



We Belong to One Another

Michael Cruz / Romans 12:4-5 and 1 Cor 12:4-6



You Belong Here

We belong with
one another

The real
you belongs
here



You
belong
to Jesus

How to
practice
community

THE HOPE

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The CLG Pledge

This is my Bible. I hold the Word of God that wins. I pledge to build my life upon it. I promise to meditate on what is written in it day and night, that I may know how to follow Christ. Through the help of the Holy Spirit, the Word will be my bread from heaven, my light in the dark, and shining armour in the day. I will store them in my heart. I pledge this to Jesus Christ, my Lord, the Word Incarnate, Immanuel from above. Amen!



Romans 12:4-5

4 Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function,

5 so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. ✨



1 Corinthians 12:4-6

4 There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all.

5 There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord

6 God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.



Context

Romans 12

Paul was writing to a Church that was culturally divided, Jewish and non-Jewish (Gentile) Christians who didn't get along. Paul wrote to tell them that everyone is equal under God .

1 Corinthians 12

Paul was writing to a fractured church in Corinth where some argued over which spiritual gifts were 'superior'. Paul emphasised that every believer is vitally important.



What does this remind us?

Romans 12:4-5 reminds us:

We All belong to Christ's Body.

- every part is important and needed
- every part is connected
- every part belongs

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 reminds us:

We are different, but we are one.

- different gifts but the same source - the Holy Spirit
- different kinds of service but the same Lord - Jesus
- different parts belonging to each other - unified in Christ



It was Jesus' idea

John 17:21-23 – Jesus great High Priestly prayer

"I pray that they will all be **ONE**, just as you and I are one — as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. “I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect **UNITY that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.**"



Connected through Jesus

"For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen." Romans 11:36

- From Him (Jesus is our Source):

God is the ultimate creator and origin of all life and history.

- Through Him (Jesus is our Sustainer):

God actively maintains, guides, and provides for all creation.

- To Him (Jesus is our Destination):

Everything is directed back toward God to fulfill His plans and display His eternal glory.



Love is the ULTIMATE GOAL

- Romans 12 ends with v10

"Love each other with genuine affection,[e] and take delight in honoring each other"

- 1 Corinthians 12 leads to chapter 13 – The 'LOVE' chapter v31 "But now let me show you a way of life that is best of all"

"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, you should love each other.

Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." - Jesus: John 13:34-35



Practical Reminders

- We all have something to give and something to receive
- We all hold a piece of the puzzle to the move of God in our cities - we need each other
- We're better together
- We're friends, family, the same body on the same adventure, the same journey, with Jesus ✨ and each other
- We're going deeper to go further



Practical Reminders

- Faith is personal but not private – it's meant to be shared
- The Word became flesh and moved into the neighbourhood - we're His hands and feet, His body reaching cities and communities that He loves
- Let love be your motivation and God be your guide
- Growing deeper in warmth is growing deeper in Love with Jesus and each other

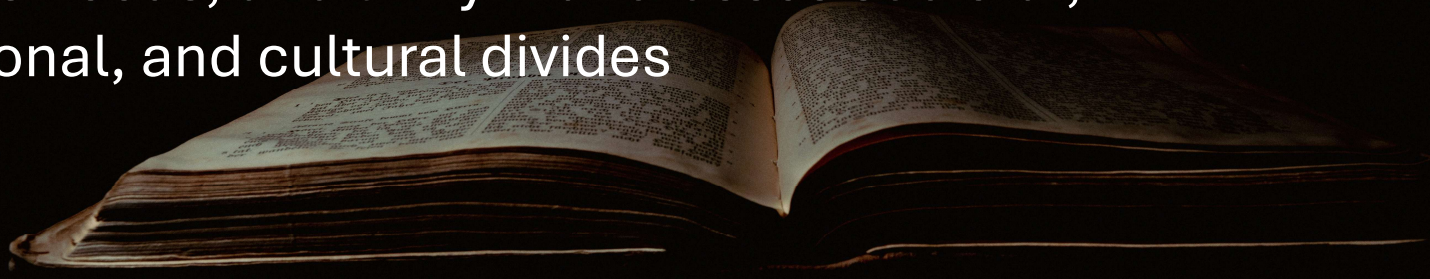


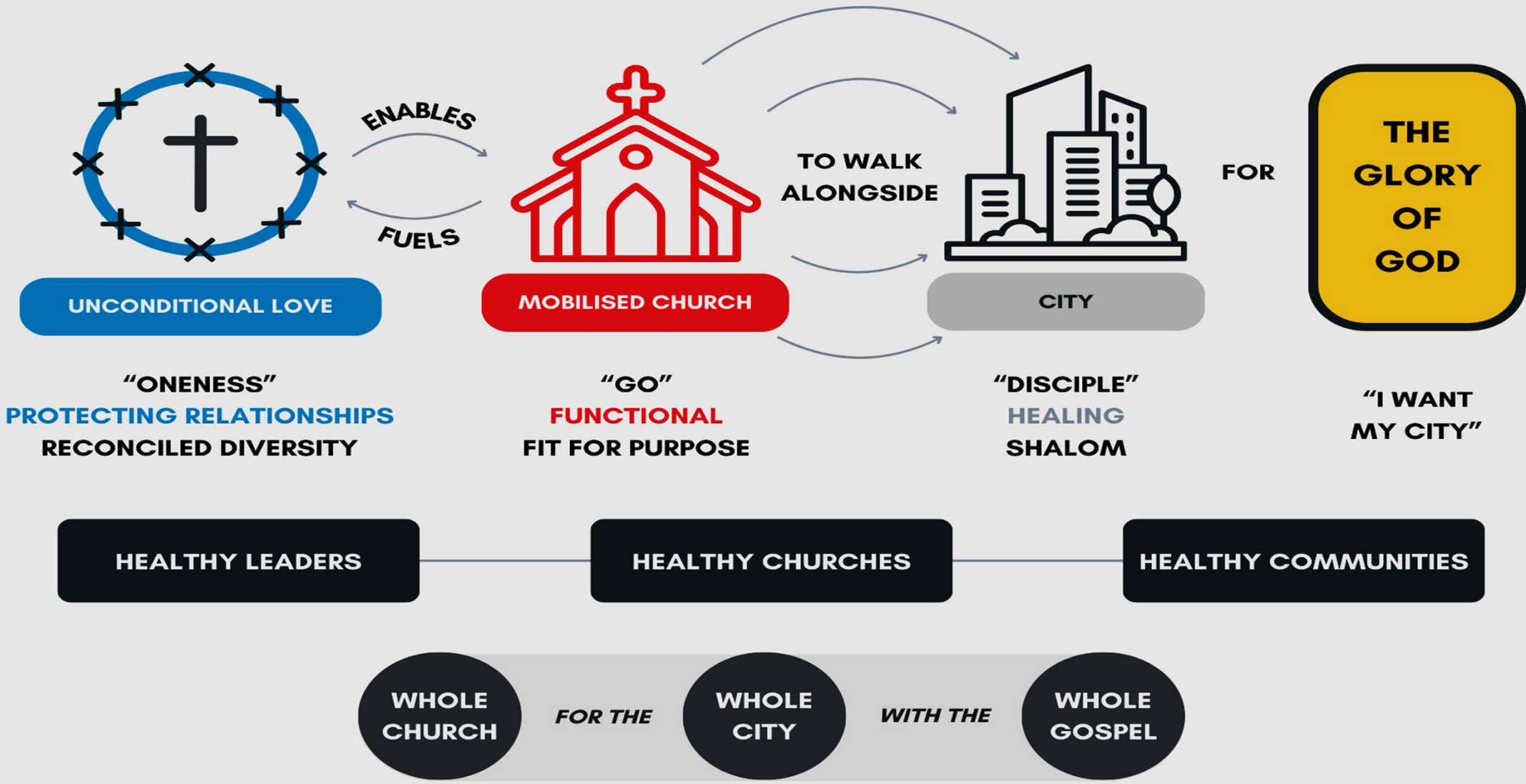
Jesus' invitation

Koinonia (Greek: κοινωμία) is an ancient Greek word that translates to communion, fellowship, joint participation, or partnership.

To Deep Connection: In the New Testament, it describes an intimate, active sharing of life, faith, love, and resources among believers, as well as a shared bond with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:42)

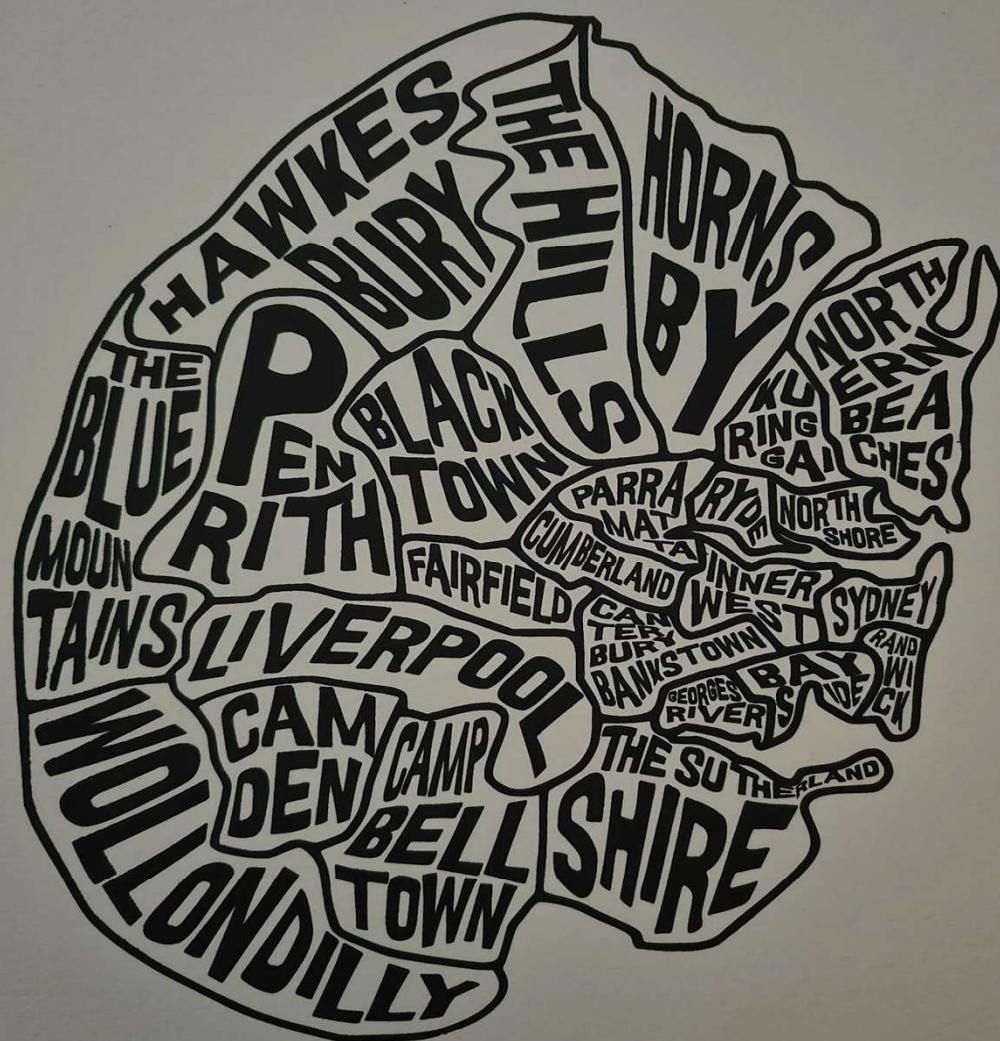
To Practical Action: Love beyond just social gathering, it involves mutual support, humbly caring for one another's needs, and unity that crosses societal, generational, and cultural divides







IN BLACKTOWN AS IN HEAVEN

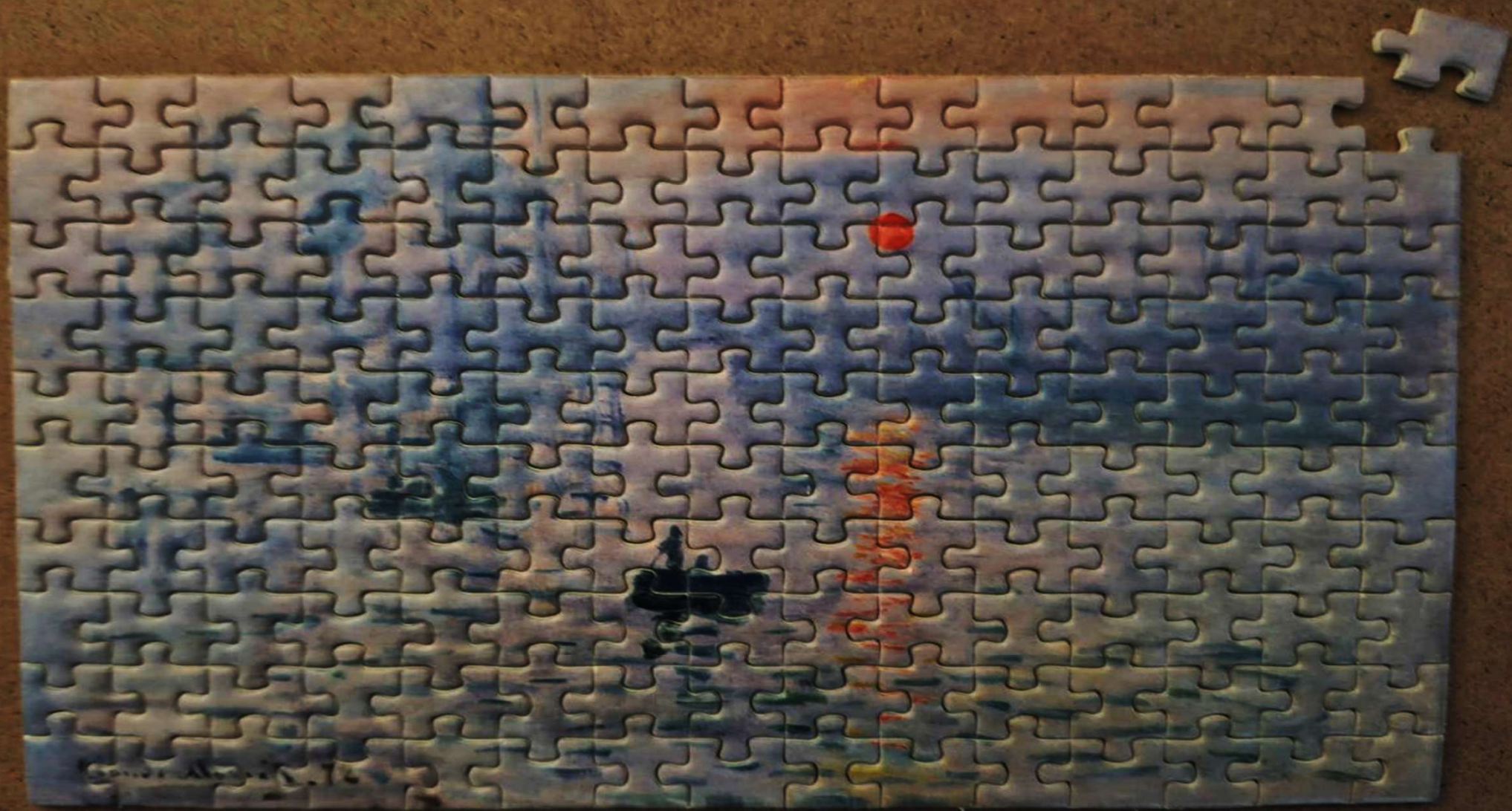


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Pray with us

For whoever calls on the
name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 10:13





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