

AN INVITATION TO GATHER – A Scripture Duet

1 – From the Old Testament: I rejoiced with those who said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

2 – Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

1 – Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy?

2 – Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live.

1 – Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

2 – Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

1 & 2 – I rejoiced with those who said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

1 – From the New Testament: Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

2 – Every year Mary and Joseph went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom.

1 – The early believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.

2 – All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts.

1 – They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

2 – All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.

1 – With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.

2 – There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

1 – Jesus said, "Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

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Scriptures used in this duet: Psalm 122:1; Isaiah 55:1-3a; Psalm 95:1,2,6,7;
Hebrews 10:25; Luke 2:41,42; Acts 2:42-47; Acts 4:32-35; Matthew 18:20

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