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## Excerpts From *LIFE TOGETHER*

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Let me introduce to you, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, as I continue my desire to introduce Christian thinkers to you. Born into a family of seven children in Breslau, Germany. His writings live on today, inspiring with his insights into the grace of God and the cost of discipleship. This selection deals with Christian community, especially the role of Jesus in the life of the Church.

Christianity means community through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ. We belong to one another only through and in Jesus Christ. The Christian no longer seeks his own salvation, his deliverance, his justification in himself, but in Jesus Christ alone. He daily hungers and thirsts for righteousness, he daily desires the redeeming Word. It comes not from within ourselves, but from Jesus Christ.

But God has planted the Word into the mouths of followers to communicate the Word to one another. We need another Christian to speak God's Word to us. We need the hope of Jesus spoken to us again and again, when we become uncertain and discouraged. Because the Christ in our heart is weaker than the Christ in the word of our brother.

The goal of Christian community: they meet one another as bringers of the message of salvation. God permits them to meet and then gives them community. Among people there is friction. "He is our peace," says Paul (Eph. 2:14). Without Christ, there is discord between one another. Christ became the Mediator and made peace with God and among people. We can only come together in peace with each other because of pure grace. That is why the Scriptures call us the Body of Christ.



When God was merciful to us, we learned to be merciful to our brothers and sisters in Christ, ready to forgive (Ro. 15:7). Because Jesus has made us family, we must earnestly seek each other in fellowship. Because they have been redeemed by Christ, delivered from sin and called to faith and eternal life.

This dismisses once and for all every clamorous desire for something more. Christ has given us a new reality.

*What are ways we can show unity at Montgomery?*

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ADAM WRAPS UP THE VERY LAST OF THE ANIMAL NAMING PROJECT

### Organize or Agonize?

It's not how hard you work as much as it is how smart you work. The ability to juggle three or four high priorities is a must for every leader. Tackle the high priority first. Set deadlines for low important projects. Find quick solutions to highly urgent projects. Study things for clarity.

### >>UPCOMING MSFM EVENTS<<

**\*\*Ski Trip Registration Past Due today!** Please turn in all late forms with deposits. Balance due Today, Feb. 5

**SUPERBOWL PARTY!!! TODAY!!** at 4:00 pm till end of game. Bring your favorite football snacks! Prizes at the end of every quarter. Cheer on your favorite team & don't forget the awesome commercial's and movie premier advertisements.

**Junior/Senior Leadership Retreat:** Date: 2/25 or 3/3//Location: TBD I would like to start at 5 pm on a Saturday, & end on Sunday morning at 10:30 am. Please text 228-9798 for the retreat date:

**ROCK & WORSHIP ROADSHOW**//Thursday, February 23, at 5:30 pm.//Tingley Coliseum//\$10//Pick up at 9 pm in MBCC Parking lot.

**LEAP PARTY**//Wednesday, February 29, in the gym//5 pm till 7:30 pm// Games, music, green chili cheese burgers & real live frogs!

### ONE IN SPIRIT AND IN PURPOSE

"...make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose." Philippians 2:2

# Parenting FOR DUMMIES™

No mother has ever said that she enjoys changing those really explosive diapers. Do you know what happens when daddies refuse to help with the really tough parenting moments? Mommies resent them. Dads, I hope you know that this is not a good thing.

Many times I've heard Moms and Dads say they feel like a single parent because their partner won't help with the really tough stuff in raising their kids.

Doing the tough times of parenting together helps make for great memories and a rewarding relationship. It also makes for better kids.

Doing the fun times of parenting together is a reward for both of you. Doing the spiritual training of your children together, transforms everyone.



**SKIING FOR THE PRESIDENTS**

Registration Forms & Money Due Today

**FEBRUARY 2012**  
17<sup>TH</sup>—20<sup>TH</sup>  
PRESIDENT'S DAY WEEKEND

## Join us for LIFT



# THE IMPRACTICAL LIFE

Wednesday's @ 6:30 pm//Teen House

Returning to the Forgotten Disciplines

**Sunday Morning Classes: 9:30am - 10:30 am**

6th—8th Grade//Troy G.//New Worship Room  
9th—12th Grade//Lance//Seminar Room

### Running with Jesus...Jesus Centered Prayers



Jesus, I have a teacher that makes us read the newspaper. I really don't like the news, its boring. My grandparents like to watch the news and then go to bed. I like to watch something funny before going to bed. The news is terrible. What news do you have for me, Lord. Will it comfort me? Do you have information to awaken me? What storms are coming my way? Help me pay attention so that I can see your blessing. Thank you.



Set your phone alarm to go off daily at 3:16 pm as a reminder & pray to love like Jesus in your world.

### SACRED MARRIAGE: DEEPING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Jesus said that wherever two come together in his name, he is with them. When a couple invites Jesus into the deeper parts of their marriage, they are joining themselves to each other as a way to live out and deepen their faith in God. Instead of letting marriage dull our spirituality, let it awaken your soul to His presence.

### 4 REASONS YOU'LL HAVE MORE BY GIVING AWAY

We learn from scripture that if we tithe a tenth of our income and offerings to God that we will be blessed (Malachi 3:10-11).

1. Giving is like planting a seed that produces a crop of generosity (2 Cor. 9:10).
2. God promises to pour out blessings that you cannot contain (Mal. 3:10).
3. Others naturally and supernaturally, bless those who give unselfishly (Lk. 6:38)
4. Giving puts your faith in action, and faith is always rewarded by God (Heb. 11:6).

**THE ROCK & WORSHIP ROAD SHOW**

**THURSDAY FEB. 23 TINGLEY**

**MERCYME TENTH AVENUE NORTH LECRAE HAWK NELSON SIDWALK PROPHETS DISCIPLE REND COLLECTIVE EXPERIMENT ONLY \$10**

**van leaves @5:30**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY/¡Feliz Cumpleaños!



- Victoria Greer 2/1
- Anna Crowder 2/2
- Mikayla Jester 2/2
- Christian Salesberry 2/2
- Alex Cole 2/24
- Devin Chavez 2/25

## BEING A PERFECT MINISTRY DOESN'T MATTER. BEING A PRAYING MINISTRY DOES.

"...that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ..." Philippians 1:9-10