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# Journey Enews

## Things to Know:

Tuesday Night Men's Group will resume Tuesday, August 27th @ the Burley Cafe in Cynthiana at 5 PM

J-Groups are currently meeting in homes! If you want more information, contact Bobby or Bryan!

Join us this weekend as we begin a new series called "You Fit Here"

Journey Community Christian Church  
Service Times:  
Saturday @ 6 PM  
Sunday @ 10:30 AM

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## Up a Tree

As we turned the corner I noticed out of the corner of my eye the oddest thing. While riding through the city in the passenger seat of my son's car, I saw a homeless man lying in the crook of a tree. The day was getting late and the person appeared to be settling in for the night. This tree was his bedroom until morning.

I've seen movies where people slept in a tree for safety in the jungle. I suppose if you are homeless there are times when sleeping in a tree might feel safer as well. Clearly this guy was just looking for some kind of shelter as darkness fell. It appeared he was on his own to survive as best he could until daylight arrived.



One thing we all have in common, whether living on the street or in a gated community with guards at the entrance – we all crave human connections. Wealth alone does not bring lasting satisfaction. History is full of wealthy people living lonely lives of solitude behind high walls from inside palaces.

In the Bible, Jesus once spoke to a man in a tree who didn't have a friend in the world. His name was Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10). He was a somewhat wealthy crook, taking advantage of others through the collecting of their taxes. Rich or poor, people every day still find themselves literally or figuratively up a tree without hope, friendship, or another person who they can trust.

The doorbell of the apartment just rang. It was Amazon delivering an order my son or daughter-in-law had placed online. Who could have predicted even a few years ago that we would have our groceries, pet supplies and new clothes delivered to our doorstep, sometimes within the hour? Our technological world has brought many convenient, time-saving devices. The free time they allow us has become a precious commodity for busy people; sometimes more than money itself.

Still, out of the corner of my eye I have begun to notice another strange thing about our evolving world. The more technology seems to connect us the more people appear disconnected, isolated, and alone. We have more acquaintances and fewer friends.

No matter what smart device you are using, our screen time is crowding out our in-person time, where relationships grow and deepen. Take time to try to laugh more, eat more, and be together more with real people, face to face. If you're not sure where to start, just check the next tree around your corner.

Moving Forward.  
God is Good.

*Bobby D.*