

## Message Notes 2-27/28-10



## Never Alone

### FAMILY...\_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 2:42-47** (TM) *They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers.*

<sup>43</sup> *Everyone around was in awe—all those wonders and signs done through the apostles!* <sup>44</sup> *And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common.* <sup>45</sup> *They sold whatever they owned and pooled their resources so that each person's need was met.* <sup>46</sup> *They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful,* <sup>47</sup> *as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved.*

**John 13:34-35** (NIV) *“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”* <sup>35</sup> *By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*

**Romans 12:10** (NIV) *Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.*

**Romans 12:16a** (NIV) *Live in harmony with one another.*

**Romans 15:7** (NIV) *Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.*

**1 Corinthians 1:10** (NIV) *...agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.*

**Ephesians 4:2** (NIV) *Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.*

### BODY...\_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 12:5** (NIV) *So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.*

### Rom. 12/1 Cor. 12/Eph. 4

**1 Peter 2:9-10** (TM) *But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—<sup>10</sup> from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.*

**Isaiah 1:15-17** (NIV) *When you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide my eyes from you; even if you offer many prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are full of blood; <sup>16</sup> wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight! Stop doing wrong, <sup>17</sup> learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow.*

**Matthew 16:18b** (TM) *This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out.*

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# LifeGroup Study

## **Stepping In: Getting things started!**

1. If your family did the “vacation” thing...quickly share one of your favorite vacations growing up.
2. Whether you had a great family growing up or not, what are some of the things you’ve learned that make for a great family dynamic?

## **Building Up: What is God Saying?**

1. Read **Romans 12:3-8**
2. Pick the one verse that speaks most clearly to you today and write it out below: (share with the group which verse you chose.)
3. (**Romans 12:3-5**) What are some of the dynamics listed here that make for a great family or church?

4. (**Romans 12:6-8**) Share one of your gifts or strengths (listed here or not) and explain how your gift benefits others.

5. (**Romans 12:1-2**) Now go back and read the two verses that introduce the section we’ve been looking at. What challenges you in these verses? What change could you make? What is commanded here that you need to obey?

## **Living Out – How do I obey?**

1. (**Matthew 16:18**) How could our church be more on the offensive, but not be OFFENSIVE?
2. Share one thing you can do to support the “BODY of CHRIST” this next week. It can be something you do to support and build up the BODY, or a way you reach out on behalf of the BODY.