

Our Shared Struggle to Feel Like We Belong

Have you ever walked into a room and felt everyone’s eyes shift in your direction? Or worse—felt like no one noticed you at all? I have. Those situations can be hurtful because within all of us is a yearning to belong.

The gospel of Jesus Christ brings us together. But sometimes our differing circumstances can make it **hard to feel like we belong**. Among the many individuals who make up the Church, there are new converts who might be **trying to find their way**. On page 44, I share how my perspective on belonging and fulfilling the Lord’s expectations of us changed.

There are also many like Jodi and her husband, whose struggles with infertility or **other trials can make them feel like they don’t belong**. Read her story on page 46.

In digital-only articles, Rachelle shares how welcoming members made all the difference when she came back to church. Eric teaches that **we’re all needed** in the body of Christ, and Aspen shares how to belong and thrive at church as a more introverted person.

The Church is full of people who don’t feel like they belong. You might be one of them. But **we all can do our part** to make every member feel welcome. Because belonging isn’t a matter of circumstance—it’s a matter of who you truly are and who you are striving to become like. As children of God, we all belong in Christ’s Church.

Sincerely,
Brian S. King



