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**“The Power of Fellowship”**

**“All we have to decide, is  
what to do with the time that  
is given us.”**

**Gandalf to Frodo...**

**JRR Tolkien, ‘Fellowship of the Ring’**

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# God Wants Our Fellowship

Genesis 1:26 NLT

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, **to be like us.**”

Genesis 5:22-24 NLT

<sup>22</sup> ...Enoch lived in **close fellowship with God** for another 300 years, and he had other sons and daughters. <sup>23</sup> Enoch lived 365 years, <sup>24</sup> **walking in close fellowship with God.** Then one day he disappeared, because God took him.

# Fellowship Releases Strength

Acts 2:42 NLT

<sup>42</sup> All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and **to fellowship**, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

“Fellowship is a place of grace, where mistakes aren’t rubbed in, but rubbed out. Fellowship happens when mercy wins over justice.”

Rick Warren

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# Fellowship Promotes Unity

John 17:20-21 NLT

<sup>20</sup> “I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. <sup>21</sup> I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one — as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

“How can so many of us miss the importance of unity when it’s the whole point of the cross? Jesus suffered and died to unite us with the Father and with each other. To disregard unity is to disparage the cross.”

Francis Chan, *Unity*





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