



Why We're Better Together

First Alliance Church

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Designed to be better together

- God designed us for relationship
 - “It is not good for the man to be alone” –
Genesis 2:18
- God designed Christians to belong to each other
 - “...in Christ we who are many form one body,
and each member belongs to all the others” –
Romans 12:4-5 (p. 1123, Pew Bible)



We need others to walk with us

- Walking together brings **encouragement**
 - “Let us not give up meeting together ... but let us encourage one another” – Hebrews 10:25 (p. 1191)
 - Zambian proverb – “When you run alone you run fast. But when you run together you run far.”

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- Walking together brings **encouragement**
- Walking together brings **wisdom**
 - “When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation ... so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged”
 - 1 Corinthians 14:26-31 (p. 1138)



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- Walking together brings **encouragement**
- Walking together brings **wisdom**
- Walking together brings **growth**
 - “From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work” – Ephesians 4:16 (p. 1158)



We need others to watch out for us

- “Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others” – Philippians 2:4 (p. 1162)
- “Keep on loving each other as brothers” – Hebrews 13:1 (p. 1194)
- “If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!” – Ecclesiastes 4:10, 12 (p. 661)



We need others to weep with us

- “If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it” – 1 Corinthians 12:26 (p. 1137)
- “Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn” – Romans 12:15 (p. 1123)
- “Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ” – Galatians 6:2



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- To walk with us
 - Encouragement
 - Wisdom
 - Growth
- To watch out for us
- To weep with us