



## **Everyday Ordinary - Part 4 - "Begin Again...Together"**

### **Galatians 5:24-26 (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.*

### **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.*

## **Key Points**

- Our everyday ordinary lives can feel mundane or menial, leading us to feel isolated in the grind of life.
- Your formation will never fully find its centering without community and trusted others.
- Our individualistic and consumer-minded culture tends to assess everything by what makes our lives better.
- Community is the relational space in which God's love is exchanged, experienced, and expressed.
- Community is the goal of "together" and directly results from trusted, formative connections.
- Don't promise to commit; commit to depend.
- When you show up here, you witness that you are not alone.
- Sometimes we must allow other voices to sing for us when we cannot muster the words.
- We need the type of connections that shapes us into distinct people.
- We don't need to go deeper; we need to give ourselves away.

## **READ**

***Open your time together by reading the scripture passages on Page 1. Then, take a moment to consider what you just read:***

- ***Read Galatians 5:24-26 (MSG). What danger exists in working out the implications of our faith and navigating the world around us in isolation?***
- ***Read Galatians 6:1-10 (MSG). According to this passage, what does it look like to live creatively inside community?***

## **REFLECT**

- ***Your formation will never fully find its centering without community and trusted others. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?***
- ***How does the grind of life push us towards isolation?***
- ***What opportunities does the Church have to look relationally different in our individualistic and consumer-minded culture?***

## **RESPOND**

- ***Who are your trusted others? How do these individuals speak into your life and encourage your faith?***
- ***Where do you need to show up for others? Why did this situation come to mind?***

## **PRAY**

***Close your time together with prayer requests. Ask how you can pray, support, and lift one another up. Pray over these requests either collectively or by breaking up into prayer partners.***