO ANYONE WHO HAD NEED. **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, PRAISING GOD AND ENJOYING THE FAVOR OF ALL THE PEOPLE.

**ACTS 2:44-47**



AND THE LORD ADDED TO THEIR NUMBER DAILY  
THOSE WHO WERE BEING SAVED.

**ACTS 2:44-47**





BUILDING BLOCK #2:  
**HEALTHY  
EXPECTATIONS**



EVERY HUMAN WISH DREAM THAT IS INJECTED INTO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IS A HINDRANCE TO GENUINE COMMUNITY AND MUST BE BANISHED IF GENUINE COMMUNITY IS TO SURVIVE. HE WHO LOVES HIS DREAM OF A COMMUNITY MORE THAN THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY ITSELF BECOMES A DESTROYER OF THE LATTER, EVEN

**DIETRICH BONHOEFFER**



THOUGH HIS PERSONAL INTENTIONS MAY BE EVER  
SO HONEST AND EARNEST AND SACRIFICIAL.

**DIETRICH BONHOEFFER**





BUILDING BLOCK #3:  
**THE POSTURE  
OF JESUS**





IN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH ONE ANOTHER,  
HAVE THE **SAME MINDSET AS CHRIST JESUS**: WHO,  
BEING IN VERY NATURE GOD, DID NOT CONSIDER  
EQUALITY WITH GOD SOMETHING TO BE USED TO  
HIS OWN ADVANTAGE; RATHER, HE MADE HIMSELF  
NOTHING BY TAKING THE VERY NATURE OF A  
SERVANT, BEING MADE IN HUMAN LIKENESS.

**PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8**



AND BEING FOUND IN APPEARANCE AS A MAN, HE  
HUMBLED HIMSELF BY BECOMING OBEDIENT TO  
DEATH—EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS!

**PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8**



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