

Formed for God's Family

RePurpose – Part 3

“God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth...Everything was created through him and for him.”

Colossians 1:16 (NLT)

“God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.” Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

My 2nd purpose is to connect with other believers in authentic community.

(Romans 12:5)

Why My Connections Matter

1) They meet an essential need.

“Then the lord God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone...’” Genesis 2:18 (NLT)

Barriers: Culture Mobility Fear

“Your love must be real...Love each other like brothers and sisters...” Romans 12:9-10 (NCV)

2) They help me connect with God.

“...I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you.” Romans 1:12 (NCV)

How: Learn from each other See living examples Protects me
(Colossians 3:16) (1 Timothy 4:12) (Hebrews 3:13)

“A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer.” Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NLT)

3) They make my life more impactful.

“God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which God planned in advance for us to live our lives doing.” Ephesians 2:10 (NCV)

“Two people are better than one, because they get more done by working together.” Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NCV)

4) They prepare me for life's storms.

“...In this world you will have trouble...” John 16:33 (NIV)

“Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2 (NLT)