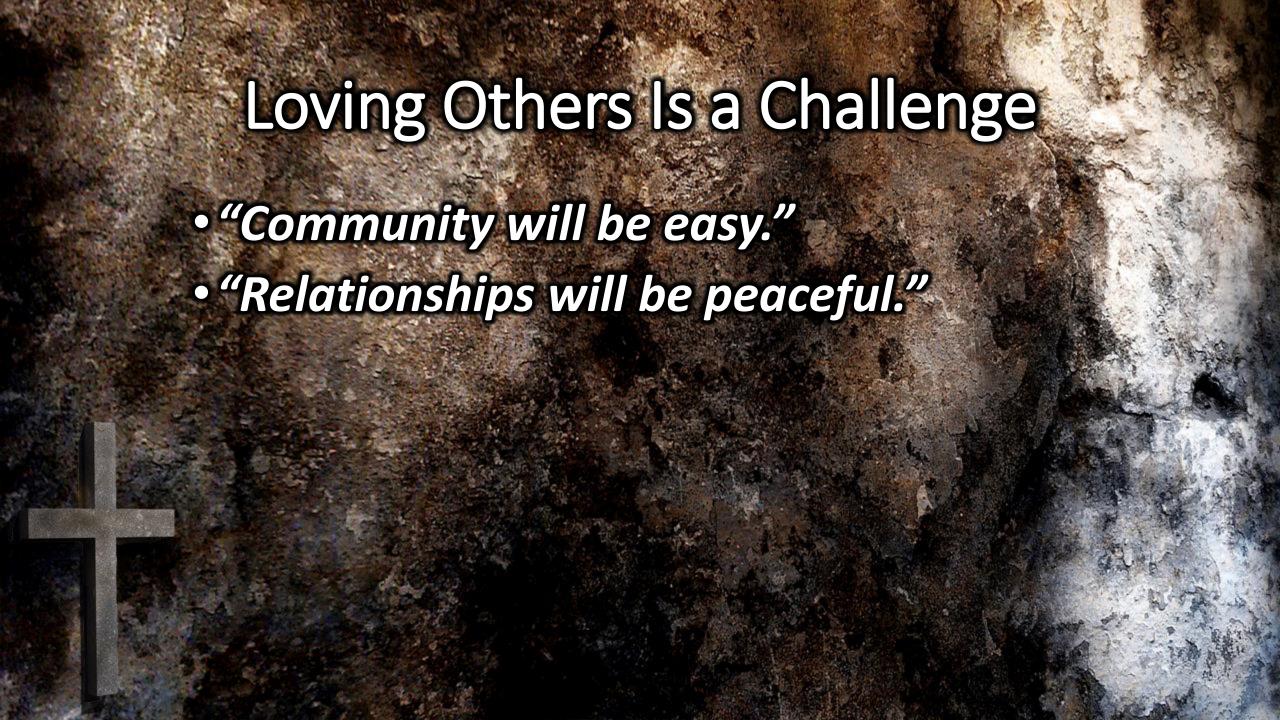
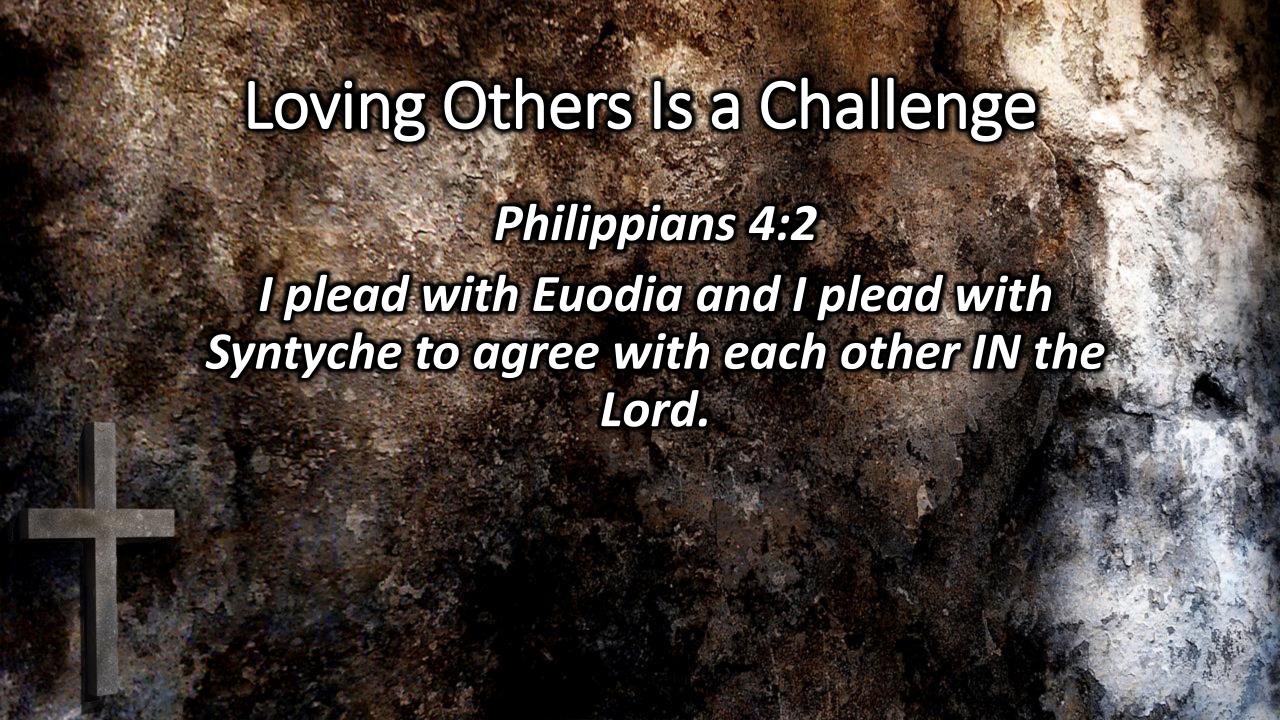
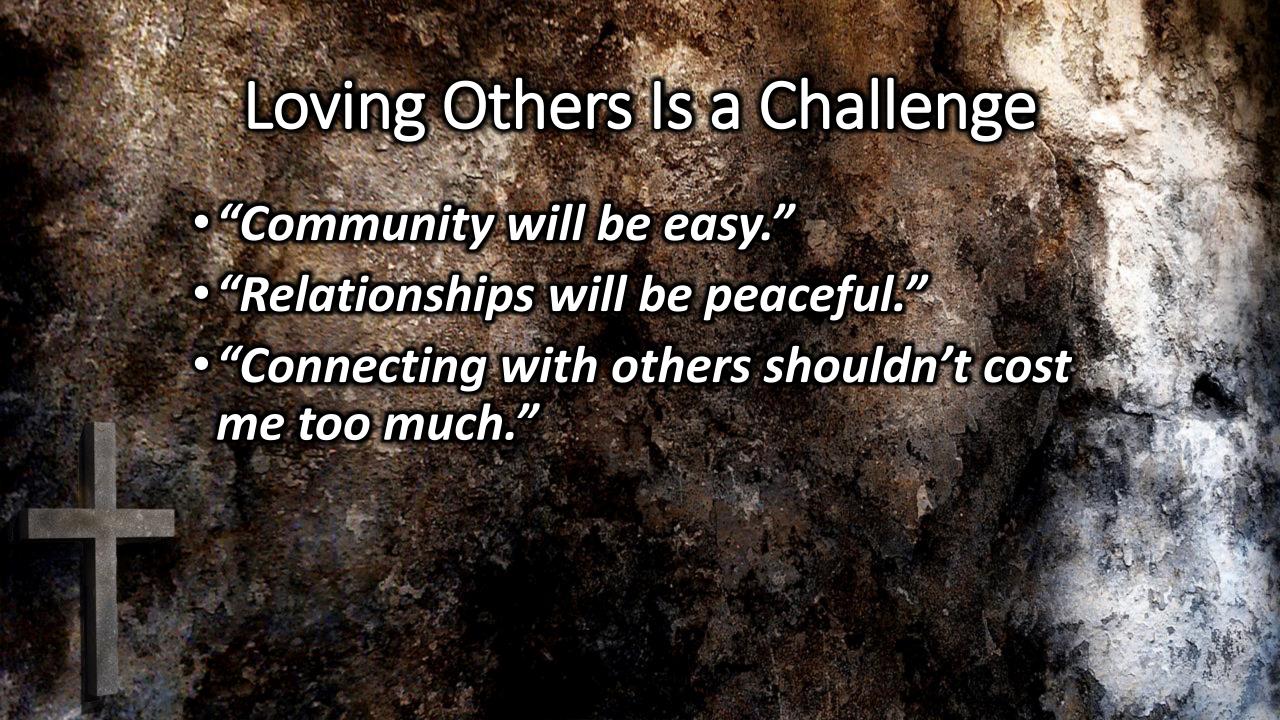




Now about brotherly love we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. And in fact, you do love all of the brothers throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers, to do so more and more.







The issue of developing meaningful friendships is significant threat affecting the health of Elim. Like mo churches, Elim is filled with very busy people who are preoccupied with their careers, families, sports, and ministries. Most people willingly come together to participate in some form of small group. In their time together, we talk about the Bible; pray for the needs of our children, extended family, career, and friends; and then go home only to return the following week. When there is a crisis, we are quick to rally around the need and provide encouragement, support, and sometim accountability.

However, in spite of having the best of intentions nagging sense of our own personal need, oftentimes there is a lack of meaningful connection. Because tin and margin are scarce, there "seems" to be only eno time to talk about this journey rather than to walk together in this journey. We have enough time and 🥻 understanding of community to try to "keep one another" on track," but we lack enough time and understanding knowing how to participate in one another's lives in meaningful, redemptive, and transforming ways.

