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Introduction

As I sought the Lord for this week's Sunday sermon, He impressed upon me to start a new series on "We Are Christ's Body." God has a team & He's looking for willing players! And they will win big!

In today's sermon we'll learn how to flow with God's team. In this day & age it would be very wise for all people to get connected to God's anointed spiritual families. There is strength & safety in our numbers as we follow Christ together.

We know instinctively that we need to be a member of a healthy church but why is it sometimes hard to see ourselves as a viable member? Or why is it difficult to find our place in Christ's body if we really matter?

Let's learn today!

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

1 Cor. 12:27

1. Some Are Dislocated Members of God's Body

There are 2 types of "bodies" of Christ. Universal & local. We are called to

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be members of both. Some people are saved yet not connected to a local body. This means they are dislocated.

Hebrews 10

24 And let us consider one another...25 **not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together**, as is the manner of some...

2. The Purpose of God's Team

Ephesians 4

11 And **He Himself gave some to be** apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 **for the equipping of the saints** for the **work of ministry**, for the **edifying of the body of Christ**, 13 **till we all come to the unity of the faith** and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a **perfect man**, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

14 that we should **no longer be children**, tossed to and fro and **carried about with every wind of doctrine**, by the **trickery of men**...15 but, **speaking the truth in love**, may **grow up in all things into Him** who is the head—Christ—

16 from whom **the whole body, joined and knit together** by what every joint

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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.

3. How to Find Balance in Participating

The Father wants us to feel nurtured and not forced. He trusts us and knows our frailty. Our weak "yes" really matters to us and He recognizes our tremendous effort.

4. Developing an Attitude of Solidarity & Abandonment

We must contend for the unity & solidarity we have here at our church. We are all called to protect it. We are also all called to abandon ourselves to the purpose of the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:10

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that **all of you agree**, and **that there be no divisions among you**, but that you **be united in the same mind** and the **same judgment**.

Does unity come naturally to you, or do you gossip about your family to other family members? This is our gauge.

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5. The Benefits of Being a Team Player

When we are a functional member of the team or body of Christ, we receive of the team's resources. Anointing, joy, financial health, healing, wisdom, promotion, encouragement and more.

6. The Results of Not Being a Team Player

Immaturity, sin, depression, sickness, loneliness, eternal damnation.

7. Where Do I Start?

Start where Joseph started: in the pit and in prison. Serve somewhere and then your gift will make room for itself.

8. Put Your Hand to the Plow

Luke 9:62

Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and **looks back** is **fit for service in the kingdom of God.**"