

## It Takes A Village

### Description

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1 John 3:11-24

African societies have long-been communal in nature. As Western ideals and greed creeps in, this is dying off or being warped for material gain. Traditionally, however, the community would gather to care for one another in times of death or financial burden, or to celebrate with each other in times of marriages, births, or successes. This also translates into, "It takes a village to raise a child." This generally meant, if my child is disobeying or being disrespectful, please set him or her straight.

This is not dissimilar to how the Body of Christ is supposed to look. In fact, the New Testament Church practiced this communal lifestyle of sharing and caring for one another, but also correcting each other, as needed.

Our love for one another should be overflowing in good times and in the bad times, but often it is in our faith communities where the most conflict happens. This is not God's plan or design. On the contrary, "And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us" (1 John 3:23).

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