



Friends: Encouraging One Another (Relational) Live a Shared Life

Daniel 1-6; Acts 2:41-47
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Daniel 1:6-7; 8-20; 2:17-18; 3; 6 – Life of Daniel

- Introduced together / Names changed together
- Entered diet / test together
- Wisdom & Health granted to group
- Collective prayer support
- In fire together
- Lone courage fueled by group strength

Acts 2:42-47 – Snapshot of the Early Church

- **DEVOTION** - ⁴² They devoted themselves to the **apostles' teaching** and to **fellowship** (koinonia), to the **breaking of bread** and to **prayer**. (NIV)
- **RESULTS** - ⁴³ Everyone was **filled with awe** at the many **wonders and signs** performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had **everything in common** (ekoinōnōn). ⁴⁵ They **sold property and possessions to give to anyone who 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**. (NIV)

Koinōnia is **shared life** united by what is held in **common** and guided by a **unified** mission.

1 Corinthians 1:9 – “God is faithful, who has called you into **fellowship** (*koinōnian*) with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” (NIV)

Philippians 1:4-5 – ³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your **partnership** (*koinōnia*) in the gospel from the first day until now.” (NIV)

Romans 15:27 – “...if the Gentiles have **shared** (*ekoinonesan*) in their spiritual blessings, they owe it to them to **share** also in material blessings.” (NIV)

2 Corinthians 8:4 – ⁴ they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of **sharing** in this service (*koinonian* – *fellowship of the service*) to the Lord's people. (NIV)

Relational - Participatory - Tangible - Interdependence

A life built different is shaped by relationships with:

- **Shared Identity** – We are in Christ together. (Daniel 1:6-7; Acts 2:44)
 - **Shared Devotion** – We obey God together. (Daniel 1:8-17; Acts 2:41)
 - **Shared Resources** – We steward our things together. (Daniel 2:17-18; Acts 2:45-45)
 - **Shared Mission** – We advance God's Kingdom together. (Daniel 1:8-17; 2:17-18; 3; Acts 2:47)
 - **Shared Suffering** – We endure together. (Daniel 1:8-17; 3; 6; Acts 2:45)
- Philippians 3:10** – “I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and **participation** (*koinōnia*) in his **sufferings**, becoming like him in his death.” (NIV)
- 1 Corinthians 12:26** – “If one part suffers, **every part suffers with it**; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.” (NIV)
- **Shared Formation** – We mature together. (Daniel 1:17-20; 2:17-18; 3; 6; Acts 2:42-47)

A life built different is shaped by koinonia with God and His people.

Hebrews 10:24-25 – And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (NIV)

**Are you living a shared life
with other brothers and sisters in Christ?**

Based on the book, *The Daniel Plan: 40 Days to a Healthier Life*.