



# BUILT DIFFERENT

## 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** - <sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship (koinonia), to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (NIV)
- **RESULTS** - <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common (ekoinōnōn). <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> 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, <sup>47</sup> 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** – <sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup>In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup>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** – <sup>4</sup>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** (*koinōnid*) 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, <sup>25</sup>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*.