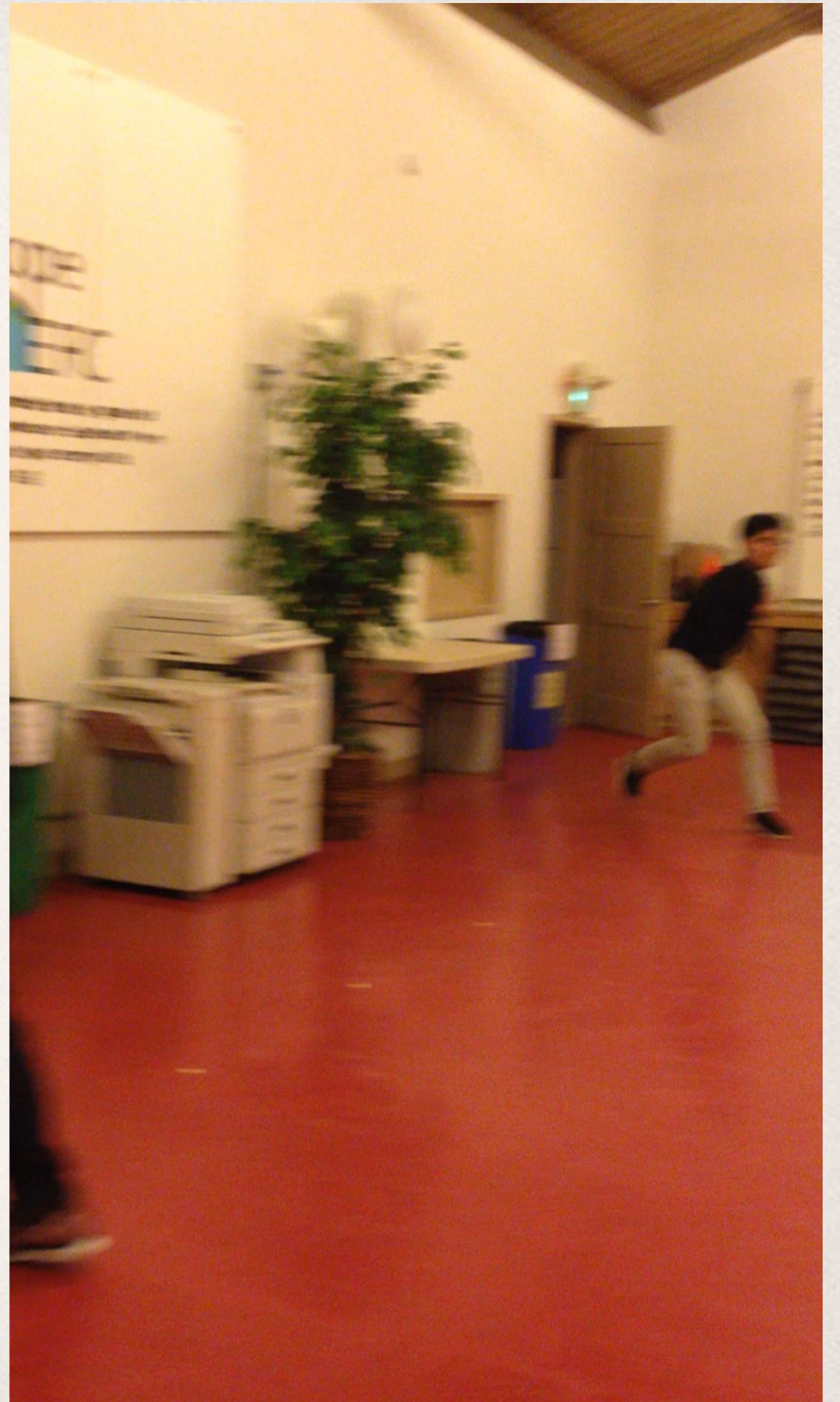


The Christian's Playbook: Playing Your Part [1 Corinthians 12:12-27]

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12 For just as the **body** is **one** and has many **members**, and all the **members** of the **body**, though many, are **one body**, so it is with Christ. 13 For in **one** Spirit we were all baptized into **one body**—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of **one** Spirit.

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Playing Your Part Means YES

14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, **I do not belong to the body,**” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, **I do not belong to the body,**” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

Playing Your Part Means YES

- “I don’t belong” (v14,16)
- Guarding Against Envy
- Understanding Your Value
- YES, you do belong.



Playing Your Part Means YES

Playing Your Part Means NO

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “**I have no need of you,**” nor again the head to the feet, “**I have no need of you.**” 22 On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be **weaker** are **indispensable**, 23 and on those parts of the body that we think **less honorable** we bestow the **greater honor**, and our **unpresentable** parts are treated with **greater modesty**, 24 which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving **greater honor** to the part that **lacked** it,

Playing Your Part Means NO

- “I have no need of you” (v21)
- Guarding Against Pride
- Seeing and Appreciating the Unseen
- NO, you do need us.

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Playing Your Part Means TRUST

25 that there may be **no division** in the body, but that the members may have the **same care for one another**. 26 If **one member suffers, all suffer** together; if **one member is honored, all rejoice** together.

27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Playing Your Part Means TRUST

- The Call to Healthy Interdependence
- The Call to Trust in God's Goodness and Wisdom
 - “But as it is, **God arranged** the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose” (v18)
 - “But **God has so composed** the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body” (v24-25)
- The Call to Trust in the Body of Christ

