

MADE FOR IT PART 2
“MADE FOR GROWTH”

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INTRODUCTION

- Last week we talked about how we were made to live intentionally connected lives, with Him and others.
- It's not possible to follow Jesus alone.
- What if growth, change, and transformation require others to be in our journey?

I. GROWTH REQUIRES OTHERS

- Hebrews 10:24-25, “Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.”
- Growing with God is a team sport that requires our participation.
- Any of us that have experienced deep acceptance can point to that one person that made all the difference.
- We are all being formed by something.
- Who's deciding what forms you?

II. THE REVELATION OF COMMUNITY

- Romans 12:1-2, “...give your bodies to God because of all He has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice...This is truly the way to worship Him...”
- Paul's point: All of who we are should be used to worship God.
- The prerequisite for change is awareness.
- You can never see yourself by yourself.

- Community, living life with others, acts like a mirror for our lives. The gift of objective perspective.
- Truth from Jesus: “You'll only see your blind spots when someone loves you enough to show you.”

III. THE TENSION OF TRANSFORMATION

- Church = Ecclesia = assembly/gathering of people called out, for a specific purpose.
- Jesus envisions the Church to be people gathering in the pursuit of following Him.
- Ephesians 4:11-16, “...until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ...we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ...”
- Maturing into the people we were created to be requires us being together.
- Vs. 14 - When we are together, we become aware of our weakness, we can grow (mature) and become who we were called and created to be.
- The tension and demand of transformation is rooted in the call to be together.
- Friction is not failure; it's how growth is forged.

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- Jesus' expectation for His ecclesia is that we would be connected through community, empowered by the Spirit, driven by a love for others.
- Matthew 5:14-16, “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden... it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”
- We were made for growth, and growth never happens in isolation.