

Insulated to Supported

SHIFT-Thinking Differently

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Welcome to Capital Baptist Church and welcome to our current teaching series entitled “SHIFT—Think Differently.”

Today we are going to be continuing this series and completing this series talking about from isolated to supported.

Please take your Bible and turn with me to Mark chapter three and in your program I should say is a study guide. If you are listening online you can also download the study guide and I hope you will do that and take advantage of this wonderful tool. Really, it is a wonderful tool to help us learn more of the Word of God.

Today we are going to be looking here in Mark chapter three as we talk about from isolated to supported and today we are going to be focusing on something really important and that is relationships.

This week I read statement that said this. “You will be the average of the five closest people I your life.”

Now right now that should encourage you or discourage you, one of the two, ok? We shouldn't be surprised by that, should we? We are going to see today the Bible says you walk with wise people, you will be wise. But if you have a companion of fools, you are going to become a fool.

God designed us to live in community. God designed us to live in fellowship with others and today we are going to learn about that here in Mark chapter three.

Now this whole series is based on the premise of what you think is what you do. And if you want to change your doing, you must first change your thinking. That is what the Bible says in Ephesians four and in other places in the Bible, how that the truth is in Jesus. Keep that in mind today. We are going to look at Jesus and how he did relationships. And realize the truth is in Jesus.

And the Bible tells us in verse 22 that we are to put off those ungodly things in our lives and in verse 24 we are told to put on the godly things in our lives. And the Bible says in verse 23, the thing that makes the difference between the old man and new man, listen, is to be renewed in the spirit of your mind.

You were experiencing relationships today based on what you are thinking about relationships. Today I am going to be challenging you to get involved in a small group. That is going to be our biggest take home piece. Today I am going to do my best to convince you, ok. I just want to tell you. Here is my end game. My goal today is to convince you that you need to be part of a small group all the time, but especially during this spiritual growth campaign called yeah, marriage, connecting through love and respect.

And inside of your study guide is a response item and I am going to ask you to fill out that response item and I am going to challenge you to turn that in and not to be isolated during this campaign, but to be supported during this campaign. So I hope that you will do that today, because we are going to see how Jesus did life and that is exactly how he did life. He lived life in a supportive fashion. Jesus had a group of people in his life that supported him. He did not live isolated. He lived in a supported manner.

Let's read about it in Mark chapter three beginning at verse 13.

It says, "He goeth up into a mountain and calleth unto him whom he would and they came unto him. And he ordained 12 that they should be with him."

He ordained these 12. He selected these 12, his small group, first and foremost that he would find support, that, listen, that they should be with him. And out of that would be spiritual growth. You see, the best place for life change is a small group. Life change happens best in a small group. And what Jesus wanted to do is he wanted to bring these people together, his team, if you will, into a small group to be together and out of that create an environment of growth, growth in that, the Bible says, that they would be sent forth to preach and have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out devils. And here was his support team.

There was Simon who he surnamed Peter. There was James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James and he surnamed them Boanerges which is the sons of thunder. There was Andrew. There was Philip. There was Bartholomew our they probably called him Bart, don't you think? Ok, Bart. There was Matt, Matthew. There was Thomas. They might have called him Tom. I don't know. There was James the son of Alphaeus. There was Thaddeus. There was Simon the Canaanite and, yes, just like in every small group there you got people that aren't committed to the team. You got our Judases, Judas Iscariot which also betrayed him. And they, together, they went into a house.

The truth is in Jesus. How did Jesus do life? Well, we see here how he did life. He did it in a supported fashion.

Now what is isolated thinking? Isolated thinking is this. Thinking you were made to go through life alone. It is thinking, you know what? I am just going to do life alone.

Now the majority of the people that think that way have been hurt by people. They have experienced some pain that came from people. They might have been in a small group. And let me be honest with you. It is absolutely impossible to coexist in a small group for an extensive amount of time without their being some pain. I am not going to tell you when you get into a group or whatever, that at times you are going to find it be difficult. There is going to be some conflict. There is going to be people in the group that are hard to get along with. I call these people in my own life heavenly sandpaper. And I am not going to look at any of you right now. I am looking right over your heads, ok? But there are people that come into your life that God uses for his purposes.

I am sure in this group, these sons of thunder were pretty difficult to get along with, don't you think? I mean, they must have been some angry guys. They must have been some high D guys. I am a high D guy myself, ok? They were so strong and maybe even had a problem with anger that Jesus gave them a nickname. You two guys, you are sons of thunder is what you are.

I am sure they were kind of difficult to get along with.

Can you imagine the pain they must have experienced by the actions of Judas? Can you imagine what they must have felt to have spent all this time together and then to be betrayed by him? I am not going to tell you it is not going to happen, ok? But I will tell you this. For you to allow that pain to cause you to think I am going to live isolated, is exactly where the devil wants you to be in life, because when you are isolated you are weakened. The Bible says two are better than one. The Bible even says a threefold cord is not quickly broken. There is strength in numbers.

And yes you are going to be hurt, ok? I was thinking earlier today about my parents. I mean, they have been in the same Sunday school class, ok, the very same Sunday school class since I was 11 years old they were in that class. How long has that been? That has been a long time, right? I am, what 39? Ok, so let's see... I mean, over four decades they have done life with that group of people. Just think about that.

And now in their old age they are, man, they are there for each other. I mean, they support each other. They help each other. And slowly but surely they are dying off. You know, they really are.

And I can imagine over those years, I am sure there has been some conflict. I am sure there has been some difficulty. I am sure there has been some challenges. I have heard about some of them, ok?

So I am not going to tell you there is not going to be some pain, but I will tell you that you can't let it discourage you. God has a reason. God has a purpose of that heavenly

sand paper in your life. He wants to do something through it in your life and you need to let it happen. Ok? You need to grow from it. Jesus who the Bible says the truth is in Jesus, he lived a supported life. And this is thinking you were made to be connected to others. This is thinking that says, “You know what? I was never designed to go through life alone. I was hard wired from the very beginning that I needed to be connected with other people.”

I love what one person posted. One of my friends on Facebook posted on their profile. They posted, “You know, I don’t need 5000 fans. I just need a few people that like me, ok?” I thought that was good.

That is all we need, ok? We don’t need 5000 fans. We just need a few people to like us. Jesus had some people that liked him. They were his small group. They were people that he received support from. I mean they went into the house. They got away. They spent time together. They supported one another.

Who were these five people that are closest to you? You average them out. I mean, you could see this in anything, whether it is making money, people that make money, they hang out together. Overweight people hang out together, studies show us. I am not looking around, again. Let’s not look around, ok? I mean, this is true right across the board, ok? This is serious what we are talking about today. Who are you going to allow to be part of that? Let’s talk about that today. How can you go from isolated to supported?

Well, what did Jesus do? The truth is in what? Jesus. So what did Jesus do? Number one, you have got to join your team. The Bible tells us how that Jesus formed the team, how he connected relationally with these people. And the Bible tells us that he called unto them and I like this. They came unto him. They knew that Jesus needed them and they knew they needed Jesus. And the Bible says they came together. He ordained these 12. And first and foremost was just to be together, just to be with him, just to be together.

The first thing you have got to do is you have to join your team.

Genesis 2:18 says, “The Lord God said, ‘It is not good.’”

Would you circle those two words, not good? That the man should be alone. Would you circle the word alone? I will make him a help meet for him.

Now no doubt this is the beginning, Genesis means book of beginnings. And this is no doubt the beginning of marriage. No doubt about it. But it is way beyond talking about marriage. There is a much broader, more significant principle here and the principle is this. It is not good that you do life alone. It is not good. I mean, Jesus was single, but he didn’t do life alone, because it wasn’t good. Paul was single, never married. But he didn’t do life alone because it is not good to do life alone.

God hard wired us right from the very beginning. I mean, he made the world and made everything in the world and he looked at this world and you read that passage and I always include this in a wedding because I think it is so important. He looks at creation and he said it is good and sometimes he said it is very good. And for the first time he makes this announcement. It is not good.

What is not good, God?

That Adam was alone. And it was only natural that he would bring a woman about, ok, because they would all be alone without husband and wife coming together and doing what husbands do and reproducing, ok?

If you are alone today it is not good. It is not good. Jesus understood that and, in fact, he thought it to be so important that the Bible tells us how that he went up into a mountain in making this decision. And Luke tells us something that Mark does not tell us. See, that is why it is important that you study all four gospels: Mathew, Mark, Luke and John. They never conflict with one another but they do complement each other. And Luke gives us some insight that Mark doesn't tell us. Not only did he go up into the mountain, he spent all night, Luke six tells us, he spent all night praying over this decision, this choice that he was going to make.

Why did he think it was such an important decision? Well, you can answer that with many things, but one that I choose to answer with is Proverbs 13:20.

Jesus understood he that walketh with wise men shall be wise. But a companion of fools shall be destroyed. Jesus understood this whole idea of the significance of those you surround yourself with in life.

Now when it comes to work, you don't have any choice, do you? I mean, you have your job and if you are fortunate, there might be a wise person there. But there may be a bunch of fools there, ok? Well, you don't have any choice because you have to earn a living and you have to make your money. The Bible says if you don't work you shouldn't eat and you like to eat, so you go to work, right? But you go to work and you are around people. They are fools, a lot of them. You don't have any choice.

But do you know what? You do have discretionary time. You do have time where you choose who to be with, who to surround yourself with. And the decision you need to make in your life is to choose wise people. You chose wise people. The Bible says you will be wise. You chose fools to be around, you are going to be a fool. Show me your friends. I will show you your future.

Now wise people, listen, wise people see things from an eternal perspective. That is what a wise person is in the Bible. What they do is they understand, you know, life. They understand that what... the way we live today has an impact on eternity and that is what they think about when it comes to their time, their talent, their treasure, their temple.

They are focused on the judgment seat of Christ. They are focused on things that are going to last, things that are going to make the difference for all of eternity.

Fools, on the other hand, they are just temporal. I mean, all they are focused on is today. They don't think about the future. They don't think about giving an account to God. They don't think about answering to God because they are fools. Eat, drink and be merry. Tomorrow we are just going to die, that whole attitude.

And we have to recognize as we give these five or whatever in our life, we are going to become an average of them. We are going to become like them. And so Jesus saw this as very significant in that he wanted to surround himself with a team that would help him in this area. And so the Bible tells us that he joined a team.

You say, "Well, where am I going to find some wise people?"

Well, I will tell you where you can find some wise people. They are sitting right here in this room, not perfect people, but your best opportunity to find some wise people is in a good strong local church like Capital Baptist Church where you can sit down and you have 70 different opportunities, 70 different small groups in this church so there has got to be one that if you can't fit into 70, we are not weird, you are weird, ok? Let's be clear here, ok?

Let's be real up front about this thing, ok? There has got to be one of these 70 that somehow you can at least tolerate it, ok? You know? And these are designed where you can find some support.

You know, the most valuable thing in this spiritual road campaign is not going to be the preaching, ok? It is not going to be. It is going to be good and I have been studying literally all summer long for this series, ok. It is going to be a good one and I will do my best, ok? And we have been spending hours and hours and hours and hours working on this guide we are going to give you next week. And it is going to be good, ok? But that is not going to be the most valuable thing. The most valuable thing is when you get to sit down with some people and talk about it. Get some wisdom from some other wise people that can help you download this stuff into your life and get it into your life. You need to join a team. You need to be part of a team. Don't isolate yourself during this campaign or even for the rest of your life.

Number two, promote your team. See, life change happens best in a small group. And what happens when you mature is you begin to share. You begin to share. Jesus understood that. He wanted to be with these people. He wanted to create a growth environment where they could grow together and out of that growth environment the natural thing is you being to share.

I mean, just think about it in the physical realm with children. Little kids, what do they do? They have trouble sharing, don't they? I mean if one kid has it, I mean, that kid... that is what they want, ok? All of them want the same thing. Ok. Why? They are immature,

right? They are immature. And what we do as parents is we say, “Now listen, Johnny. You know, you need to share that with Peter or whatever his name is, ok? Sally, you need to share with Laurie. You know, don’t fight.” You know, you need share because we know that that is maturity, don’t we?

And Jesus understood if he could just get these people in this growth atmosphere of being together out of that, he could send them forth to preach and that they would have great power upon their lives, power to heal sicknesses and to cast out devils.

There was a growth environment. 2 Timothy 2:2 describes it this way. “The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also.”

See, that is how it works. That is how maturity works. Paul says to Timothy, “Timothy, I trained you.” And he told Timothy, “Timothy, you go find some people you can train, some faithful men.” And those faithful men need to be able to teach others.

Have you eve thought about this? Think about this. This just hit me this morning. This is good, ok? We are actually ... I am going put it personally. I am two small groups. I will be in two small groups this week, ok? And my small groups are actually a byproduct of this small group right here.

You say, “What do you mean by that?”

Well, Jesus got his small group together. They grew and what did they go do? They went out and started more small groups, didn’t they? And guess what those small groups did? They started small groups. And what did those small groups do? They started small groups? And now we come to our time in human history and Alfred and Betsy Mills, they get into a Sunday school class, they get into a small group, they spend their life in one. What did they do with me? They brought me up in Sunday school, ok? They brought me up in a small group. And what am I doing? I am training... we are training our children to do the same thing. And by the grace of God they are going to train their children to do the same thing because that is how it is supposed to work. That is how it is supposed to go.

Think about it. We need to promote our team. We need to promote the gospel. We need to promote our church.

In your study guide today is a three pack. These are invite cards. Folks, there is a tremendous need out her for helping people improve relationships. It is a huge need. It is a big, big need. People these days just don’t know how to relate to one another. And it is true of marriages, but it is true of every relationship. It is a broad issue, ok? And if we will just take the time. These are like seeds.

I had a 25 minute conversation with a lady last night. One of our church family had given her one of these cards. She was totally unchurched. She didn’t have a clue, not a clue

how our church or churches even functioned. She asked me I think four times, “Certainly you have to pay for this, right? How much is this teaching? How much does it cost to go to this thing?”

She didn’t have a clue, you know, how things functioned. I had to spend time telling her and explaining to her what it was about. Hey, that is the kind of people I want to pastor right there. I want a church full of people like that, ok?

And she might be here today. I said, “Hey, why wait till next week. Come on today.” Ok? But she... man, she is hungry. She says, “I will be there next week.”

Why? Because somebody in our church just took a moment. It doesn’t take long. Did you get one of these? That is all you have got to say? Did you get one of these? That is all you have got to do? You can do it in moments, you know, anywhere and everywhere, ok?

We need to promote our team. We need to let people know what is going on here, ok?

Number three, support your team. Man, they came together and, man, they supported each other, didn’t they? They supported each other.

Romans 15:7 tells us one way we support each other is to accept one another. It says, “Wherefore receive you one another as Christ also received us to the glory of God.”

There was diversity in this group. Did you know that? I already mentioned the personalities. You have got people like these sons of thunder. You have got people all kinds of different backgrounds. You have got, you know, tax collectors. You have got fishermen. You have got doctors were ... ended up being part of Jesus’ small group, people from all kinds of different backgrounds, because why? It is all level at the foot of the cross.

I mean, DC, northern Virginia, Washington metro area is all about titles, ok? You meet somebody and they go... and that is cool. I am not against that. In fact, I kind of like it, ok? But when we walk into this church, I am telling you, it is all level at the foot of the cross. And when we come together we come from diverse backgrounds. We come from all kinds of different situations in life. And we learn to do life together. We learn to go through life together.

And the Bible says in Romans 13 that we really haven’t learned to love until we can love another.

Romans 13:8 says, “Owe no man anything but to love one another, for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.”

You have got that contrast there between love one another and loveth another. And there is a play on words there in the Greek. Love one another is to love people like you, people that like the things you like and do the things you do and understand the things you

understand and relate to the things you relate to. But the Bible says you have not fulfilled this commandment to love your neighbor as yourself, Romans 13 verse 10, until you can love another, until you can learn to love a son of thunder you haven't learned to learn another. Until you can learn to love somebody that is different from you, you haven't fulfilled the law. You haven't obeyed the Word of God. And we have to learn how to accept one another. We have to learn how to relate to each other in that way.

Another thing we need to do is we need to encourage each other. Supporting our team means encouraging one another.

1 Thessalonians five verse 11.

I mean, life is tough, isn't it? And we need to give people a lift, not a let down. We need to have an environment where we encourage each other. I mean, life is not easy. There is a lot of pain in life. There is a lot of difficulty in life. Things change so quickly. Things change so rapidly. It is going not be amazing what all of us will experience over the next seven days that we don't even know about. And all it takes is that one phone call. I promise you. It only takes one phone call and your wife is totally repositioned.

I just had this [?] with a friend of mine, ok? And I was getting ready to call him about something. He was only my radar, ok? And before I even got to do that, I mean, minutes later I was getting ready to call him and within those minutes I got a phone call from his daughter saying that she had a massive heart attack. Just that fast.

You don't know what is going to happen. Life is hard. And when people come to a small group, we need to lift each other up, ok? We need to encourage each other.

Let's go to the back page of our ... let's talk about this spiritual growth campaign. Now, if you were part of our church last year you might remember that we did a thing called come on get happy and we are basically trying to have once a year where we are very intentional about bringing our church together in a huge spiritual growth campaign. And this year what we are going to be doing this fall is we are going to be doing a thing called Yeah, Marriage, ok? And you see this image up here, Yeah, Marriage. This is going to be the basic component of that.

Now when you think about this, yes we are going to be trying to improve marriages. But we are, beyond that, going to be focusing on relationships, relationships. And we during this time are going to learn about men and women. And what we are going to discover is the truth of the fact that a man's greatest need is respect. A woman's greatest need is love.

Now this particularly relates to marriage, but generally it relates to every relationship. And we are going to learn how this applies to our relationships. We are going to learn how that we need to learn how to relate to each other, because God made male and female. We are not the same. We are very, very different. And over this time we are going to be going through Ephesians chapter five verse one through chapter six verse

four. We are going to go verse by verse, line by line and many times we are going to go word by word through Ephesians chapter five verse number one through chapter six verse number four. And during this time what we want to do is we want to be, number one, spiritual growth. Underline those two words, spiritual growth. It is a spiritual growth campaign that shows men and women—underline men and women—how to connect through love and respect. And underline those two words, love and respect.

Now this is going to be for everybody. We have went way out of our way to make sure everybody understands their part in this campaign. This is going to help single adults. It is going not help married adults. I promise you it is going to help you in every area. It is going to help you in the workplace. I promise you that. I promise you it is going to transform every facet of your life. And basically what we are going to do is we are going to use the power of the [?] that I call it on three different levels.

The first level is the individual level. Now we are going to be giving you two free things. Number one, we are going to be giving you a magnet and it is going to have this design on it. And we want you to put that in a prominent place, wherever you will see it. You know, on a file cabinet or a refrigerator, I don't know. Ok? Just somewhere where you will be reminded during this campaign. But beyond this campaign and when you are fighting with your husband, your wife, I want you to pull the magnet down and say, "Baby, here is the magnet. Do you remember this? Ok?"

You know, this is what we need right here, ok?

The second thing we are going to do is we are going to give you a Yeah Marriage guide. And it is going to include all kinds of different areas. You can look at that right there, ok? And we will have those available to you next week.

The second thing which is the most important thing, is what I call the group level. And this is what that response item is about today. It is getting, listen, supported. It is being able to sit down and say, "You know what? I am not really too sure I agree with the pastor on what he said on this. I didn't understand what this... what was in this guide here. That didn't make a lot of sense to me. Hey, our marriage is kind of weird on that part. We can't even relate to what was said on that. As a single [?] I am trying to figure this stuff out here. You know, how does this relate to me?"

Just be able to sit down with people and talk about it. It is huge. It is absolutely huge. And to sit down with some wise people, you know, some wise people, people that have a little wisdom and maybe can breathe that wisdom into your life and give you some insight that you need to better understand.

And then, thirdly, there is going to be the congregational level. And I want to be doing a series of messages and, again, it is going to be a verse by verses study of Ephesians 5:1 through chapter six verse number four and we are going to be talking on the back of your card here. We are going to be talking about these subjects. Next week we are going to talk about the secret to a better marriage.

The following week we are going to talk about finding the love of your life. We are going to talk about what every marriage needs. We are going to talk about how to affirm your marriage. We are going to talk about keeping communication lines open. We are going to talk about the right way to handle conflict. We are going to talk about the power of respect. My favorite one will be happy wife, ok? You don't want to miss that one.

And then the final message, Ephesians 6:1-4 parenting in an I kid world. These messages are not going to help you just on Sunday. They are going to help you on Monday. And they are not just going to help you in the home. They are going to help you in the marketplace. They are going to help you in every area of your life.

But, as I said, I believe with all my heart the most valuable thing you can do is get some support. You are weak if you are isolated, but you are strong... A threefold cord is not quickly broken, the Bible tells us. There is strength and support and I challenge you to get some support.

Let's pray.

Father, we love you. You are a great and mighty God and we praise you so much for your Word. Thank you that the truth is in Jesus? And, Lord, today if we need to have a shift in our thinking, if we need to think differently about connection with others, I pray that, Lord, you would show us that today. God, may we not think that we can go through isolated and we understand the necessity and the importance and the value of getting support. Lord, we love you. We thank you for your Word. Thank you for Jesus Christ our Savior and our Lord.

With every head bowed and every eye closed today I just want to ask you to go to prayer right now. The first thing I want you to do is to pray and to pray in this way. If you have never accepted Christ as Savior and Lord, that today you would pray and ask him into your life. The Bible says if you will call on the Lord you can be saved. If you have never done that I hope you will pray that today and ask him to have that relationship with you today.

And then, secondly, I want you to pray for this campaign. I want you to pray that God would use it in our church, that God would use it to impact our community, that we would take time to take these little cards, these seeds and distribute them, that God would use the direct mail, that God would use the radio, that God would use the different things that we are going to be using to try to bring people to Christ and to Capital Baptist Church. Pray God would do great things in our lives, that our relationships would be stronger than ever. My prayer is as we go into Thanksgiving and Christmas and the holiday season that would be the most special one we ever had because of how God has helped us tune up our relationships, to help us work through some things. So pray God to help us with that today.

If you are sitting here today all bitter and bent out of shape because some pain that occurred to you because of people and in a small group, you need to move on, ok? It is going to happen again. I will tell you that much. It is impossible. But I am telling you. You are missing out on lots of value. And God wants to even use that pain to grow you.

There was a Judas in Jesus' group. How much pain do you think Judas caused Jesus and the small group when Judas betrayed Jesus? Just think about that. Did they quit meeting? Did they give up? Did they say, "We are not going to do small groups anymore?"

No. They went out and reproduced small groups. You need to move on, ok? And you need to get connected with others. Will you do that today?

Father, we love you. Thank you for being an awesome, awesome God. Thank you for this series and the great things you have done in our lives in Jesus' name.



Our YAY MARRIAGE campaign is a spiritual growth campaign that shows men and women how to connect through love and respect.

This campaign is for every person in our church and community, and it uses the power of alignment at three levels to help us put these qualities into practice:

Individual Level – we are providing a “YAY MARRIAGE Guide” for each person which includes a Key Verse, Introduction, Love & Respect Activity, Key Passage, Yay Marriage Commentary, Daily Readings, Love & Respect Questions, Covenant Prayer and Keeping The Yay In Marriage.

Group Level – we are studying YAY MARRIAGE together in our small groups.

Congregational Level – we are having a series of nine sermons on YAY MARRIAGE.

Imagine the impact in our lives if we all improved our relationships through this campaign.

CONCLUSION: In what ways do you need to think differently to be supported?

“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;” II Corinthians 10:5

SHIFT – THINK DIFFERENTLY

**From Isolated To Supported
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INTRODUCTION

A. What you think is what you do. If you want to change your doing you must first shift your thinking.

“21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.” Ephesians 4:21-24

Christlikeness requires a shift in thinking.

B. In this series, you will learn how to shift your thinking in five critical areas:

Aug 28	From Owner To Steward
Sep 4	From Selfish To Servant
Sep 11	From Fearful To Fearless
Sep 18	From Inward To Outward
TODAY	From Isolated To Supported

C. TEXT: Mark 3:13-21 (Pew Bible/Page 37/New Testament)

Isolated Thinking: Thinking you were made to go through life

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Supported Thinking: Thinking you were made to be connected to

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HOW TO BE SUPPORTED

I. _____ YOUR TEAM (3:13-14a)

“And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.”

Genesis 2:18

“For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.”

John 13:15

“12 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

13 And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;”

Luke 6:12-13

“He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.”

Proverbs 13:20

II. _____ YOUR TEAM (3:14b)

“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”

II Timothy 2:2

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”

Mark 16:15

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”

Romans 1:16

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.”

Psalms 122:1

III. _____ YOUR TEAM (3:15-21)

“Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.”

Romans 15:7

“8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.”

Romans 13:8-10

“Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.”

I Thessalonians 5:11

“9 Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.

10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.

11 Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?

12 And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

“Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”

I John 3:16