

SERMON SERIES BE THE ONE

We were never meant to go through life alone. From the beginning, God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone." God has designed us to be in community. In fact, over 100 times in the Bible we read, "one another." Love one another. Forgive one another. Bear the burden with one another. Serve one another. And when we do life together with one another, we become the hands and feet and voice of Jesus for that one in need. How can you Be The One?

Week 1 • Mary and Elizabeth

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NIV); Luke 1:39-45 (NIV)

Mary and Elizabeth both found themselves in a situation that took them by surprise. Where do you turn when you are afraid and uncertain? The answer is someone who has been there and done that. Mary and Elizabeth found comfort in one another, going through this pregnancy together and being The One for each other. So can you.

Week 2 • Jethro and Moses

Exodus 18:13-27 (NIV); Luke 10:1-9 (NIV)

In the many transitions and challenges in life, we learn that we cannot do it alone, nor should we. The burden we bear may become too much, and when it does, it is okay, and wise, to ask for help. At a critical point in Moses' leadership, Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, advised him to appoint elders to build a structure of support to help him counsel the people. It is also important for us to have people in our lives who understand the support we need and help us realize that we do not have to go it alone.

Week 3 • Ruth and Naomi

Ruth 1:6-18 (NIV); Matthew 19:1-6 (NIV)

Sometimes you are born into a family, and other times you marry into one. Ruth became family with her mother-in-law through marriage, but the bond went far deeper. Surviving the tragedy of their husbands, these two women find strength and hope by leaning hard on each other when there was no one else. They made a promise.

Week 4 • Paul and Timothy

1 Timothy 4:6-16 (NRSV); John 1:43-51 (NRSV)

Who was that one who saw something in you that maybe no one else could see, including yourself? Was it a coach or a teacher? An uncle or an aunt? A pastor or a boss? For young Timothy, it was Paul who was the one who gave him opportunities to develop his gifts and to increase his impact.

Week 5 • Philip and the Ethiopian

Acts 8:26-39 (NIV); Luke 8:40-48 (NIV)

Sometimes being The One is a long-term relationship. Other times, it is a momentary encounter that impacts you for a lifetime. When the Ethiopian eunuch met Philip, it was a "happenstance" event, lasting for a very short time, but Philip was the one who was there at the right time with the right words to make an eternal difference. So can you.

Week 6 • Moses and Aaron

Exodus 17:8-16 (NIV); 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 (NIV); Matthew 26:36-39 (NIV)

During Israel's battle against the Amalekites, Moses stood on a hill overlooking the battle, raising his staff into the air in prayer. Every time he lowered his arms, the Amalekites began to win. When he raised his arms, Israel was winning. As he grew tired and the battle continued, Aaron and Hur held up his arms so Moses remained steady until the battle was won. Sometimes we need The One to hold us up when we tire and stay by our side.



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