

God's plan is for every believer to "grow up" in a spiritual family where their unique gifts can be developed and used in ministry.

Romans 12:5-6 (NLT) "Since we are all one BODY in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others. In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to..."

#### 4. MY SPIRITUAL FAMILY HELPS ME \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 4:47 (NLT) "...all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved."

**When we pursue the dream God has for us, we touch the lives of the people around us in a positive way and some will even be saved.**

Ephesians 2:10 (TPT) "We have become his poetry, a re-created people that will fulfill the destiny he has given each of us, for we are joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. Even before we were born, God planned in advance our destiny and the good works we would do to fulfill it!"

#### MEDITATION FOR WEEK 5:

CIRCLE A HIGHLIGHTED WORD IN EACH VERSE & ASK YOURSELF WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOUR LIFE

1. Hebrews 10:25 "Let us not give-up the habit of meeting together... Instead, let us encourage one another."
2. Ephesians 2:10 "God made us to do good works, which He planned in advance for us to live our lives doing."
3. Philippians 2:4 "Look out for one another's interests, not just your own."
4. Romans 12:5 "Since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others."
5. 1 Corinthians 3:16 "Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you?"
6. Eph. 4:16 "As each part does its work, it helps the other parts grow, so Christ's whole body is healthy and growing and full of love."

# TO DREAM AGAIN:

Opening My Heart To New  
Doors & Opportunities



## LIVING THE DREAM IN GOD'S FAMILY OF LOVE

### EPHESIANS 1:5-6 (AMP)

"In love He predestined and lovingly planned for us to be adopted to Himself as his own children through Jesus Christ," in accordance with the kind intention and good pleasure of His will- to the praise of His glorious grace and favor, which He so freely bestowed on us in the Beloved, His Son, Jesus Christ."

**When I, through salvation in Christ Jesus, am immediately adopted into God's family of love, I am living \_\_\_\_\_ dream.**

### EPHESIANS 2:19 (LB)

"...You are a MEMBER of God's very own family... and you BELONG in God's household with every other Christian."

**When I recognize that I \_\_\_\_\_ and am \_\_\_\_\_ in God's family of love, then I am living \_\_\_\_ dream, my deepest \_\_\_\_\_.**

### REASONS WHY SOME PEOPLE GO TO CHURCH:

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**The truth is, we don't go to church, we \_\_\_\_\_ the church because it is a \_\_\_\_\_ we belong to.**

## 4 BENEFITS OF BELONGING TO A LOVING SPIRITUAL FAMILY:

**DEFINITION OF A CHURCH:** A church is a spiritual family, sharing salvation in Christ Jesus, who have joined together and committed themselves to \_\_\_\_\_

### THE EARLY CHURCH AS OUR EXAMPLE

#### ACTS 2:42-47 (NLT)

"All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.

They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity- all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved."

### 1. MY SPIRITUAL FAMILY HELPS ME \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 2:46- 47 "They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity- all the while praising God..."

**What is a focused life? A life of \_\_\_\_\_**

Psalms 34:3 (AMP) "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us lift up his name together."

**When I focus on God, then God gets \_\_\_\_\_**

**When I focus on my problems, then my problems get \_\_\_\_\_**

### 2. MY SPIRITUAL FAMILY HELPS \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 2:42 "All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer."

**My faith will grow in an atmosphere where the \_\_\_\_\_ is taught and where it can be practiced.**

Romans 10:16-17 (NKJV) "But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed our report?' So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Romans 1:17 (NKJV) "For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith.'"

**We go from "faith to faith" or grow and are strengthened in our faith when \_\_\_\_\_**

Romans 1:11-12 (NKJV) "For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established- that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me."

### 3. MY SPIRITUAL FAMILY HELPS ME \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 2:42 (NKJV) "ALL THE BELIEVERS devoted themselves..."