

Living Expectantly
Transformations - Part 2 of 5
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“...but I came to give life, life in all its fullness.” John 10:10 (NCV)

Jesus says, “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.’ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as your self. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments’.” Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)

“It is not good for man to be alone.” Genesis 2:28 (NIV)

SPIRITUAL CONNECTION:

Fellowship is soul to soul connection.

**WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE SPIRITUALLY
CONNECTED?**

1. IT’S LIKE BEING A BRICK IN A BUILDING.

“You believers are like a building that God owns... Jesus is the most important stone in the building and the whole building is joined together in Christ... You are being built into a place where God lives through the Spirit.” Eph 2:20-22 (ICB)

“We who believe are carefully joined together, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.” Eph. 2:21 (NLT)

In a BUILDING, the connected parts support each other.

2. IT’S LIKE BEING A PART OF A BODY

“Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ’s Body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others.” Rom. 12:4-5 (LB)

In a BODY, all the parts grow together.

3. IT’S LIKE BEING A SHEEP IN A FLOCK

“God made us, and we are His. We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.” Ps. 100:3 (NLT)

In a FLOCK, the sheep are protected and cared for.

“Take care of God’s flock, His people, that you are responsible for. Watch over them because you want to, not because you are forced to do it.” 1 Peter 5:2 (ICB)

4. IT’S LIKE BEING A MEMBER OF A FAMILY

“I want you to know how people who are members of God’s family must live. God’s family is the church...” 1 Tim. 3:15 (GWT)

“Love each other like brothers and sisters.” Rom. 12:10 (NCV)

In a FAMILY, the members love each other

How can I get connected to *this* church family?

“First they gave themselves to the Lord; and then, by God’s will, they gave themselves to us as well.” 2 Cor. 8:5 (GN)