



## #homedevos 21.2

### CREATED FOR COMMUNITY

#### You are important

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#### Memory Verse:

Do you remember our Memory Verse for this week? Let's say it all together. (Repeat with the actions.)

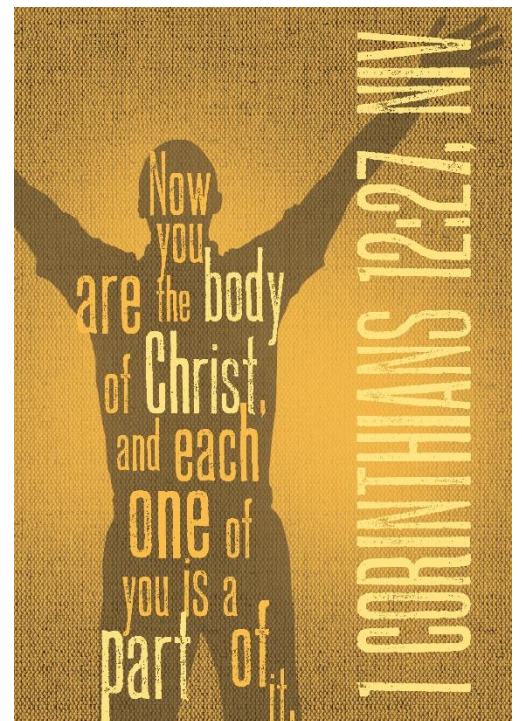
Ephesians 4:16 (NLT): *"He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own work, it helps the other parts grow. So that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love."*

We have learned that the community of believers (Jesus-followers), doing life together, is a gift from God – His grace.

We also discovered why it is so important to be part of such a community as seen in Ephesians 4:16, 1 Corinthians 12:25-27, Luke 10:1-2 and Matthew 28: 18-20.

We can sum it up in the last line of our Memory Verse:

*"So that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love."* It is also important for our mission – making disciples.



Do you realize that God has given each one of us - that includes you - gifts that are necessary to benefit the community, the church, so that "the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love"?

Do you realize that if we do our own thing and do not come together with other believers (to fellowship, study the Word of God together, pray together, break bread and eat together, to worship together, to do life together) that we rob others and ourselves?

God made our physical bodies amazingly wonderful. One of the amazing wonderful things is how the different body parts work together to fight off sickness. For example: when I have flu, I have a temperature, my nose is running, I cough, I am tired and sleep more, to name a few symptoms.

What happens in my body? How do the body parts work together to get rid of this flu?

The higher temperature is necessary for the immune system to work effective. The immune system produces antibodies that fight off the viruses that cause the flu. The blood, heart and the blood vessels works together to carry the antibodies to the infected area. The kidneys filter out the waste to get rid of it. My running nose and coughing are other ways through which my body gets rid of the viruses. When I sleep more, my body has more energy to fight the infection.

What do you think will happen if the blood, heart and blood vessels say: "No, we strike! We don't want to get involved in this fight!?" Or my immune system says: "I worked so hard, I am taking off for a while."?

Each one of the body parts needs to do its work for proper and quick healing of the body.

In the same way, as each one of us, young and old, do our part in the body of Christ and are actively involved, it works together to a healthy, growing community full of love.

We now have a unique opportunity to do our part from Friday, 18 September, for ten days. There is a **call to the church in South Africa**, the body of Christ, to fast and pray for our country. It is a call for a turning back to God.

Let us listen to this short video clip. - <https://youtu.be/9GuUB03o9z0>

This is an urgent call to each one who loves Jesus to do our part. Are we going to be spectators or participators?

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### meaning of #devoicons



watch  
video



play  
game



pray  
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ask a  
question



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Each one of us stands before this question: Am I going to be a spectator – just sit and watch, or am I going to be a participator – doing my part in this call?

Read 2 Chronicles 7:14 together:

*“If My people who are called by My name,  
will humble themselves and pray  
and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways,  
then I will hear from heaven and heal their land.”*

Prayerfully discuss this matter as a family, encouraging one another to be part of it in obedience to the call from heaven.

For more information and a prayer guideline go to [www.thereturnsa.org](http://www.thereturnsa.org)

May our God and Father bless you and your whole family, may He makes His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, may He lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

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