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WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED . . .

Many years ago, in my college psychology class, I learned how important community is from a psychological and physiological standpoint. Abraham Maslow created a pyramid to show us that as humans, certain needs must be met before we can grow into confidence and fulfillment.

As a believer, I know we must be in community with the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—for true fulfillment.

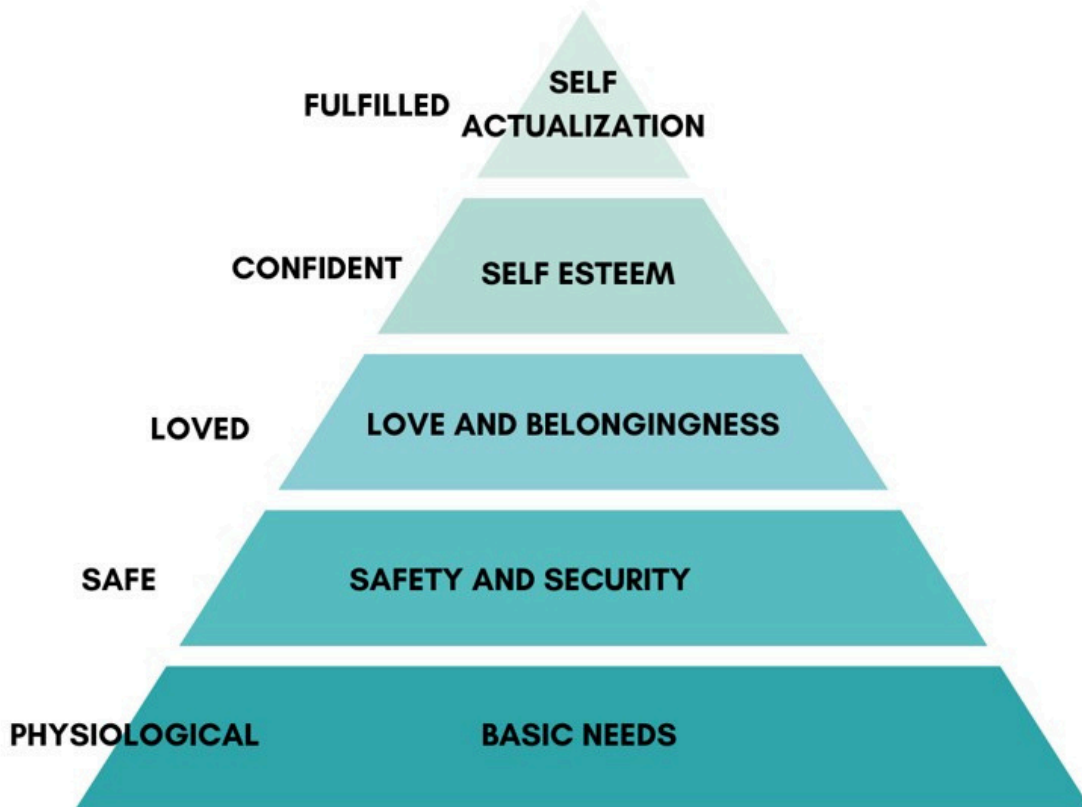
Below is Maslow's pyramid, which shows the hierarchy of needs. Our basic needs begin with food and water, then shelter and safety, and thirdly, love and belongingness, which the community can provide.

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they belong in order to move into confidence in their life. Confidence found through God and a community of His followers results in the best feeling: joy.

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MASLOW'S HIERARCHY OF NEEDS



I have always found community in friends, people in my church, and Bible studies. In the last few years, I have found great communities online. I realize that some only look at the bad side of technology or the internet, but there are good sides too, and that mainly has to do with being able to spread the Good News of Jesus to anyone. Streaming is what brought us *The Chosen* series, which I would highly recommend. Facebook and Instagram keep us in touch with family and friends. Technology used for God and relationships can be good.

The Mighty Network defines an online community as "a group of members brought together in an online space by the shared desire to belong. Online communities experience member-led growth, driven by super-members who show up to spend time on what matters to them. Communities tap into our common humanity and see

organic growth due to the network effect and user-generated content." [Mighty Networks Link](#)

I have two online communities that started as simple trainings and conversations on Zoom via which we'd connect at set times during the week. The first online community is the Legacy Leader Partners Community led by Niccie Kliegl, a group of God-partnered entrepreneurs learning how to build and grow their businesses.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I with them,"
(Matthew 18:20)

- *Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.*

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- *1 Corinthians 12:12*
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WARRIOR

COMMUNITY

My other online community is the Warrior Writers, led by Missy Maxwell Worton. Warrior Writers is a sisterhood of like-minded women writing for God and Kingdom Impact. Almost 30 of us get up at 6:00 am on Mondays and Thursdays to be with each other and learn from Missy.

On the days I am not Zooming with Warrior Writers, I am Zooming with the Legacy Leader group. I have so much community and I don't even need to leave my house, which has been amazing, especially over the last six weeks when I was mostly home-bound after back surgery. Some people are unable to get out and online communities—if chosen carefully—can be a source of great strength and love.

Since those initial Zoom trainings and conversations, both my communities have blossomed into so much more. I was eventually even able to meet in person with those whom I'd previously only seen on my screen.





A good community, even an online one, can do this for you. This group of women all share the hurts in their lives and are writing books about these things to help others who are suffering, as well as to spread the Word of God to as many people as possible. The great part about finding your community is you can be vulnerable and authentic and lean into who God created you to be.

I met my fellow Legacy Leader participants in October last year at the Legacy Leader Conference where we spent time learning, praying, and growing together. We each had time to share our messages and get to know each other.

And in February this year, I went to a week-long conference with the Warrior Writers. Both experiences were great. I got to know my communities on a far greater scale. Both communities put God first and, therefore, sow seeds of the fruit of the Spirit to their online and offline communities

I want to share a little more about the Warrior Writers with you because I was a person who needed to receive the love and feeling of belonging to move on into confidence. This community of women is exactly what I needed to move into a better life and hope for the future.

As part of Warrior Writers, we do inner healing once a week with Carolyn Searcy, and have coaching with Missy so we can write from a healed heart. We discuss topics that are truly led by the Holy Spirit and are relevant to the group. When someone begins talking, we can all relate in some way or another; even if we haven't had exactly the same experience, we have all been touched by some kind of trauma or illness in our life.

We are a community that prays and stays together. At the conference in February, fourteen Warrior Writer women shared an Airbnb where together we lived, prayed, cooked, and attended the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) conference in Nashville, Tennessee. NRB is a conference for those passionate about sharing the Good News of God through radio, television, books, and the internet.



“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ,”
(Galatians 6:2).

For some of us, it was our first face-to-face meeting, but we all got along. It was truly inspirational. I could feel the fruit of the Spirit in these women. No judgment, no drama—only genuine love and concern for each other. During the week, we did almost everything together. These women became ingrained into the fabric of my life. I have great love and respect for all of them.

You never know where you are going to meet your tribe, your people, and your community—we must be open to new experiences and God’s leading. But we all need each other, as we know from the Bible.

The psychology field also tells us love and belongingness is key to our growth as a person. There is a song that says, “People needing people are the luckiest people in the world.” I know that is true.

Take time to find your community whether it is online or in person; a better life and more confidence will be well worth your effort. It is up to us to take the first step.

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