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"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son."

Colossians 1:13

"Churches don't make people Christians. We become Christians at the new birth ...

"but churches are the embassies of heaven which Christ has tasked with affirming our heavenly citizenship ... instead of handing out passports, churches baptize and share the Lord's Supper."

Collin Hansen and Jonathan Leeman

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"So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith"

Ephesians 3:17

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"The person who loves their dream of community will destroy community, but the person who loves those around them will create community."

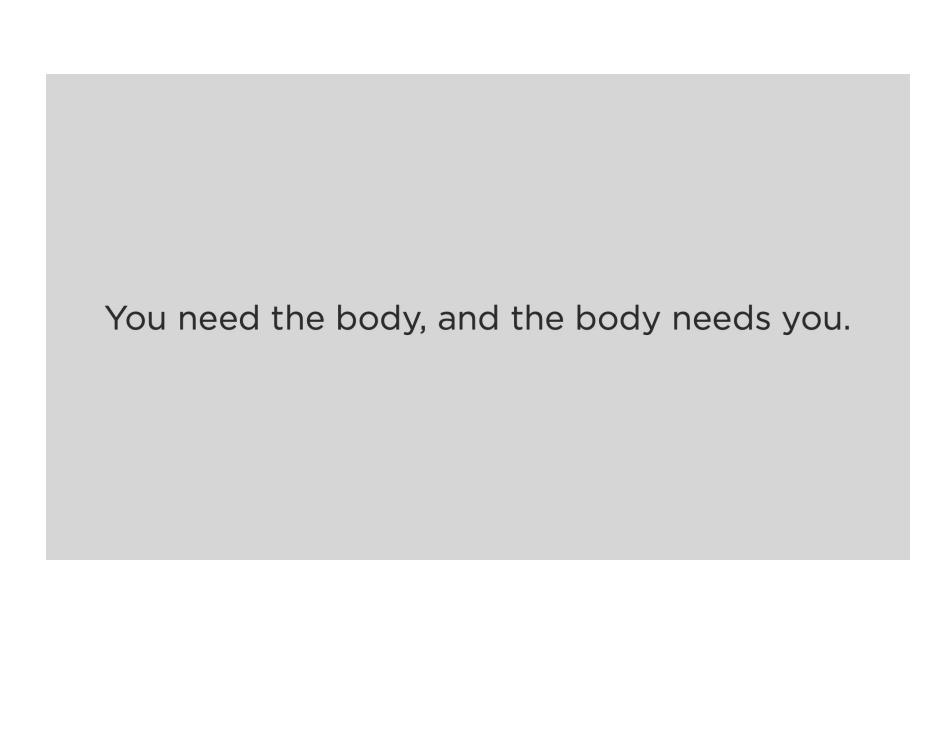
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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- 3. The body is who we are, by design, **for each other** (Interdependency).

"The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable."

1 Corinthians 12:21-22

- Without the body, <u>the individual member</u>
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In what ways is the Holy Spirit prompting you to move toward his Body, the Church?

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- 2. Outside of Sundays, how is the Holy Spirit prompting you to move toward other members of the body of Christ?





"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

Hebrews 10:24-25

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