

# Soul Mates

## 5 Ways to Have A Healthy Community That Feeds The Soul

### 1. To have a healthy soul, we need to learn to love others well.

*[Love] always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.* 1 Corinthians 13:7 (NIV)

*Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.* 1 Peter 4:8 (NLT)

*Instead, encourage each other every day, as long as it's called "today," so that none of you become insensitive to God because of sin's deception. We are partners with Christ, but only if we hold on to the confidence we had in the beginning until the end.* Hebrews 3:13-14 (CEB)

### 2. To have a healthy soul, we need to share in worship.

*God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.* 1 Corinthians 1:9 (NIV)

*Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.* Philippians 2:2 (NLT)

### 3. To have a healthy soul, we need to build each other up in faith.

*Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."* 1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV)

*Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.* Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

### 4. To have a healthy soul, we need to be transparent.

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.* 1 John 1:9 (NIV)

*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.* James 5:16 (NIV)

*As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens a friend.* Proverbs 27:17 (CEB)

### 5. To have a healthy soul, we need to learn to sacrifice.

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.* Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)

*In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.* Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)