

## EVERYDAY ORDINARY Pt 4 “Begin Again... Together”

### Galatians 5:24-26 MSG

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### TWO DEFAULT CONDITIONS

- Individualistic
- Consumer

We tend to assess everything by what makes my life better.  
And so our approach is to check things out and see what we can get out of it (this experience.)

### Galatians 5:24-26 NIV

24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

### Galatians 5:25-26 MSG

Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, *let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives.* That means we will not compare ourselves with each other as if one of us were better and another worse. We have far more interesting things to do with our lives. Each of us is an original.

### Galatians 6:1-10 MSG

1–3 Live creatively, friends. If someone falls into sin, forgivingly restore him, saving your critical comments for yourself. You might be needing forgiveness before the day’s out. Stoop down and reach out to those who are oppressed. Share their burdens, and so complete Christ’s law. If you think you are too good for that, you are badly deceived.

4–5 Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don't be impressed with yourself. Don't compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life.

**6 Be very sure now, you who have been trained to a self-sufficient maturity, that you enter into a generous common life with those who have trained you, sharing all the good things that you have and experience.**

7–8 Don't be misled: No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, he will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others—ignoring God!—harvests a crop of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life.

9–10 So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.

## **COMMUNITY**

Community is the relational space in which God's love is exchanged and experienced— and ultimately expressed.

- Community is the GOAL of Together.
- Community is a result of trusted, formative connections.

## **COMMITMENT TO BELONGING**

Don't PROMISE to COMMIT— COMMIT to DEPEND.

Just as our reach is not a strategy to get bigger,  
Attendance is not a measure of our size.

## **BEGIN AGAIN TOGETHER**

- We worship TOGETHER.
- We learn TOGETHER.