

MARINERS CHURCH



You've Got This

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-God built dependency into His universe.

-God has given me needs for a purpose.

I have needs...

...so I can see my need for others.

If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But people who are alone when they fall are in real trouble. And on a cold night, two under the same blanket can gain warmth from each other. But how can one be warm alone? A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken. Eccles. 4:10-12

...so I can grow.

"Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a dishonest tax collector. The proud Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you, God, that I am not a sinner like everyone else, especially like that tax collector over there! For I never cheat, I don't sin, I don't commit adultery, I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.'

"But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.'

I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For the proud will be humbled, but the humble will be honored." Luke 18:10-14

... because I need to grow in humility

Pride ends in humiliation, while humility brings honor. Proverbs 29:23 they must reach out to survive.

...so I can help other's needs.

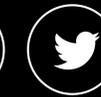
All praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the source of every mercy and the God who comforts us. He comforts us in all our



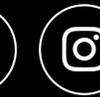
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troubles so that we can comfort others. When others are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

... so others can be there for my needs.

When the Pharisee who was the host saw what was happening and who the woman was, he said to himself, "This proves that Jesus is no prophet. If God had really sent him, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. She's a sinner!" Luke 7:39

"Look at this woman kneeling here. When I entered your home, you didn't offer me water to wash the dust from my feet, but she has washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You didn't give me a kiss of greeting, but she has kissed my feet again and again from the time I first came in. I tell you, her sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love." Then Jesus said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven." Luke 7:44--48

For you LifeGroup and spiritual growth time...

Talk together about what you all know about self-sacrifice and its importance in the life of a person who is trying to follow Jesus.

Why do you think it seems unholy to have your needs met?
How do you draw the line between selfishness and real needs?

Read Luke 7:39-48. Talk about the story and how it reveals needs.

What are some reasons you may avoid sharing your needs?

Above you will see God gave us needs for (at least) five reasons. Which one challenges you the most?

Share and pray together about a need that you have right now.