

Back to the Homeland

In his book, *Why Christians Sin*, J. Kirk Johnson tells about a young Russian woman who, before the collapse of the Iron Curtain, was allowed to visit her relatives in Canada. She was a devout Christian, and her friends assumed that she would defect and seek asylum in Canada or the United States because of the religious oppression in the USSR.

But they were wrong. She wanted to go back to her homeland.

This Russian woman said that people in the West were too busy acquiring material things and not concerned enough about their relationships.

In her homeland, she said, Christian fellowship was essential to their faith because it provided the support and encouragement they so desperately needed.



Genuine Christian fellowship involves much more than visiting over a cup of coffee in the kitchen or at a coffee shop. It is loving one another, caring for one another, and bearing one another's burdens.

God has called those of us in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home to careers in which we can exercise the gifts He has given us to do just that: love one another, care for one another, and bear one another's burdens.

And that means more than just our residents; it describes how we should relate to our associates. We cannot love and care for our customers in the manner in which God intended and they deserve if we do not love and care for each other.

They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship (Acts 2:42).

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