YOU ARE CALLED TO BELONG What On Earth Am I Here For? – Part 3 of 6

Hebrews 2:10 (NCV) "God is the one who made all things, and all things
are for his glory. <u>He wanted to have many children</u> share his glory"
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• The second purpose of my life:
Ephesians 1:5 (NLT) "His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ."
God's family is called
1 Timothy 3:14-15 (NCV) "I am writing to you so you will know how to live in the family of God. THAT FAMILY IS THE CHURCH of the living God, the support and foundation of the truth."
I'm called to belong to
 phesians 2:19 (ICB) "So now you are no longer visitors or strangers. Now you are citizens together with God's holy people. You BELONG TO GOD'S FAMILY." Romans 1:6 (NLT) "You are among those who have been CALLED TO BELONG to Jesus Christ."
THE BENEFITS OF BELONGING
1. In God's Family:
Ephesians 2:19 (LB) "You are members of God's very own family and YOU BELONG in God's household with every other Christian." Hebrews 2:11 (CEV) "Jesus and the people he makes holy all belong to the same family. That is why he isn't ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters." Corinthians 3:16 "Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and his Spirit lives in you?"
2. In God's Temple:

Ephesians 2:21-22 (NIV) "In Christ the whole building is joined together

and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too

- are <u>being built together</u> to become <u>a dwelling</u> in which God lives by his Spirit."
- **Romans 1:12** (NCV) "I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you."
- 1 Corinthians 12:27 "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

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- Romans 12:4-5 (LB) "Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ's Body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others."
- 1 Corinthians 12:15-16 (NLT) "If your foot says, 'I'm not a part of the body because I'm not a hand,' that doesn't make it any less a part of the body. And if your ear says, 'I'm not part of the body because I'm only an ear and not an eye,' would that make it any less a part of the body?"
- Ephesians 4:25 (MSG) "In Christ's Body we're all connected to each other."

 Psalms 100:3 "God made us and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture."

4.	In God's Flock:	

- 1 Peter 5:2 (ICB) "Take care of God's flock, his people, that you are responsible for. Watch over them because you want to, not because you are forced to do it."
- **Hebrews 13:17** "Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they know they are accountable to God."
- Galatians 6:2 (NLT) "Share each other's troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ."
- 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NCV) "Encourage each other and give each other strength."

5.	In God's Garden:	
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John 15:4-5 (NLT) "A branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be <u>fruitful</u> apart from me. I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. But apart from me you can do nothing."