

# A Fresh Start

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*And He will be the stability of your times ...* Isaiah 33:6 (ESV)

*Jesus said, "I will build my church."* Matthew 16:18 (ESV)

*... and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.*  
2 Corinthians 5:15 (ESV)

*All honor to God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; for it is his boundless mercy that has given us the privilege of being born again so that we are now members of God's own family. Now we live in the hope of eternal life because Christ rose again from the dead.* 1 Peter 1:3 (LB)

## Five Benefits Of A Church Family

### 1. Will help me F \_\_\_\_\_

*And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment.* Matthew 22:37-38 (ESV)

*Magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!*  
Psalm 34:3 (ESV)

### 2. Will help me F \_\_\_\_\_

*Jesus died for us so that we can live together with him ... 11 So encourage each other and give each other strength.* 1 Thessalonians 5:10-11 (NCV)

*A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.* Proverbs 18:24 (ESV)

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*  
Galatians 6:2 (NIV)

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

### 3. Will help me F \_\_\_\_\_

*Let us go on ... and become mature in our understanding, as strong Christians ought to be.* Hebrews 6:1 (LB)

*I pray for you constantly, 17 asking God to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. 18 I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the wonderful future he has promised ...* Ephesians 1:16-18 (NLT)

### 4. Will help me F \_\_\_\_\_

*It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.*  
Ephesians 4:11-12 (NIV)

*For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.*  
Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

*There are different kinds of service ... together you form the body of Christ and each one of you is a necessary part of it.* 1 Corinthians 12:5,27 (LB)

### 5. Will help me F \_\_\_\_\_

*The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me - to tell people the Good News about God's grace.*  
Acts 20:24 (NCV)

*Another time he went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. 2 Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal them on the Sabbath.*  
Mark 3:1-2 (NIV)

## How Do I Get In On What God Is Doing?

*They were baptized ... and joined the other believers ... they worshipped together regularly at the Temple ... and met in small groups in the homes for communion and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.* Acts 2:41-42, 46-47 (LB)