

# TOGETHER

DESIGNED FOR RELATIONSHIP & COMMUNITY

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Fully equipped & eager for life together-no matter what!

**Introduction:** lies that can plague us.

## Promises we trust about personal temptation.

1. Promise #1: He limits our personal temptations to our abilities.

1Cor. 10:13 *No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*

2. Promise #2: He produces "good" from all situations.

Rom. 8:28 *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

## Promises we trust about church family relationships.

1. Promise #1: He equips us to help others.

1Cor. 12:4 *Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;*  
1Cor. 12:5 *and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;*  
1Cor. 12:6 *and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.*  
1Cor. 12:7 *To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*

2. Promise #2: He enables us to unite & care for His people.

1Cor. 12:25 *that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.*  
1Cor. 12:26 *If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.*

## Discussion & Reflection Questions

1. How has the "Together" series helped your **understanding** of the church as **family & community**? Have you changed any of your actions toward believers?
2. List both the **negative** and positive effects of the Covid-19 era in your life.
3. Based on today's message, **verbalize** or **write** the **meaning of 1 Corinthians 10:13 and Romans 8:28** in your own words.
  - a. What practical, measurable steps can you take to put the truth of these passages into use as your "prepare for life's hardships"?
  - b. What benefits can you envision as you invest in your understanding and use of these verses? How might they change you?
  - c. Recall, reflect and record moments when God has produced "good" through hard times you've experienced.
4. Explain the **three primary promises** of 1 Corinthians 12:4, 5 & 6. How do these truths help **develop confidence** in God using you to build up the church body?
5. How do **unity** ("no division") and **mutual care** influence each other in 1 Corinthians 12:25-26?

## SONGS

"Grateful" - Stefan Green, Chris Brown, Matthew Ntlele, Steven Furtick

"Together In This" - Valley Bible Worship [Dan Gillette, Shawn Hoelsch]

"Sovereign Over Us" - Bryan Brown, Aaron Keyes, Jack Mooring

"God With Us" - All Sons & Daughters

## BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$18,251.00  
WEEKLY NEED: \$34,979.00

YTD GIVING: \$1,555,406.00  
YTD GENERAL NEED: \$1,609,034.00