



Say What? (Tower of Babel)

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Unity becomes Confusion

1. Noah's descendents

- Staying instead of going
- Arrogant - making a name
- United as one

¹ The whole world had only one language, and everyone spoke it. ² They moved to the east and found a broad valley in Babylon. There they made their home. ³ They said to one another, "Come on! Let's make bricks and bake them well." They used bricks instead of stones. They used tar to hold the bricks together. ⁴ Then they said, "Come on! Let's build a city for ourselves. Let's build a tower that reaches to the sky. We'll make a name for ourselves. Then we won't be scattered over the whole earth." ⁵ But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. ⁶ He said, "All these people are united and speak the same language. That is why they can do all this. Now they will be able to do anything they plan. ⁷ Come on! Let us go down and mix up their language. Then they will not be able to understand one other." ⁸ So the LORD scattered them from there over the whole earth. And they stopped building the city. ⁹ There the LORD mixed up the language of the whole world. That's why the city was called Babel. From there the LORD scattered them over the whole earth.

Genesis 11:1-9 NIRV

2. God's response

- God's will be done
- Bring down the proud
- Confusion kills unity

He said, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup of suffering away from me. But do what you want, not what I want."

Luke 22:42 NIRV

"God opposes those who are proud. But he gives grace to those who are humble."

James 4:6 NIRV

²¹ Father, I pray they will be one, just as you are in me and I am in you. I want them also to be in us. Then the world will believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory you gave me. I did this so they would be one, just as we are one. ²³ I will be in them, just as you are in me. This is so that they may be brought together perfectly as one. Then the world will know that you sent me. **John 17:21-23** NIRV

Next Steps:

- Re-read today's Bible story (Genesis 11:1-9)
- Commit to follow through with what God has directed me to do: _____
- As far as I am able, seek unity with _____
- Humbly serve God letting go of my pride & ego
- _____
- _____