

Won't You Be My Neighbor: Resurrecting Power of Community
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Ephesians 4:16-18 NLT

He makes the whole body FIT TOGETHER PERFECTLY. As each part does its own SPECIAL WORK, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is HEALTHY AND GROWING AND FULL OF LOVE. With the Lord's authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly CONFUSED. Their minds are full of DARKNESS; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and HARDENED THEIR HEARTS against him.

Jesus Can Resurrect But ...

1. You need someone to know you're falling asleep.

John 11:11 NLT

Then he said, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but now I will go and wake him up."

Acts 20:7-9 NASB

On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul began talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight. There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered together. And there was a young man named Eutychus sitting on the window sill, sinking into a deep sleep; and as Paul kept on talking, he was overcome by sleep and fell down from the third floor and was picked up dead.

Eutychus Made Two Mistakes:

1. He shouldn't have been hanging out at an exit.
2. He should've had someone close enough to wake him up.

Even if you are in a church of 10,000 people, you still need those 10 people who are close enough to have their eyes fixed on you.

Acts 20:10 NASB

But Paul went down and fell upon him, and after embracing him, he said, "Do not be troubled, for his life is in him."

2. You need someone to have you on their prayer list.

John 11:20-22 NASB

Martha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him, but Mary stayed at the house. Martha then said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."

James 5:16 NLT

... the earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

Proverbs 17:17 NKJV

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

3. You need someone to help you get delivered.

John 11:38 AKJV

Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to THE GRAVE. It was a CAVE, and a STONE lay upon it.

1 Peter 5:8 NKJV

Be sober, BE VIGILANT; because YOUR ADVERSARY the devil walks about LIKE A ROARING LION, seeking whom he may devour.

Oftentimes, the whisper of a kitty cat turns into the roar of a lion inside the cave of isolation.

You can be resurrected but not delivered.

It was God who resurrected Lazarus from the dead, but it was people who delivered him from the grave clothes.

4. You need to be that someone.

A good neighbor will keep watch.

1 Peter 5:8 NKJV

Be sober, BE VIGILANT ...

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Mark 14:36-37 NASB

*And He was saying, "Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will." And He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? **Could you not keep watch for one hour?**"*

Revelation 3:1-3 NASB

*"To the angel of the church in Sardis write: He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars, says this: 'I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. **Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God.** So remember what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent. Therefore if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you.'*

Romans 13:9-14 NKJV

For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore

let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.