



“Hope Lives in Community”

Hope

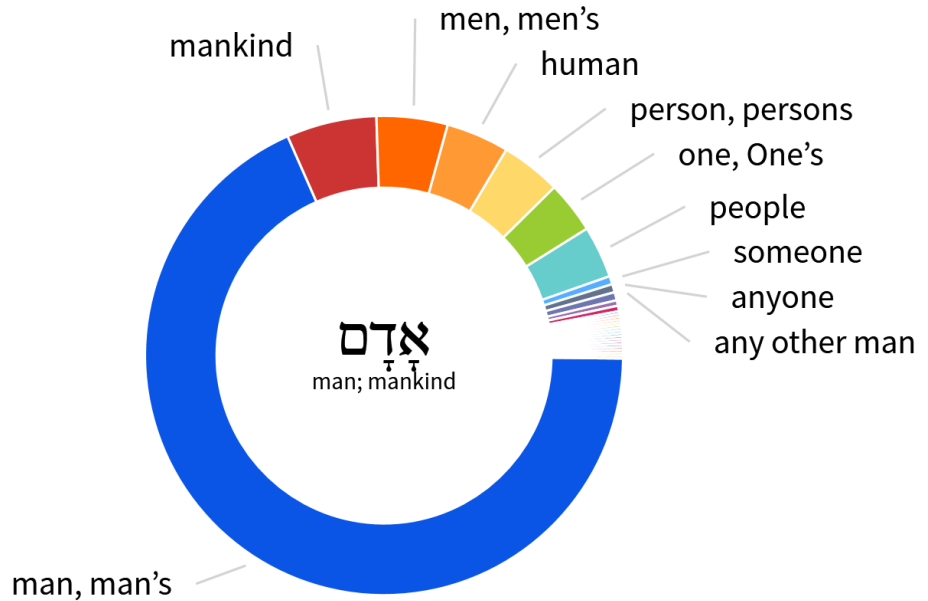
Part 1

You were created for community

Genesis 2:18

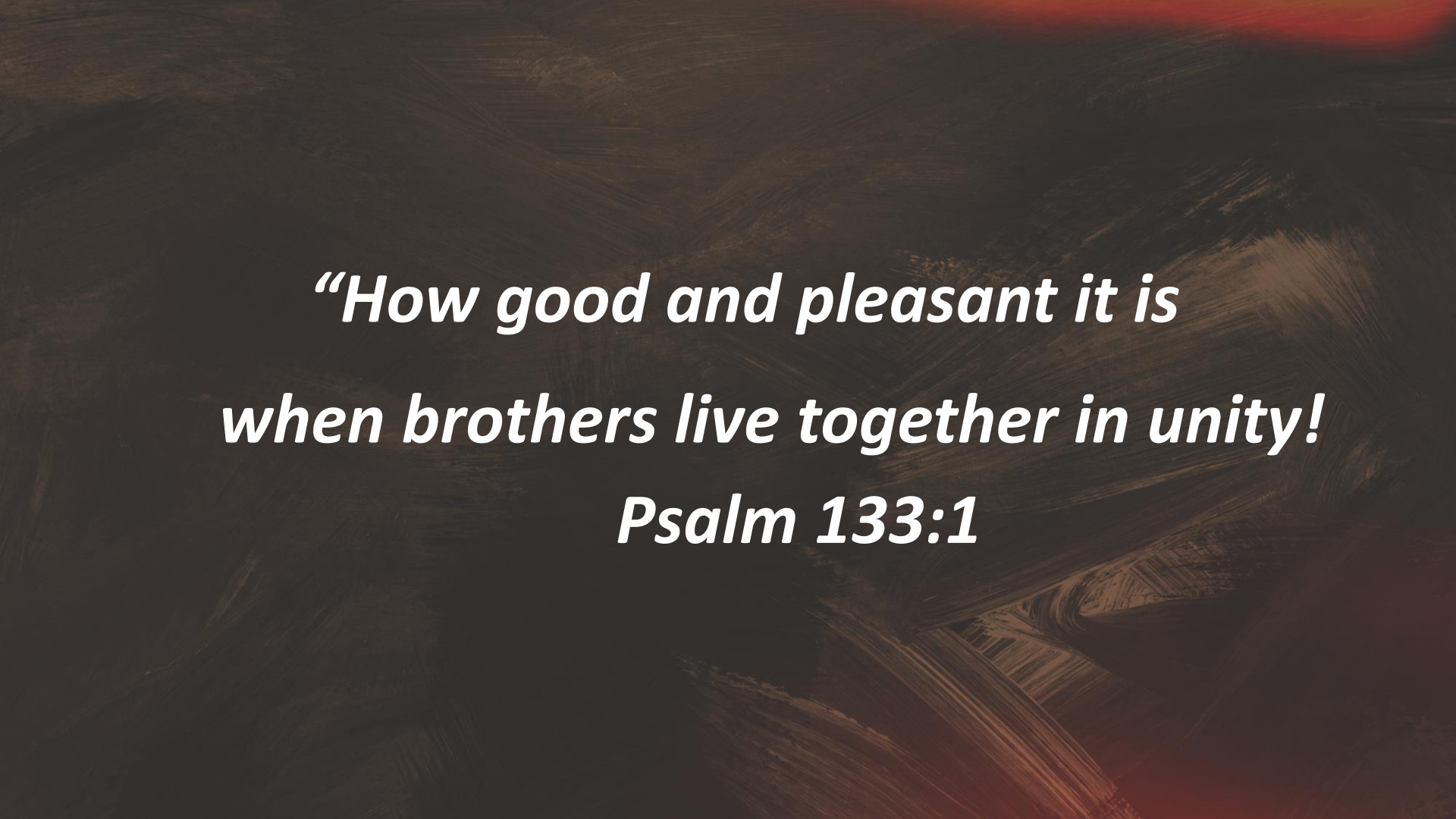
“The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

The word “man” in the original Hebrew language means...



***“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,
²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”***

John 17:20-21



***“How good and pleasant it is
when brothers live together in unity!
Psalm 133:1***

*“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way
you will fulfill the law of Christ”*

Galatians 6:2

*Christian Community carries one another’s
burdens*

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. 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 2:42-47

Community grows out of Intentionality

Two ways to intentionally Grow Community :

Speak the Truth in Love

“...speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. ¹⁶ 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.”

Ephesians 4:15

Be present

“Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.”

John 15:13