

**THE POWER OF COMMUNITY ~ MIN. RONNIE NICHOLAS**  
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Genesis 2:18 (NLV)

*“Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a helper that is right for him.”*

Matthew 18:19 (ESV)

*“Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.”*

Some of your best \_\_\_\_\_  
develops out of a small group community.

(4) Community is God’s design for \_\_\_\_\_.

Overcoming Reluctance:

- ◆ Sometimes fulfilling God’s purpose for your life requires an adjustment in your \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ God doesn’t call the qualified, He \_\_\_\_\_ the called.
- ◆ There is \_\_\_\_\_ in doing what God has called you to do.
- ◆ God is not finished with us when we \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ People’s response and ridicule pales in comparison with how much God \_\_\_\_\_ you for obedience.
- ◆ It’s bigger than you. People’s \_\_\_\_\_ are at stake!

\*\*\*Don’t let someone else do what God has called you to do.

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