



This is Michael De Rosa and today I want to look at Romans 12:15
¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

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Weeping and rejoicing can not happen unless we get involved with others' lives. Tweeting or blogging or posting to facebook does not really build those connections that allow us to really hear another person's depth of story. In fact, studies show that social network is leading to social isolation.

The church addresses this through community. Perhaps that is why we are commanded to not forsake getting together.

In fact, at this point in Paul's letter, he is talking about our worship in the context of building up our brother and sister in Christ to the point where we can identify with their life situation...thus the rejoicing and weeping.

So, as we allow others to let their hair down, we are creating opportunities to become authentic that is extremely empowering.

So when you meet your Christian family next consider the opportunity that God has given you to build into their life simply by allowing them to rejoice or weep in your presence.