

# THE CONNECTED LIFE

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## Verses

**2 John 1:12**

**John 1:1,14**

**Actws 2:42-47**

**John 13:34-35**

## Talk It Over

Read **Acts 2:44-47**. What habits do you see the early church modeling? Which of these habits are reflected in your own life, and which ones are missing?

Talk about a time when a person truly showed up and cared for you when you needed them. How has that impacted the way you care for others?

How have you noticed technology impacting your relationships? What do you need to change moving forward?

Start the *Reset and Recenter* Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: [www.go2.lc/connectedbp](http://www.go2.lc/connectedbp)

## When Social Media Steals Your Joy

*I have much more to say to you, but I don't want to do it with paper and ink. For I hope to visit you soon and talk with you face to face. Then our joy will be complete. 2 John 1:12 NLT*

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... <sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. ... John 1:1, 14 NIV*

**Your feed is full, but your soul feels empty.**

**We didn't just hand them the problem; we modeled it for them.**

## Goals for *The Connected Life*

1. **Confront the habits that drain your peace and quietly destroy the relationships that matter most.**
2. **Find practical tools to guard your families from the pull of digital distraction and destruction.**
3. **Come out of shallow, screen-based connection and back into deep, life-giving, Christ-centered community.**

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup>Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47 NIV*

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### Part 1

*When Social Media Steals your Joy*

### Part 2

*Coming Soon*

### Part 3

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### The Early Church ...

- Studied the Bible together
- Shared meals together.
- Prayed together.
- Fellowshiped together.
- Worshiped God together.
- Served others together.
- Celebrated together.

*All the believers were together ... Acts 2:44 NIV*

**You're reaching for something that fills the moment but can't fill your soul.**

### To Do This Week

- Don't just text someone; call them.
- Don't just pray for someone; pray with them.
- Don't just say that you care; show up and be present.

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35 NIV*

NO ONE IS PERFECT ALL ARE WELCOME