

We Are Glad *You* Are Here

Sunday, August 30, 2026



sermon: "Walking in Community" Ephesians 4:25-32

Big Idea: Our faith grows and is strengthened in community

I. Community Killers (vv. 25-32)

- A. Spiritual growth takes place in fellowship; we are instructed what to do and what to avoid so that community is rooted in Christ. At the heart of our behavior should be a desire to glorify God and encourage fellow believers (cf. Eph. 4:1-3).
- B. Community is essential to our spiritual maturity and the growth of the church (cf. Heb. 3:12-13; 10:24-25). So, what are those things that can kill community?
 - 1. Failing to live truthfully (v. 25; cf. Col. 3:9-10).
 - 2. Letting anger get the best of us (v. 26; cf. Ps. 4:4-5).
 - 3. Failing to do our part (v. 28; cf. 2 Thes. 3:10-13).
 - 4. Being careless and thoughtless in our speech (v. 29).
- C. The above community killers can open the door for Satan's influence in our lives and our fellowship. We are admonished to avoid them (v. 27).

II. Community Builders (vv. 25-32)

- A. We are reminded that the church works best when we work together. But community doesn't just "happen"; we must cultivate it. By living out our faith we not only grow spiritually, but we also build community. This happens when we:
 - 1. Speak the truth in love (v. 25; cf. Eph. 4:15).
 - 2. Keep our temper in check and deal with anger in a timely manner (vv. 26, 31; cf. Col. 3:8; Rom. 12:17-21).
 - 3. Work hard and are generous with each other (v. 28).
 - 4. Use speech that edifies and encourages one another (v. 29; cf. Eph. 5:17-20).
 - 5. Are kind and compassionate with one another (v. 32).
- B. As we live out these principles in the power of the Holy Spirit, we will grow as a community in Christ and shine as lights in a world desperately needing healing that only relationship with Christ can offer (v. 30).

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