

How to navigate your most important relationships

# Give & Take

An illustration featuring two black silhouettes of figures walking on a thin black tightrope. The figures are positioned on the left and right sides of the frame, facing each other. The background is a vibrant orange and red gradient, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The title 'Give & Take' is written in a large, white, hand-drawn script font across the center of the image. The overall style is artistic and symbolic.

**Part 3: Plugged In or Checked Out**

# Relationships in Community

- Plugged In?** Closely connected to others.
- Checked Out?** Present, but not engaged.
- Hiding Out?** Not even present.

# **Relationship Issues**



**Extroverts**

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**Relationships:  
A Mess  
Worth  
Making**



# **We were created for relationship**

**1 - Born into a family**

**Genesis 2:18**

**2 - Part of the same body**

**Romans 12:4-5, 1 Cor 12:25-27**

**3 - Called to demonstrate love**

**Matthew 22:37-39**

**The Christian faith is  
a faith of relationship.**

**A community of faith  
is where we grow in relationship  
with God and each other.**



**As we live in community  
and pursue love toward each other,  
the Holy Spirit works within us  
to make us more like Christ.**

**1 John 2:6**

**Galatians 6:9-10**

*You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor.*

*James 3:17-18 MSG*

*Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,*

*Philippians 2:3-8 ESV*

who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

*Philippians 2:3-8 ESV*

# **A Missional Community**

**is a fellowship of Christ-followers  
whose heart beats as one  
with the love of God  
toward each other and the world.**

**The church is not  
a religious community  
of worshippers of Christ  
but is Christ himself  
who has taken form among people. –  
Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

*“Love each other.*

*Just as I have loved you,  
you should love each other.*

*Your love for one another  
will prove to the world  
that you are my disciples.”*

*John 13:34-35 NLT*

# **A Community of Faith**

## **Count Zinzendorf and the Moravians**

- **Close Community**
- **Prayer**
- **Missional Focus**

**“There can be no Christianity without community.”- Zinzendorf**



**Love looks like something.**

**Love is demonstrated  
through action.**

**1 John 3:18**

Dear children,

let's not merely say  
that we love each other;  
let us show the truth  
by our actions.

1 John 3:18 NLT

**Love looks like something.**

**Love is demonstrated  
through action.**

**Love is lived out  
in community.**

**May our love**  
**be as undeniable to the world**  
**as His love**  
**is unfailing toward us.**

**Individuals choose  
to follow Jesus.**



**A Community of Jesus-followers  
can change the world.**

**Are you willing to pursue close  
Christian relationships?**



**Are you willing to pursue  
Community?**