

# The Reason We Come Together

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We just joined a co-op not too long ago and I'm enjoying being a part of it. I'm enjoying watching my girls make new friendships and it's nice to come together with other believers again. Truthfully, I would love to just sit back and watch everyone – to take in the fellowship – it's refreshing to watch people learn, and grow and just smile.

I have found myself giving my time to bringing a wonderful group of young ladies together to sing and lead the other homeschool children in worshipping the Lord. After we are done singing to the Lord we break off into groups and there's teaching, playing, eating, and games. I have made some new connections and I'm just really thankful for God bringing me to this group.

In reaching out again, I'm reminded that everyone is at a different place. **I'm** at such a different place than before! I'm humbled by God's goodness is showing me some of the gifts around me and I'm reminded that everyone has such a unique gift and a part to play in helping our kids learn and grow as we as parents ourselves learn and grow.

I don't ever want to be a hindrance or come off as better than. I always want to help but to be honest, there's a part of me that still wants to immediately head off for seclusion and be a hermit. I know I need to trust that the Lord is leading me and His ways are higher and His ways are perfect and because of Him, I can be a vessel. Someone else may have something for me as well – and we all need to be available. God uses whom He sees fit. So I wanted to remind everyone the scripture below is a way of saying – everyone is traveling this road, and everyone has their own speed and it's ok – God's got this. He's got you and me..... together. <3

**Romans 14:1-12- As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup> One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master<sup>[a]</sup> that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.**

**<sup>5</sup> One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup> The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup> For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup> For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he**

might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.<sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God;<sup>11</sup> for it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess<sup>[b]</sup> to God.”<sup>12</sup> So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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