



**Together we
grow stronger.**

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Back to Church Sunday Series: *Together*

Ephesians 4:1-3 (NIV)

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:15-16 (NLT)

Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NIV)

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV)

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Am I making my church stronger and healthier?

1. Am I _____ my church? (If not, why?)
2. Am I contributing to the _____ of my church?
3. Am I contributing to the _____ of my church?

Next Steps

1. What keeps me from serving my church? If I am already serving, is there something else I'd like to do?
2. How do my words and actions bring unity or disunity to my church?
3. How difficult is it for me to understand and accept that unity \neq uniformity? How likely am I to think that the way I see and understand something is the only way a Christian should see it and understand it? What makes this difficult for me?
4. Am I a team player?