



WHY

Happening Now





Why I Gather

Matthew 16:18

“I will build My church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.”

Ephesians 1:22-23

“And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”



Ephesians 3:10-11

“...to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,”



Romans 16:3-5

“Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. Likewise greet the church that is in their house”



Church (*Ekklesia*):— an assembly of people called out.

Two ways churches used:

1. Universal Church

2. Local Church



1 Corinthians 12:18, 20

“But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased ... But now indeed there are many members, yet one body.”



Acts 20:7

“Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight.”

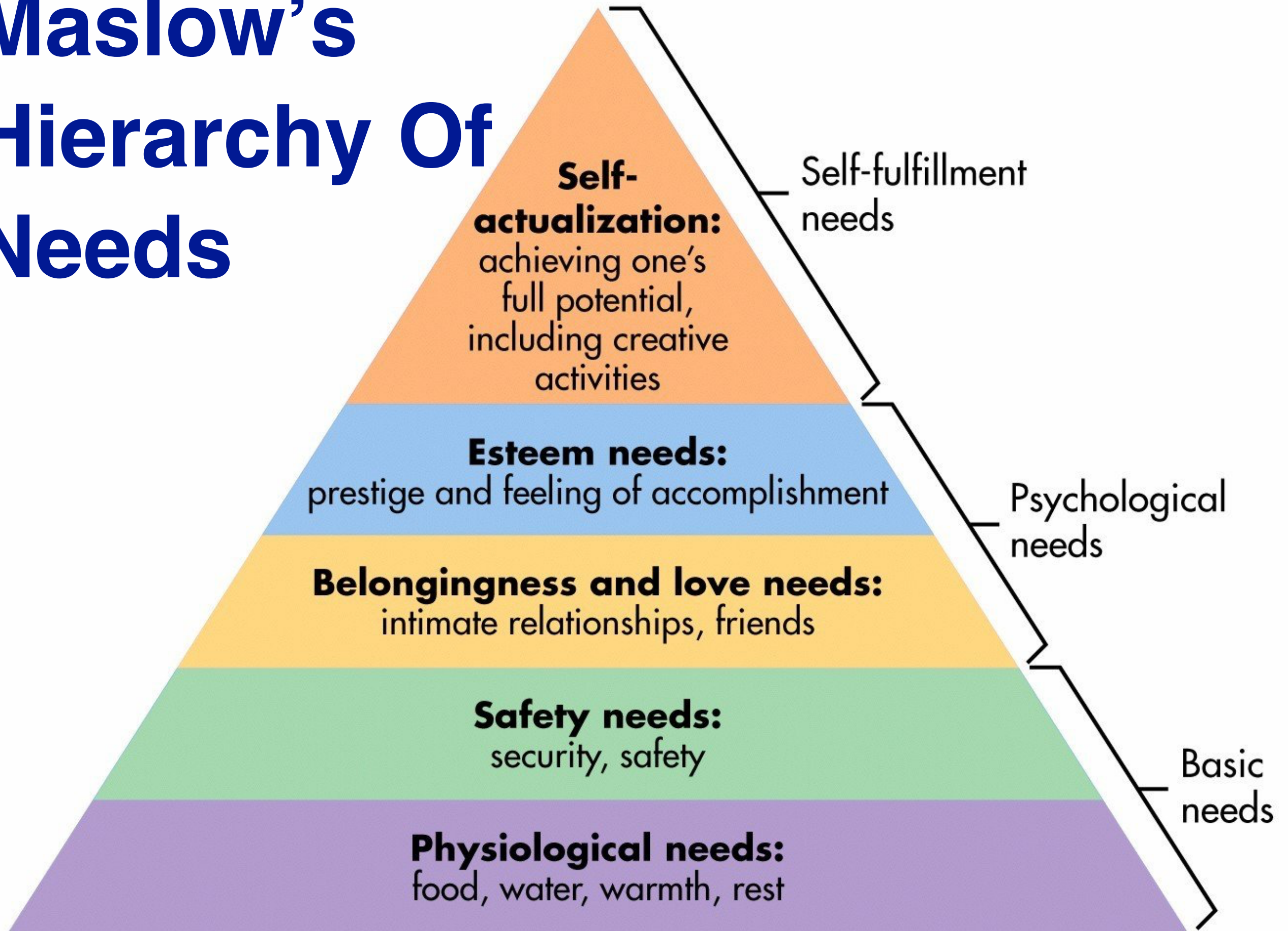


Hebrews 10:25 (Message)

“Let’s see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshiping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching.”



Maslow's Hierarchy Of Needs



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Belongs To And Belongs Where



I Gather For Three Reasons:

1. I Belong To God
2. I Belong At Impact Church
3. I Belong On Purpose



1. I Belong To God

John 15:16-19 (NIV)

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and... If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. ...As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.”



Isaiah 56:2-5 (Message)

***“Make sure** no outsider who now follows God ever has occasion to say, ‘God put me in second-class. I don’t really belong ... ‘I’m damaged goods. I don’t really belong ...’”*



2. I Belong At Impact

Psalm 92:13-14

“Those who are planted in the house of the Lord Shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing,...”



3. I Belong On Purpose

1 Peter 4:10 *“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”*

Romans 12:6 *“Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them:....”*



Belonging On Purpose Means:

1. I'm Known
2. I'm Unpacked
3. I Contribute
4. I'm Responsible
5. I Speak The Language



1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

“Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord’s work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other. ...Take tender care of those who are weak. ... but always try to do good to each other and to all people.”



Galatians 6:9-10

“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”



The House of God where you belong is not to contain you or constrict you but it is to strengthen you, protect you, and to give you value.

To bring out the best in you and serve your specific purpose.

To support your success.



**Put yourself in the middle
of God's house.**





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