

“WHEN IT COMES TOGETHER”

**Grace Groups
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People working together for a great purpose don't have time to argue over trivial issues.
When you're helping row the boat, you don't have time to rock it!

Acts 2:42, 46-47 (NIV)

^[42] They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

^[46] Every day they continued to meet together in the **temple courts**. They broke bread in their **homes** and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,

^[47] praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 5:41-42 (NIV)

^[41] The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

^[42] Day after day, in the **temple courts** and **from house to house**, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

Acts 12:1-3, 12-17 (NIV)

^[1] It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them.

^[2] He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword.

^[3] When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

^[12] When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying.

[13] Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer the door.

[14] When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!"

[15] "You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel."

[16] But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished.

[17] Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. "Tell James and the brothers about this," he said, and then he left for another place.

Ephesians 4:11-12, 16 (NIV)

[11] 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.

[16] From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, **grows and builds** itself up in love, **as each part does its work**.

1 Timothy 4:7 (PH)

"Take the time and trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit."

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NIV)

[9] Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work:

[10] If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!

When you stumble
you will need **most**
what you desire **least**