

We Over Me

August 22 & 23, 2026



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Annual Theme: Choose “_____” over “_____”

Theme Verse:

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Four Keys to Choose “We Over Me”

1 _____ making everything about me.

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Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.

2 Corinthians 4:5 (NLT)

You see, we don't go around preaching about ourselves. We preach that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we ourselves are your servants for Jesus' sake.

The Biggest Obstacles to “We Over Me”

- My _____ – The subtle (or not so subtle) habit of elevating my opinions and desires above the needs of others.
- My _____ – Prioritizing my personal ease and security over the needs of the community.
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James 4:1-2 (NLT)

What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it.

Romans 12:10 (TPT)

Be devoted to tenderly loving your fellow believers as members of one family. Try to outdo yourselves in respect and honor of one another.

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Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."

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When we could bear it no longer, we decided that we would remain in Athens and send Timothy in our place. He is our beloved brother and coworker with God in preaching the gospel. We knew he would strengthen your faith and encourage your hearts...

Remember:

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And so it is in the body of Christ. For though we are many, we've all been mingled into one body in Christ. This means that we are all vitally joined to one another, with each contributing to the others.

3

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Mark 10:45 (NLT)

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Galatians 5:13 (NLT)

For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

4

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Every Day I Choose "We" Over "Me" with:

- _____ **agenda over my agenda.**
- _____ **compassion through serving others over my comfort.**
- _____ **church community over my isolation.**
- _____ **over division.**

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