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"Since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other and each of us needs all the others" (Romans 12:5, NLT).

"As citizens of heaven, live your life worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or am absent, I will hear about you that you are standing firm in **one spirit**, in **one accord**, contending **together** for the faith of the gospel" (Philippians 1:27, CSB).

"I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me" (John 15:5, CSB).

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Why do we try to do life on our own?

A. Fear of being **known**. If I'm known then I'll be **judged**, **criticized**, or **ostracized**.

The truth of being known, when done correctly, means there is **comfort**, **care**, and **collaboration** in community. (I Peter 3:8)

B. Fear of being <u>needed</u>. If I'm needed then it'll be <u>messy</u>, I'm not <u>equipped</u>, and I <u>don't need it</u>.

The truth of being needed is that we are all a **piece of the puzzle** that's not complete if we are not all **connected**. (Romans 12:4-5)