



I WILL...

“Belong”

Acts 2:37-47

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3 Foundational Truths

1) We are created & called by God to belong [Genesis 2:15-25](#)

2) We are compelled by the Holy Spirit to belong

[John 14:16](#); [Acts 1:8](#)

3) We are commanded to belong [Hebrews 10:23-25](#)

a) We are His possession [Titus 2:14](#)

b) It's a privilege

*“The greatest need of the hour is a revived and joyful church ...
Unhappy Christians are a poor recommendation for the faith ...
The exuberant joy of the early Christians was one of the most
potent factors in the spread of Christianity.”*

~ D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, (Spiritual Depression, pg. 5)

c) It's a position

*“It is by the grace of God that a congregation is permitted to
gather visibly in this world to share God's Word and sacrament.
Not all Christians receive this blessing. The imprisoned, the
sick, the scattered lonely, the proclaimers of the gospel in
heathen lands stand alone. They know that visible fellowship is
a blessing ... The physical presence of other Christians is a
source of incomparable joy and strength to the believer ...*

All scripture is from the NASB (New American Standard Bible, 1995 version), unless otherwise noted.

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The prisoner, the sick person, the Christian in exile sees in the companionship of a fellow Christian a physical sign of the gracious presence of the triune God ... It is grace, nothing but grace, that we are allowed to live in community with Christian brethren.”

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer, (Life Together, pgs. 18-19)

d) It should be a priority [Hebrews 10:25](#)

4 Important Pictures

- 1) **The Church is a FAMILY and you're adopted into it**
[Romans 8:14-17](#) *Come as you are but don't stay that way*
- 2) **The Church is a BODY and you need it (and it needs you)**
[1 Corinthians 12:12-14](#) *Bring your need and meet a need*
- 3) **The Church is a BUILDING and you're a brick in the wall**
[Ephesians 2:19-22](#) *Help build what you'd love to see*
- 4) **The Church is God's PLAN and you're a part of it**
[Acts 2:42-47](#)
Accept each other (embrace each other's strengths & weaknesses)

To Belong, we must choose to be...

- 1) **convicted**
- 2) **close & connected**
- 3) **committed & courageous**
- 4) **cohesive & cooperative**

Will you 23 in 23 = Make 23 connections in 2023?

PFBC GOAL: 3500 Connections

I WILL...

- (1) Welcome & Belong
- (2) Connect & Grow
- (3) Gather
- (4) Care
- (5) Serve
- (6) Go & Send
- (7) Give

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Our Response:

- 1) Describe the depth of your belonging to PFBC or another church (community of believers). What might need to change?
- 2) Why is belonging (being a part of a community) so vital and important?
- 3) Why do you find that belonging and helping others belong can be such a challenge? How can we answer that challenge?
- 4) Out of the 4 pictures given, which one speaks to you the most and why? Which picture do you see your need to growth in the most?
- 5) What choices listed to you need to make in order to belong? What adjustments do you need to make this week in order to belong?