

## Power in Community

### Scripture Reading — 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

*Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.  
— 1 Corinthians 12:12*

Toddlers and teenagers share a common trait. They like to declare their independence and want to prove they do not need the help of their parents, guardians, or others to be successful at life. Striving for independence is often a healthy part of growing up. But it can be unhealthy when people try to “do it all” and “be it all” by themselves—outside the context of community. Then, instead of being a good thing, independence is corrupted and driven by stubborn pride.

Living in the power of the resurrection means we recognize our need for God and for each other. God’s Holy Spirit empowers the community of believers with the spiritual gifts and abilities necessary to do the work of growing his kingdom. Individual believers cannot do this by themselves. The power of the resurrection comes in living and working together in unity, recognizing and supporting the gifts, talents, and abilities of all others in the community of Christ.

We all have our place, and we all have purpose. We all have gifts to offer, and God values each one of us as his children. When we live in the unity and power of the resurrection, we celebrate and affirm the use of everyone’s gifts. Let us encourage one another today as we seek to live in the unity and the power of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### Prayer

*Resurrected Lord, make us one in you. May our love for you and for one another witness to your love and grace. Grow us together by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.*

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