

Connected!

We have experienced together a unique outpouring of God's presence and power over the course of this last season. The challenge to all of us is consistently the same: "Are you connected to each other or abandoned to yourself?" Genuine relationship is being formed in this house. Lives are being connected in a super – natural way. When you step into the grace of God something powerful takes over: the Holy Spirit invades our lives! God's love, God's grace, and God's mercy are so vast and so wonderful, when we see Him who who He is, when His Word is made real in our lives, all defenses drop and we receive Him as Lord. Out of this wonderful miracle we find ourselves surrounded with like-minded believers. We are on a journey together! But don't think this all just happens in a vacuum. This world will challenge anything and everything God does. The enemy does not want your life connected supernaturally with others. He wants to keep you isolated to yourself. Remember, we live in a culture of independence and self-centeredness. But Jesus Christ is looking for a people abandoned to Himself. Ephesians 4:13 and 16 declares:

"...till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man ... from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love."

If we remain to ourselves it is very difficult to be connected to each other. And the life of Christ which is waiting to flow through you remains stagnated, the edifying is delayed and our world is not changed. But if we will risk the possibility of failure or making a mistake and present our lives whole-heartedly to the Lord and allow the Holy Spirit to "assemble" His body the way He wants, then the possibilities of heaven begin to operate.

Our spiritual knowledge will not change this region. Remaining separate will accomplish little. But what if God truly would have a people sold out to Him? Can we live according to His way and not our own way? There is a gift of grace with your name on it, but it cannot be released in its fullness in your life until you "hook up!" Our knowledge is of no value unless we allow the Holy Spirit to bring us into a common experience. Only through such experience will wisdom and understanding come. Don't be afraid. Jesus is waiting to bless you!

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