

**Primary Text: Matthew 18:19,20**

In Matthew 18:19,20, Jesus proclaimed that when two or more are gathered in His name, He is there among them. Something happens when fellow believers come together in the name of Christ.

Christian Wiman, author of 'My Bright Abyss' eloquently states, "Christ Christ comes alive in the communion between people. When we are alone even joy is, in a way, sorrow's flower: lovely, necessary, sustaining, but blooming in loneliness, rooted in grief."

What this means is that even if you are socially shy and generally inarticulate about spiritual matters you must not swerve from the engagements God offers you. These will occur in the most unlikely places, and with people for whom your first instinct may be aversion. Dietrich Bonhoeffer says that Christ is always stronger in our brother's heart than in our own, which is to say, first, that we depend on others for our faith, and second, that the love of Christ is not something you can ever hoard. Human love catalyzes the love of Christ.

**Questions**

Why is it that we can experience more joy when we can share it with other people?

Can you think of examples in your own life where this has been true? What does it mean that Christ is not something that you can ever hoard?

When have you depended on another person's faith? When has someone depended on your faith?