

BACK TOGETHER

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Are you feeling worn down?

B. We need to look up because He is the source of these things we need.

And I am certain that God, who began the good work with in you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. – Philippians 1:6

C. We also need the horizontal connection with others.

- ***It is not good to be alone.*** – Genesis 2:18
- ***Two people are better off than one, they can help each other succeed.*** – Ecclesiastes 4:10
- ***Each of you should use whatever gift you've received to serve others.*** – 1 Peter 4:10

I. SERVICE WE NEED FROM OTHERS

A. We need others to be present with us.

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, so that God will be given glory.
– Romans 15:7

B. We need others to convey positive things to us about us.

Gracious words are honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. – Proverbs 16:24

- Catch people doing what is good and right.
- People often "grow into" our opinion of them.

C. We need others to provide reality to us.

- Observations and feedback about us, our world and the world.
- ***Get all the advice and instruction you can, so you will be wise the rest of your life.***
– Proverbs 19:20
- ***Fear (reverence) of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.*** – Proverbs 1:7

D. We need others to call us to action--push us and pull us in the best direction.

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourself. – James 1:22

- We get stuck and we need help getting unstuck!
- We need more than "advice addicts" in our life.

CONCLUSION: