

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

The other day I had lunch with a friend. We hadn't seen each other for several months. So when we had lunch we got all caught up. But I got far more than just information. My friend, Irvin, has a refreshing, infectious relationship with Christ, and it spills over on people. It was like a breath of fresh air just being around with him, and I told him so when we said goodbye in the parking lot. As I drove back to my office, I remember thinking, "What a great experience! This is what fellowship is all about."

Whenever we get together as Christians, we should be encouraged to be more Christ-like. That's really the concept of fellowship. But I think we've cheapened that word. We call almost anything fellowship: a group of Christians getting together having Cokes and talking politics. Or watching a ball game, or having a meal. We say, "Boy, we had great fellowship!" Well, not necessarily so.

Fellowship is more specific. It's the idea of sharing that which we have in common. The Apostle Paul describes this desire for fellowship when he writes to the church at Rome in Romans chapter 1 verses 11 and 12. Although the word "fellowship" isn't used, there's a marvelous definition of what fellowship is all about. Listen to these words. "For I long to see you that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine." Paul says, "I want to get together with you. There is a sense of spiritual synergy that will take place when we come together."

Here's what I want you to remember today. God wants us to be better, stronger Christians because of our interaction with each other. Let's keep Christ at the center of our conversations. That is sweet fellowship.