



## TODAY'S MESSAGE:

### Building Deep Community in a Lonely World

Jim Keena | Guest Speaker | June 04, 2023

"Man, the world ain't supposed to work like this. Maybe you don't know that, but this ain't the way it's supposed to be. I'm supposed to be able to do my job without askin' you if I can. And that dude is supposed to be able to wait with his car without you rippin' him off. Everything's supposed to be different than what it is here." **Simon - Grand Canyon**

#### Read Hebrews 10:19-25 (NIV)

**The Way It's Supposed to Be:** *"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."* **Genesis 1:27 (NIV)**

"Pain and shame compel us to hide behind walls of self-protection." **Jennie Allen**

#### What's the Way to the Way It's Supposed to Be?

*"Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God."* **Hebrews 10:19-21 (NIV)**

**DRAW NEAR:** *"Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water."* **Hebrews 10:22 (NIV)**

**HOLD FAST:** *"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful."* **Hebrews 10:23 (NIV)**

**CONSIDER HOW:** *"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."* **Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)**



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Jennie Allen, in her book *Find Your Bible: Building Deep Community in a Lonely World*, explains that most people have a network of around 150 people. Of those, about 50 will be what she calls acquaintances. And within those fifty people, about fifteen will be in your village. And in your village, about 2-5 become close friends. As a group, discuss her findings. Is it true of you? Who is your "acquaintances" group that could be welcomed into your village? Who in your village could become a close friend?

#### Reflection Questions:

- 1) Is there a risk you need to take to develop deeper connections with others? "We must risk pain to have this kind of deep connection in our lives." **Jennie Allen**
- 2) Read Genesis 1:26-27: Discuss the significance of men and women being created in the image of God. How does that influence your thinking about other people? How does that change your thinking about yourself?
- 3) Review Genesis 1:26-2:25: What does this section reveal about "the way things are supposed to be"?
- 4) Review Genesis 3:1-13: What happened to cause the world to become "the way it ain't supposed to be"?
- 5) Read Hebrews 10:19-21: This section is the theological foundation for the three practical applications in Hebrews 10:22-25. How is this section foundational to building deep community in a lonely world?



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