



# Unity

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## 1. The prayer: Same attitude towards each other that Jesus had / unity

So that...

- We will be united bringing God glory
- The world will know Jesus is for real

<sup>5</sup> May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, <sup>6</sup> so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. **Romans 15:5-7 NIV**

<sup>20</sup> ... I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, <sup>21</sup> that all of them may be one... <sup>23</sup> so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. **John 17:20-21, 23 NIV**

## 2. Why we pray for unity...

- Because we desperately need each other
- Because the world will see God's love
- Because we can do more united than we can do separately

<sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

**John 13:34-35 NIV**

## 3. Unity requires us to...

- Sacrifice our desires for God's will
- Treat others as better than ourselves
- Humble ourselves

## Next Steps:

- ☐ Read / Pray Romans 15:5-7 each day this week
- ☐ God is leading me to promote unity by changing  
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- ☐ Commit to sacrifice my desires for unity with  
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- ☐ Commit to add today's prayer to my regular prayers
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