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- MEN to MEN Ministries
- A Bible Study about a letter written to the Church in Rome

Romans 15:30-33

**God's plan
included
everyone**

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30 Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me,

31 that I may be rescued from those who are disobedient in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints;

32 so that I may come to you in joy by the will of God and find refreshing rest in your company.

33 Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Prayer	15:30	1:9-10
Success	15:31	1:10
Fellowship	15:32	1:11-12
Encouragement	15:33	1:12
Plans	15:32	1:13-15

Romans 1:9-15

9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you

10 always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you.

11 For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—

12 that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

13 I want you to know, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles.

14 I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.

15 So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

Paul needed

1. I pray without ceasing that I will be able to come to you. **God's enablement**
2. I long to see you. **Personal commitment**
3. I have often intended to come but have been hindered. **Personal intentionality**
4. I would love to be used by God to reap some harvest among you. **Inclusion**
5. I am under obligation. **Responsibility**
6. I am your servant. **Personal place**
7. I hope to see you as I go to Spain. **Personal Plan**
8. I hope you will help me and be part of the mission. **Shared mission**
9. I want us to encourage each other as we share our spiritual gifts with each other. **Fellowship**

Shared prayer as a form of fellowship! #1

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1:9-10 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my prayers

- True fellowship starts and finishes with Prayer
- Paul's ministry was the Roman's ministry
- Prayer is about wrestling and resting

I long to see you. Personal commitment

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I need to see you face to face- fellowship #2

**1:11 For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—
5:32 32 so that I may come to you in joy by the will of God**

Methods of communication

- Text – Tony sends out a reminder of Men's Ministries
- Email – no immediate response or no response at all
- Web site – Really don't know if it is being read
- Phone – No one wants you to know their number
- Meetings – Actually showing up.

**If you need a
connection is requires
effort.**

I have often intended to come but have been hindered. **Personal intentionality**

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Fellowship requires personal intentionality #3

32 so that I may come to you in joy by the will of God and find refreshing rest in your company.

Intention – Wish I could do something I have a hope I can, It is my preference, it is on a list of priorities

Intentionality –I want to do something. I have set my mind on doing it. It is not just my preference but it is my goal. It is not on a to do list it is at the top.

Fellowship is about inclusion #4

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15:32 so that I may come to you in joy by the will of God and find refreshing rest in your company.

1:12 12 that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

- Men Ministering to Men Steak out May 15th.



Fellowship requires taking responsibility

- 15:31 that I may be rescued from those who are disobedient in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints;
- 1:14 I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.

Wherever you are, be there totally. If you find your here and now intolerable and it makes you unhappy, you have three options: remove yourself from the situation, change it, or accept it totally. If you want to take responsibility for your life, you must choose one of those three options, and you must choose now. Then accept the consequences.

[Eckhart Tolle](#)

I am your servant. Personal place

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Fellowship requires servants #6

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1. I hope to see you as I go to Spain. **Personal Plan #7**

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Fellowship requires planning #7

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Fellowship needs a shared vision of ministry #8

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"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." — Winston Churchill

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Fellowship requires encouragement #9

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The joy of life comes from our encounters with new experiences, and hence there is no greater joy than to have an endlessly changing horizon, for each day to have a new and different sun." — Chris McCandless, Into the Wild