

RESILIENT | **How To Do Life Together**

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Romans 12:4-5 Voice

4 For in the same way that one body has so many different parts, each with different functions; 5 we, too—the many—are different parts that form one body in the Anointed One. Each one of us is joined with one another, and we become together what we could not be alone.

Genesis 2:18

It is not good for man to be alone.

Dependence = to rely on someone outside of yourself for some need

Interdependence = the dependence of two or more people or things on each other.

Mark 2:1-12 NLT

When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. 2 Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word to them, 3 four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. 4 They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. 5 Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."

6 But some of the teachers of religious law who were sitting there thought to themselves, 7 "What is he saying? This is blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!"

8 Jesus knew immediately what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you question this in your hearts? 9 Is it easier to say to the paralyzed man 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk'? 10 So I will prove to you that the Son of Man[a] has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, 11 "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!"

12 And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers. They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, "We've never seen anything like this before!"

Crazy:

1. mentally deranged, especially as manifested in a wild or aggressive way.
2. extremely enthusiastic.

Crazy:

1. spiritually arranged, as manifested in a wild and kingdom aligned way.

4 Musts to Doing Life Together

1. WE MUST ASSESS OUR CURRENT RELATIONAL INTERDEPENDENCE ON OTHERS WHO BRING US TO JESUS

Mark 2:3 NLT

3 four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat.

John 5:7 NIV

...I have no one to help me...

Proverbs 17:17 NIV

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.

Hebrews 13:1 NLT

Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters.

1 Peter 3:8 NKJV

Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be [a]courteous;

Deep relationships are not automatic.

They are built.

They are intentional.

They take time and effort and energy.

2. WE MUST INVITE PEOPLE INTO OUR STORY

Mark 2:3 NLT

a paralyzed man on a mat.

Mat = story of brokenness and imperfection

Hebrews 12:1-2 NKJV

Therefore, we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God

5 decisions we make at every encounter:

Will I withhold from you or share with you?

Will I exclude you or embrace you?

Will I judge you or accept you?

Will I try to beat you up or build you up?

Will I ignore you or pay attention to you?

In all great relationships there are four secrets you can find.

Authenticity – the secret of being yourself.

Vulnerability – the secret of sharing yourself.

Credibility – the secret of getting people to trust you, being trustworthy.

Compatibility – the secret of getting along and harmony

Ecclesiastes 4:8-12 NLT

8 This is the case of a man who is all alone, without a child or a brother, yet who works hard to gain as much wealth as he can. But then he asks himself, “Who am I working for? Why am I giving up so much pleasure now?” It is all so meaningless and depressing.

9 Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. 10 If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. 11 Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? 12 A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

3. WE MUST ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE CARRIED BY OTHERS FROM TIME TO TIME

Galatians 6:2 NIV

2 Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Show me your relationships and I’ll show you your future.

4. WE MUST RAISE OUR AWARENESS OF GOD’S POWER AND HOW WE PARTNER TO SEE IT MANIFEST ON THE EARTH

Mark 16:17, 18 NIV

...these signs will accompany those who believe...they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.

Matthew 18:20 NIV

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

John 13:35 NLT

Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.

John 15:9-17 NLT

9 "I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. 10 When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. 11 I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! 12 This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. 13 There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. 16 You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. 17 This is my command: Love each other.

Acts 2:42 NLT

42 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.