

Heavenly Unity

Ready:

"How delightfully good when brothers live together in harmony! It is like fine oil on the head, running down on the beard, running down Aaron's beard onto his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon falling on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord has appointed the blessing—life forevermore." -- Psalm 133:1-3

Set

As an onlooker, have you ever stopped and reflected on the beauty of unity? Consider how a marching band enters the field, each step in unison, like the smooth cadence of Clydesdale horses riding together. How about a lion pride uniting to defend and protect its territory? Even better is a team of athletes, both defensively and offensively, working together to defeat its opponent. No matter the example, when you see unity displayed, it is beautiful and beholds a power that is greater than if it were you or I going at it alone.

As Christians, we can and should live out [Psalm 133:1-3](#) by being united, and we can if the power of Jesus Christ flows through us.

Verse one of this text proclaims that it is good and pleasant when we can live together. Why is this possible? It's the discipline it takes to humble ourselves and place our ideas and goals aside for the greater good. That takes the empowering of the Holy Spirit because it is counterintuitive to our humanistic nature. When we submit our will to God's will and unify as the body of Christ, our centralized focus becomes His will being done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Our unity as a body of believers walking in agreement with the Holy Spirit positions us for a shift in the heavens that manifests on earth through us. This manifests as having compassion, understanding and love for one another. Unity shows up as support for someone who is really struggling to be understood or as strength for those who are weak. There is peace and confidence that exudes from us because we know we have the fellowship and collaborative thoughts and prayers of our sisters and brothers in Christ.

Living harmoniously together in unity is so pleasing to God our Father that when we live this out, He bestows a life blessing on us! The enemy desires to keep us divided and focused on self-gain, and let's be real; it's a trap we have become familiar with at one time or another. But God gives us grace and His strength to stay in step with Him and other believers around us and stay focused on our Kingdom purpose.

There is an old African proverb that says, "If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together." As a unit, working together makes such a big difference, not just in your

sport but in life. More than ever, we need to move in unison as God's children and shine His love into a world in need of Him. Let's work to move as one.

Go

- How can you intentionally walk in unity with the Holy Spirit?
- How can you unite within my team of brothers or sisters in Christ -- individuals you normally wouldn't spend time with?
- What else is God trying to teach you through this word -- unity?

Workout

Ecclesiastes 4:12; Colossians 3:14; Romans 12:4-5; 1 Peter 3:8

Overtime

"Lord, I thank You for the blessing and beauty of unity in You, and unity with my brothers and sisters in Christ. I thank You that in a world that is so divided, You have prepared a way and pronounced a blessing for those who choose to be unified in You. I thank You that it is Your Spirit that gives us the hearts, minds and wills to come together and exemplify Your power as strongholds are broken, generational curses are dismantled, and Your glory is revealed in us as we stand together for You! In Jesus's name, Amen."



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