

How to Stick Together

When the World Falls Apart

WE > ME, Week Two

We're living through some really hard times right now.

- A global pandemic.
- The economy.
- Supply shortages.
- Unemployment.

Social distancing can be hard, even for introverts!

The fact is, it can seem like the world is falling apart.

I still remember 9/11. My daughter, a senior in high school, was born the summer after the towers were hit. She's studied it in school and we've talked about what that time was like, but the fact is, she's not seen the church come together like that.

On the Tuesday of the attacks, we scheduled an impromptu worship service that evening. We didn't have any social networks to use, so we just called each other. More people showed up that evening than we usually had on Sundays.

I also remember the effect of Hurricane Katrina. On the Wednesday after Katrina made landfall, people were concerned about shortages of fuel and other issues. We spread items out on our communion table that represented the things we take for granted that some people couldn't find in that moment. We raised thousands of dollars to help.

When the world falls apart, the church comes together.

And it's always been this way. The church started as a body of people committed to carrying out the works of Jesus in the world around us.

I want to talk about how WE are greater than ME during a crisis moment.

Acts 2:42-47 NIV

[42] They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. [43] Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. [44] All the believers were together and had everything in common. [45] They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

[46] Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, [47] praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

FIVE PRACTICES FOR COMING TOGETHER...

1. We can keep growing deeper as disciples.

- ⇒ Keep up the habit of reading and studying God's word.
- ⇒ Watch the messages, the kids' lessons.

2. We can keep growing closer to God in prayer.

- ⇒ Keep praying, daily! (Prayer guide link)
- ⇒ Join us on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm online.

3. We can keep showing generosity toward others.

- ⇒ Give online at gracehillschurch.com/give.
- ⇒ Think about your neighbors.

4. We can keep sharing the hope of Jesus.

- ⇒ God will give us favor.
- ⇒ God will add to his church.