

TOGETHER #1

Now you are a part of the body of Christ and each one of you is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27

READ

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (NIV)

REFLECT

Here are four suggestions to help you engage with the passage:

1. Read through the passage and underline anything that stands out to you.

2. Why not go and find the verse in another translation and see if it reveals anything different to you?

3. Sum up the passage in a creative way such as drawing a picture or writing a poem.

4. Pray before reading the passage, then pray again once you’re finished - what do you think it means?

Fill me however you like.



**SOMETHING TO
THINK ABOUT...**

In the body of Christ, everyone can belong. YOU belong.