



Lessons for Life

HOW WE HELP EACH OTHER GROW
40 Days of Community – 5
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“From the very beginning God decided that those who came to Him – and allalong He knew who would – should become like His Son...” Rom. 8:29 (LB)

“Encourage each other and build each other up.” 1 Th. 5:11 (NIV)

1. BY AFFIRMING EACH OTHER’S WORTH.

- WITH ACCEPTANCE

“Accept one another, just as Christ accepted you...” Rom. 15:7 (NIV)

- WITH ATTENTION

“Give special attention to those who are in the family of believers.” Gal. 6:10 (NCV)

- WITH AFFECTION

“Love one another with brotherly affection as members of one family...” Rom. 12:10 (Amp)

- WITH APPRECIATION

“Brothers and sisters... appreciate those who work hard among you, who lead you in the Lord and teach you.” 1 Th. 5:12 (NCV)

2. BY PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER'S GROWTH.

“Epaphras...always prays for you that you will grow to be spiritually mature.” Col. 4:12 (NCV)

“I pray...you'll be able to feel and understand, how long, wide, deep, and high Christ's love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves...” Eph. 3:18-19 (LB)

“I pray...you will always be eager to do right.” Heb. 13:21 (CEV)

“I pray God who gives hope will fill you with much joy and peace while you trust in Him.” Rom. 15:13 (NCV)

“I pray God...would give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation...” Eph. 1:17 (GW)

“I pray the Lord will guide you to be as loving as God and as patient as Christ.” 2 Th. 3:5 (CEV)

“I pray God...may strengthen you with power through his Spirit.” Eph. 3:16 (NIV)

“May...God develop maturity in you, so that you get along with each other as well as Jesus gets along with us all.” Rom. 15:5 (Mes)

3. BY ADMITTING OUR OWN MISTAKES .

“Tell each other the truth, because we all belong to each other.” Eph. 4:25 (NCV)

Benefits Of Honesty

- EMOTIONAL HEALING

“Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed.” James 5:16 (LB)

- **A FRESH START**

“Anyone who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance.” Pr. 28:13 (LB)

- **GOD’S POWER TO CHANGE**

“When you bow down before the Lord and admit your dependence on him, God will lift you up and give you honor.” James 4:10 (NLT)

- **DEEPER FELLOWSHIP**

“If we live in the light...then we have fellowship with one another...” 1 John 1:7 (TEV)

4. BY **ENCOURAGING** EACH OTHER’S **COMMITMENT**.

“Keep yourself in training for a godly life.” 1 Tim. 4:7 (TEV)

“I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you.” Rom. 1:12 (NCV)

1. Commit to **LOVE** Jesus Christ.

2. Commit to **LOVE** other believers.

3. Commit to **GROW** in God’s Word.

4. Commit to **SERVE** in ministry.

5. Commit to **SHARE** the Good News.