Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-14.

When I moved onto campus as a transfer student I had never lived anywhere other than with my family. In my first year here I mostly kept to myself and a few close friends. I interacted with those I lived around, but as an introvert I tried hard to avoid it. Throughout my years at Campbell, whether it was in a residence hall or in an apartment, I came to realize there was no way to escape the fact that I had to live among others. The longer I lived here, the more I came to realize I was not taking full advantage of what others could offer me, or what I could offer them. Living in community and learning to depend on others helped strengthen my faith.

In 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 Paul is reminding the church in Corinth how to live with one another. Similar to the parts making up the human body, each member of the Christian faith has a different role and different gifts which are all needed to complete the body of Christ. All members are necessary and useful to the survival of the others. We are not asked to live in a closed-off community where we pick and choose the people to live around and love. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we must live in unity with and dependent on one another. Be united in love as you live out God’s will here on earth.

**Life Question:** Are you willing to love and depend on your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in order to live united as the many followers that make up the one body of Christ?

**Prayer:** Lord, help me to see the worth of all your children and guide me towards unity in the body of Christ in love. Amen.

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