

Summer Study

2024

What does
“**together**”
even
mean?
Webster’s
says...

a: in or into one place, mass,
collection, or group

“the men get **together**
every Thursday for poker”

Or,

“the men get **together** every
Tuesday morning for Bible Study.”

b: in a body, as a group

“students and faculty **together**
presented the petition”

“Happy Together”

“The Turtles” (1967)

Imagine me and you, I do
I think about you day and night, it's only right
To think about the girl you love and hold her tight
So happy together

If I should call you up, invest a dime
And you say you belong to me, and ease my mind
Imagine how the world could be, so very fine
So happy together

Marines

“No man left behind”

**Dallas
Mavericks**

**ONE
FOR
DALLAS**

Texas A & M

The power of the
“12th Man”
is demonstrated in
the unity, loyalty and
willingness of Aggies
to serve when called
to do so.

Dear George:—
Remember no man
is a failure who has
friends.

Thanks for the wings!
Love
Clarence



Henry Nouwen

Friendship, marriage, family, religious life, and every other form of community is solitude greeting solitude, spirit speaking to spirit, and heart calling to heart. It is the grateful recognition of God's call to share life together and the joyful offering of a hospitable space where the re-creating power of God's Spirit can become manifest. Thus, all forms of life together can become ways to reveal to each other the real presence of God in our midst.

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01

Abide –
“together”
with Christ

02

Connect –
“together”
with each
other

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Extend –
taking our
“together” to
others

**So why
the focus
on
“Together”?**

It is imperative that we understand more fully our “togetherness” with Christ.

It is also very important we learn in a deeper way what “together” means for us in our relationships.

The Truth?

We prefer independence as opposed to dependency on the Lord or interdependency with others.

We prefer self-reliance and control.

We do not want to be perceived as weak and/or needy for fear of what others might think or how we might be taken advantage of.

We don't want to be disappointed or get hurt.

So?

We are rarely willing to raise our hand and ask for help. Few if any have any idea what we might be struggling with. The problem? In our culture we can see that as a strength.

So?

We are rarely able to see the needs of those around us. The problem with that is family members and friends may be really hurting and we remain oblivious and/or disinterested. When we do see we will often just try and throw money at it.

So?

We typically end up with a head knowledge relationship with God and surface relationships with those around us. There is no real intimacy to those relationships, so they unfortunately do not hold a very special place in our hearts. Instead, we find our joy in things that matter very little or are not healthy at all.

The Ripple Effect

- We do not feel known, and as a result can feel that if people really did know us, they would run from us.
- Life is actually pretty boring, and relationships are too much work, so we tend to withdraw or shutdown.
- Scripture does not bring life to us, but instead can actually feel like it just pours cold water on life and is too hard to really understand.
- We become complacent and experience a high degree of mediocrity in our daily lives.

My Story

August 26, 2005 and recently



Ephesians 2: 1 - 5

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1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 **But God**, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ**— by grace you have been saved—

Our Position – Past Tense

- Dead in trespasses and sins in which you once walked
- Following the course of this world
- Following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience
- Among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh
- Carrying out the desires of the body and mind
- Were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind

Our
Position –
Present
Tense

But God,....
made us alive
“together”
with Christ!!

Ephesians 2: 6 - 10

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6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Our
Position –
Present
Tense

- Raised us up with him
- Seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus

Our
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Is that “Together”
or what? If so, how
good is that my
friend? Think about
it! Let it sink in!
There is truly
NOTHING better!

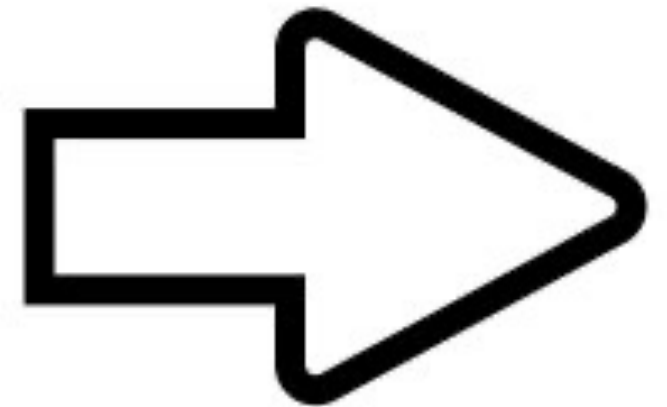
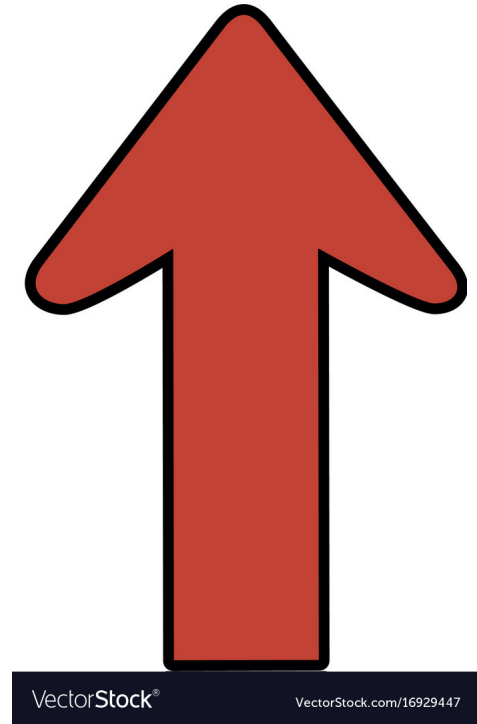
“Alive Together with Christ”

It is so important to know we are
“**alive together with Christ.**”

We are no longer controlled by what others think and feel about us.

That, my friends, is freedom!

TRUE FREEDOM!



**May we all live
in that freedom this week!**



HAPPY TOGETHER

Imagine me and you, I do
United in the love of Christ, who is our Life,
The One who came to live die and then to rise
To bring us together

If I should call you up with any need
And you say that you're there for me and intercede
I know that I belong to you and you to me
So happy together

HAPPY TOGETHER

I can't see me lovin' the Lord without you

For all my life

When you're with me, I know that He is there, too

For all my life

Me and you, and you and me

No matter what this life will bring, I know we'll see

That He is working all for good for you and me

So HAPPY TOGETHER



**Invite Your
FRIENDS AND
FAMILY**

TO BE TOGETHER

LIVING LIFE AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

6-WEEK STUDY - JUNE/JULY

TUESDAY MORNING MEN - 7 A.M.

WEDNESDAY CO-ED CLASS - 7 P.M.

**Next Week:
I Corinthians 12:
12 - 26**

Building on “together with the Lord Jesus Christ,” we will be addressing “together with others.” Please come ready to address this most important topic as so wonderfully laid out for us in the I Corinthians 12 passage.

Discussion Questions

- What is your current view or belief about the word “together” and implications of it that was shared today?
- Did any of the patterns mentioned hit home or resonate with you?
- What level of “together” are you experiencing, or have you experienced, with the Lord?
- What, if anything, about the “present tense” truth we have in Christ appeals to you or perhaps spoke to you in a deeper way today?